

# Saint Gerard Majella Church

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West Broadway and Chamberlain Ave.  
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Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 26, 2017



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**Saturday Masses:**

8:15AM & 5:30PM (English)

**Sunday Masses:**

7:30AM, 9:00AM, & 12:00PM (English)  
10:30AM (English & Italian)  
1:30PM (Spanish)

**Weekday Masses:**

6:30AM and 8:15AM (English)

**Confessions:**

Monday 6:00PM to 7:00PM  
Saturday from 4:00PM to 5:00PM  
Weekdays: By Appointment

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Mondays - 6:00PM

**Baptisms:**

Saturday at 12:00PM  
Contact the Rectory to make arrangements

**Weddings:**

Arrangements should be made at least one year prior to the wedding date. For an appointment please contact Mrs. Gloria Ferreira.



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**Sick calls and Home Visits:**  
Please call the Rectory at any time.

**For immediate need of a Priest, please call:**  
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**New Parishioners are most welcome - Please register at the rectory**  
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# Mass Intentions

## **Saturday, March 25, 2017-The Annunciation of the Lord**

8:15 AM For the unborn  
**3:00 PM – Sweet 15 Mass for Rita Feola**  
 5:30 PM † Sal Gatano

† Louis DeFeo  
 † Silvestro Sama  
 † Francesca Onnembo

## **Sunday, March 26, 2017-Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:30 AM Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

9:00 AM † Alyssa Schmidt  
 † Teresa Manzo

10:30 AM † Luigi and Maddalena Vricella  
 † Paul Russo

† Nina and Antonio Massaro  
 12:00 Noon † Patricia DeSina – 1-Yr. Anniversary

*Birthday Blessings for Samantha Cannata*

### **1:00 PM – SCHOOL TRICKY TRAY**

1:30 PM † Daniel Alexander Chavez  
 † Maria Lidia Grullon

*Cumpleanos Elvin Ortiz*

Matrimonio Feliz Mass

## **Monday, March 27, 2017**

6:30 AM For the homebound

8:15 AM Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

### **6:00 to 8:00 PM - Confessions**

## **Tuesday, March 28, 2017**

6:30 AM † Rev. Michael Guiliano

8:15 AM Healing for Angelina Franco

## **Wednesday, March 29, 2017**

6:30 AM Special intentions for Michael Ciociola

8:15 AM † Larry Paragano – 1-Yr. Anniversary

† Marion Cuva

† Cyro Graziano

*Birthday blessings for Ruth Hoffner*

## **Thursday, March 30, 2017**

6:30 AM Special intentions for First Responders

8:15 AM † Connie Presing – 1-Yr. Anniversary

*Healing for Beau Bachia*

*7:00 PM – Spanish Prayer Group*

## **Friday, March 31, 2017**

6:30 AM Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Antonio DaSilva

8:15 AM † Caroline Conte

Special Intentions for those serving in the Military

### **5:30 PM – Sweet 15 Mass for Samantha Ramirez**

## **Saturday, April 1, 2017**

8:15 AM Birthday Blessings for Fr. Emeka Okwuosa

5:30 PM † Joseph Petolino – 1-Yr. Anniversary

† Rose Brino

## **Sunday, April 2, 2017 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

7:30 AM Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

9:00 AM † Rose Ottilio

10:30 AM † Gerard Zarro

† Bruno Romano

## **Sunday, April 2, 2017 – Cont'd.**

10:30 AM † Pietro Battimelli

† Annibale DeLuccia

† Maria and Tina D'Ambrosio

† Anna Bussi

12:00 Noon † Elmer Grossi – 1-Yr. Anniversary

† Frank Stranzl

1:30 PM Special Intentions for Proclamadores de la Palabra

**3:00 to 6:00 PM - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT in St. Joseph's Center – "The Passion of the Christ"**



**"There was a time when you were in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Well, then, live as children of light. Light produces every kind of goodness, and justice and truth.... Then he told him, 'Go wash in the pool of Siloam.' (This name means 'One who has been sent.')"**

*From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians*

With the coming of Spring, days become longer and darkness fades. St. Paul tells his readers that they are children of the light. Jesus told us we are the light of the world. We recognize our role through our good works, our efforts to make a just society, and walking with Jesus who is the way, truth and life.

How common it is for us to look for a place to charge our telephones, renew the power in our ipad, or charge our battery. Sadly people fight to plug their charger and renew their telephone, computer or game. Lent is to produce the same effect. The light can become stronger as we strive for goodness, justice and truth. Lent is meant to restore power, or grace, fully. Lent is our opportunity to be and remain connected. We are to be charged by the Lord and radiate His presence.

**HIS WORD TODAY**

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

*Thank You*

Your gifts, blessings and generous donations to our Parish Community were as follows:

**March 19, 2017 – \$3628 Total Envelopes: 114**

Thank you for your continued generous offerings and donations. Please remember to use your parishioner envelopes.

If you missed Mass, please try to make up your weekly contribution. Thank You.



Bible Readings

### The Fourth Sunday of Lent

**3/26/17-Sunday-1** Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**3/27/17-Monday-Is** 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

**3/28/17-Tuesday-Ez** 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

**3/29/17-Wednesday-Is** 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

**3/30/17-Thursday-Ex** 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

**3/31/17-Friday-Wis** 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**4/1/17-First Saturday-Jer** 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53



### Anointing of the Sick

Bring your Sick Brothers and Sisters for the Anointing of the Sick at St. Gerard's Church after the 8:15 AM Mass every third Wednesday of the month. The next anointing will take place:

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

### Deceased Parishioners:

Please keep in your prayers those of our parishioners, family or friends who have entered into eternal rest. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the eternal light shine upon them. We pray for **Rose Ottilio and Pietro Battimelli.**



**PASTORAL CARE**

If you know of anyone in the parish who is sick, homebound and needs communion, confession, any sacramental needs or just a visit, please contact *The Rectory* at (973) 595-8446. We will arrange for a Priest to visit them. Visited this week were: Irene Sciro, Jeannette Masiak, Louise Peterson, Ann Contini, Eleanor Verlardi, Victoriano Placeres, Juan Hidalgo and Catherine Gravino

**CONFESSIONS EVERY MONDAY  
DURING LENT: 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

**Fridays During Lent:  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
7:30 AM, 12:30 PM in English  
8:00 PM in Spanish**

### Remembering Your Loved Ones

Candles in memory of a loved one are available by all the statues: Padre Pio, St. Gerard, St. Michael, St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother. The cost is \$100 for one year. Call the Rectory at 973-595-8446.

### OFFERTORY GIFTS

If you are having a Mass for a loved one, please let the ushers know, so you or a member of your family can bring up the gifts and receive a blessing from the priest.



**FAMILY  
MOVIE NIGHT**  
Sunday  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>



**3:00 to 6:00 - St. Joseph's Center**  
Movie: "The Passion of the Christ"



**Campaign  
Report  
for 2016**  
St. Gerard Majella  
Parish



**LITURGICAL MEETING**

**In Church: 7:00 PM-Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

This meeting is for everyone involved in the services and Masses for Holy Week. Representatives from all groups must attend which include English and Spanish Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Music personnel.

Partners in Faith Goal: \$185,000.00  
Unrestricted Cash Received as of  
December 31, 2016: \$60,435.00  
25% unrestricted cash received up to  
parish goal: \$15,108.75  
60: unrestricted over-goal cash received:  
TOTAL parish share amount as of  
December 31, 2016: \$15,108.75  
Less parish share amount received as of  
December 31, 2015: \$2,134.50  
Less parish share amount received as of  
December 31, 2014: \$3,839.25  
Less parish share amount received as of  
December 31, 2013: \$7,595.00  
Balance due and received: **\$1,540.00**



**PARISH RETREAT**

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Fr. Justin Vocationary**  
**90 Brooklake Road**  
**Florham Park, NJ 07932**

**Speaker: Fr. Louis Caputo, SDV**

**9:30 AM to 3:00 PM**




***Light Breakfast, Talks, Lunch,  
Confession and Holy Mass***

We must know how many people will be attending, so please call the Rectory at 973-595-8446 if you plan on going.

**LENTEN  
DISCIPLINE**

**FASTING:** Expresses our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. The control we gain over our appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from God. Knowing this we are freed to gratefully accept food and savor it, or to avoid or limit foods that we know are unhealthy for us. Through fasting, our relationship to ourselves is reoriented toward God.



Sanctuary Lamp	Flowers	The Bread and Wine
		
The <i>Sanctuary Lamp</i> burns in loving memory of <b>Vito Benevenga</b>	Flowers are given in loving memory of <b>Rose Brino</b>	The <i>Bread and Wine</i> is offered in honor of <b>Afrina Stampone</b>

### ***LECTOR SCHEDULE***

#### **Weekend of April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Time	Mass	<u>Name</u>
5:30 PM	English	John and Joan
7:30 AM	English	Frances
9:00 AM	English	Ruth and Evelyn
10:30 AM	Eng/Ital.	Tino and June
12:00 PM	English	Sharon and Lillian
1:30 PM	Spanish	Diany Ortiz, Nedeska Cantre and Altigracia Corazon

### ***EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER LIST***

#### **Weekend of April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Time	Mass	<u>Name</u>
5:30 PM	English	Marie, George and Carol
7:30 AM	English	Louis Pastena
9:00 AM	English	Joan
10:30 AM	English	Christine
12:00 PM	English	Lisa and Noel



## **LENTEN REFLECTIONS at St. Gerard's Church Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Part 2 Time: 7:00 to 8:30 PM**

*Presenter: Sr. Gerrie Contento, M.P.F*

Part 2 – Reflection on the processions of Holy Saturday. The ongoing richness of Baptism.

*We must always walk in the presence of the Lord, in the light of the Lord, always trying to live in an irreprehensible way.*

*-Pope Francis*



## **HOUSE BLESSINGS**

If you wish to have your house blessed during this Lenten season, please fill out the forms located on the tables by all the entrances and place them in the collection basket. You may also call the Rectory at 973-595-8446 to schedule a visit.



## **PALM WEAVING CLASSES** Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Rectory Please join us if you are interested in learning the art of weaving.



## **San Giuseppe Santa Croce Camerina Society**

celebrated St. Joseph's Table on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Center after the 12 Noon Mass. A pasta dinner was also enjoyed. Fr. Louis Caputo, SDV, was the celebrant.

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