

Saint Gerard Majella Church

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West Broadway and Chamberlain Ave.
Paterson, New Jersey 07522



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2017



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(973) 595-8446

Parochial Vicars:

Rev. Benny Chittilappilly, S.D.V.
Rev. James Butts, S.D.V.
Rev. Robert Vass, S.D.V.

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Miss Christine Zisa
Mr. Joseph Caiola

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 4:30PM to 5:15PM
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:
973-767-9682

New Parishioners are most welcome - Please register at the rectory
501 West Broadway, Paterson, NJ, 07522 FAX # 973-790-0778
Email - stgerardmajella@optonline.net
www.stgerardmajella.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 23, 2017-SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

8:15 AM For those suffering from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey and Irma

4:30 to 5:15 PM - CONFESSIONS

5:30 PM † Alyssa Schmidt
 † John Schmidt
 † Rose Brino
 † Ismael Ayala
 † Thomas Church – 1-Year Mass
 Healing for Jennifer

Sunday, September 24, 2017

7:30 AM † Caroline Schuette Liebau
 9:00 AM † James Bradley
 † Christian Liebau and family
 † Teresa Manzo

 Birthday blessings for Afolabi Adeyinka

10:30 AM † Tony Pirone
 † Fr. Thomas Adinolfi
 12:00 Noon † Georgina Gulino – 1-Yr. Anniversary
 † Donna Hilerid

Birthday Blessings for Sharon Chamberlain

1:30 PM † Enrique Fonseca – 1-Yr. Anniversary
 † Marcelino Ceballos Benavides

Birthday Blessings for Nedeshka Cantre
 Matrimonio Feliz Mass

Monday, September 25, 2017

6:30 AM For the unemployed.
 8:15 AM Healing for Marie Rogers
 6:00 PM – Adoration and Confession

Tuesday, September 26, 2017-Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

6:30 AM Healing for Msgr. Peter A. McBride
 8:15 AM † Margaret and Michael Pompa
 † Maria and Paul Lovallo

 Healing for Angelina Franco

Wednesday, September 27, 2017-St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

6:30 AM Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani
 8:15 AM † Felix Guzman
 † Eileen English

Thursday, September 28, 2017-Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

6:30 AM Prayers for those serving in the Military
 8:15 AM † Concetta Montesano
 Healing for Beau Bachia

7:00 PM – Spanish Prayer Group

Friday, September 29, 2017-Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

6:30 AM For the homeless
 8:15 AM † Felix Guzman
 Special Intentions for Rafael, Rafael Jr., Michael and Gabriel Laracuento

Saturday, September 30, 2017-St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM † Deacon Henry H. Rohrman

4:30 to 5:15 PM - CONFESSIONS

5:30 PM † Rose Brino

Sunday, October 1, 2017-RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

7:30 AM For the unborn

 Healing for Deacon David Collins

9:00 AM † Bruno DeFeo – 7-Yr. Anniversary

 Prayers for the unborn

10:30 AM Prayers for the unborn

12:00 Noon † Charles W. Denninger

 Prayers for the unborn

1:30 PM Prayers for the unborn

Special Intentions for Proclamadores de la Palabra

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call Him while He is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way and the wicked his thoughts, let him turn to the Lord for mercy, to our God who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.”

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The scripture readings at mass these past few weeks have put great emphasis on forgiveness. We are invited to reflect on our ability to forgive others and ourselves. We are reminded to seek forgiveness from God and from others.

Sometimes we tend to pass quickly over one or another of these three. How important that I seek the forgiveness of God. Our act of contrition or acts of penance direct us to God's mercy. Our willingness, not to bear a grudge or get even, but to understand someone else and say 'that's o.k.' is life giving. I admit my own shortcomings and realize that I am not always right and need to say 'I'm sorry'. Finally, I must learn to forgive myself and not dwell on my wrongs, but get up and move on as a forgiven and forgiving person.

Yes, forgiveness is the power I have in my hand and heart.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly



Online Giving

To our Parishioners: You can now make your weekly church donations online by going to the following website:

<https://osvonlinegiving.com/4396>

and follow the instructions to set up your own personal account or also go to the link on our website at: www.stgerardmajella.org. For more information please call our Business Administrator Gloria at 973-595-8446.

OPEN HOUSE

Paramus Catholic High School cordially invites 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and their parents to visit us during one of our Open Houses on Sunday, Oct. 1st from 1:00 to 4:00 PM and Wednesday, Oct. 18th from 7:00-9:00 PM. 425 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ. Please call Admissions Office at 201-445-4466 ext. 104 for more information.

Thank You

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

SEPTEMBER 17TH COLLECTION

TOTAL: \$2565 ENVELOPES: 105

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.



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, October 18, 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..



Bible Readings

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9/24/17-Sun.-Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
9/25/17-Monday-Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
9/26/17-Tuesday-Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
9/27/17-Wednesday-Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
9/28/17-Thursday-Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
9/29/17-Friday-Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
9/30/17-Saturday-Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

The Holy Rosary will be held for the healing for our loved ones and friends every day at 7:45 a.m. in the Church (Mon.- Sat.) and on Sunday at 8:40 a.m. **If you wish to add a name to our Holy Rosary or remove one, please call June at the Rectory (973) 595-8446.** The Prayer List is posted on our bulletin board in the back of the Church. **PLEASE INFORM US AT THE RECTORY IF ANYONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL OR IN REHAB AND NEEDS TO BE VISITED.**



NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY-OCT. 1ST

2:00-4:00 PM-Rt. 46, Clifton Day St. to Seventh St.

Stop by anytime and spend a few minutes




In prayer for the Unborn

njlifechain@yahoo.com



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, and Catherine Gravino

Sanctuary Lamp	Flowers	The Bread and Wine
		
The <i>Sanctuary Lamp</i> burns in loving memory of Felix & Georgina Guzman	<i>Flowers</i> are given in loving honor of the Rose Brino	The <i>Bread and Wine</i> is offered in memory of Salvatore Cannata

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Weekend of September 30th and October 1st

Time	Mass	Name
5:30 PM	English	June and Lillian
7:30 AM	English	Frances
9:00 AM	English	Evelyn and Ruth
10:30 AM	Eng/Ital.	Tino and June
12:00 PM	English	Carmella and Sharon
1:30 PM	Spanish	Gaudy Exebio, Manuel Exebio and Miriam Martinez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER LIST


Weekend of September 30th and October 1st

Time	Mass	Name
5:30 PM	English	Geri, Carol, George and Marie
7:30 AM	English	Louis Pastena
9:00 AM	English	Alexandra
10:30 AM	English	Christine
12:00 PM	English	Luis and Lillian

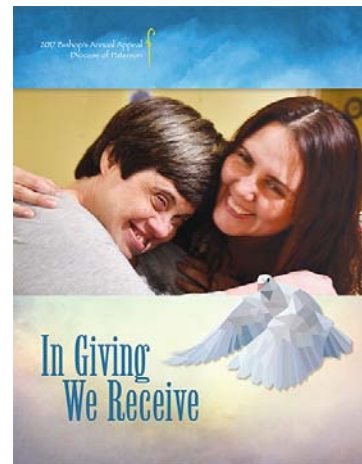


Sincere thanks and blessings to everyone who contributed to the collection for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. A total of **\$1289** was collected.

Fr. Leo Antony, SDV, Pastor



In honor of St. Francis, blessings of the pets will take place in the School playground on **Wednesday, Oct. 4th at 2:30 PM.**



2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal Diocese of Paterson

The vital work of our Church supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal is only as successful as the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. Your support helps bring hope to those who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. It supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence and our inner-city area schools. Every gift counts! Saint Teresa once wrote that "we feel what we are doing is a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop." Our Bishop's Annual Appeal is able to do that much more with whatever you are able to give. Please help make 2017 the year that our Bishop's Annual Appeal does even more for people in profound need.



Baby Bottle Distribution

In honor of St. Gerard, we are having a Baby Drive to help the needy. A donation can be made in memory of a loved one or for a special intention that will be remembered at the **10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, Oct. 15th**. Please return your bottle with your donation and intention by **Oct. 8th**. **The Novena to St. Gerard will start on Oct. 8th to Oct. 16th after the 8:15 AM Mass**



3rd Annual Fallen Firefighters Red Mass

The Diocese of Paterson will be celebrating the 3rd Firefighters' Red Mass, honoring firefighters killed in the line of duty in the counties of Passaic, Sussex and Morris at St. Gerard's on **Tuesday, October 10th at 10:00 AM**. The Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, will be the main celebrant.

St. Gerard's Family Community COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 8, 2017

10:00 AM at the Brownstone

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Louis Caputo, SDV

Donation: \$25.00

Children 12 and under: \$10.00

For tickets call: Carmella Caiola at 973-942-6097 or Pattie Hill at 973-595-9222

St. Gerard's Family Community

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18, 2017

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm-St. Joseph's Ctr.

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For tickets call:

Joe Caiola 973-942-6097

Ann Tittle: 973-563-1302

Concetta Pascale 973-956-7867 (Italian)

Joan Kirwan 973-956-7042

Nedeshka Cantre 862-414-6216 (Spanish)



Lord of Miracles Mass and Procession

Sunday, Oct. 15th

1:30 PM

"Lord of the Miracles to you we come in procession, your faithful devotees, to implore your blessing."

Every year in the month of October, hundreds of thousands join their hearts in prayer to the miraculous "Cristo de Pachacamilla", the "Senor de los Temblores", "The Lord of the Miracles" and walk the streets of Lima, Peru to pour his thanks and blessing to the town of Limeno. The purple habits are sign of penance and union with the Christ of the cross. All are invited to this celebration..

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