

# Saint Gerard Majella Church

Staffed By The Vocationist Fathers  
West Broadway and Chamberlain Ave.  
Paterson, New Jersey 07522



Third Sunday of Advent  
December 17, 2017



**RECTORY**  
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**Pastor:** Rev. Leo Antony, S.D.V.

**PARISH OFFICE**  
(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**  
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# Mass Intentions

## **Saturday, December 16, 2017- ROSARY SOCIETY COOKIE SALE**

### **BLESSING OF BABY JESUS AT ALL MASSES**

8:15 AM † Rosita Guzman  
 Birthday Blessings for Rafael and Gabriel Laracuent  
 2:00 to 4:00 pm – *Servant of Mary Spanish Prayer Group*  
 5:30 PM † Charles and Grace DeFeo  
 † Roger Smith

## **Sunday, December 17, 2017-Third Sunday of Advent ROSARY SOCIETY COOKIE SALE**

### **BLESSING OF BABY JESUS AT ALL MASSES**

7:30 AM For the homebound  
 9:00 AM † Stephanie DeNapoli  
 10:30 AM † Deceased Coscia family members  
 12:00 Noon † Tara Michele Cifarelli  
 † Salvatore Cannata-11th Anniversary  
 † Irene Petrosi – 1-Yr. Anniversary

1:30 PM –Resurreccion Prayer Group Mass

## **Monday, December 18, 2017**

6:30 AM For the unemployed  
 8:15 AM Blessings for our Vocationist Fathers  
 6:00 PM - Adoration and Confession

## **7:30 PM – School Christmas Pageant**

## **Tuesday, December 19, 2017**

6:30 AM For the homeless  
 8:15 AM † Marie DeFlora  
 † Anthony DeFlora-2-Yr. Anniversary

## **Wednesday, December 20, 2017-Anointing of the Sick**

6:30 AM For the those serving in the Military  
 8:15 AM Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

## **7:00 PM – Padre Pio Mass and Christmas Party**

## **Thursday, December 21, 2017-Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

6:30 AM For all police officers  
 8:15AM † Louis R. Delgaizo

## **Friday, December 22, 2017**

6:30 AM For all first responders and firefighters  
 8:15 AM † Ana Christian

## **Saturday, December 23, 2017-Saint John Kanty, Priest**

8:15 AM † Jose Mulero  
 2:00 to 4:00 pm – *Servant of Mary Spanish Prayer Group*  
 5:30 PM † Rose Brino  
 † Carmine Buglione-4th Anniversary

## **Sunday, December 24, 2017-Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30 AM † Deceased Parishioners  
 9:00 AM † Teresa Manzo  
 Special Intentions for Dora Calabrese  
 Special Intentions for Rev. Charles Gusmer  
 10:30 AM † Giuseppa Errigo  
 † Josephine Weiss  
 † Paul Russo  
 † Nina and Antonio Massaro  
 † Raffaella and Matteo Ottavino

## **Sunday, December 24, 2017 – Cont'd.**

12:00 Noon † Guy Falconieri – 1-Yr. Anniversary  
 1:30 PM † Samuel Gonzalez  
 † Maria Colon

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

#### **4:30 PM – Christmas Carols**

#### **4:45 PM – La Posada - St. Gerard Students**

5:00 PM † Anthony Fiduccia  
 † Michael and Margaret Pompa  
 † Maria and Paul Lovallo  
 † Raymond Swan  
 † Joseph and Mary Tarsitano  
 † Barbara Lombardo  
 † Rose and Sal Silvestri  
 † Deceased Sensale and Caiola family  
 Members

**No 8:00 PM Spanish Mass; No Midnight Mass**



## **The Third Sunday of Advent**

**“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and release to prisoners. To announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God.”**




*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah*


Remember when Jesus read this passage in His synagogue in Nazareth? St. Luke tells us He said ‘Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearings.’ We often associate this passage at the time of ordination or confirmation. Today it is directed to me and tells me what to expect when the longed for Savior comes. He was ‘anointed’, the name Christ means the anointed one. He had a mission, He was sent. He had a message ‘good news.’ He looked for the lowly, the hurting, those bound by addictions and desperation. He came to free and form missionary disciples.

The mission of Jesus is our mission, the mission of the entire church. We are comfortable, but consider fellow Christians throughout the world suffering from poverty, political oppression. Consider missionaries serving the most pitiable people, like Doctors with Borders, the Catholic Near East Welfare Society Workers, Medical Mission Sisters bringing Isaiah’s prompting to fulfillment.

Yes, the spirit of the Lord is upon all of us as we begin week three of Advent. Jesus has gifted us with His mission.  
 ‘Come Lord Jesus.’


**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

Sanctuary Lamp	Flowers	The Bread and Wine
		
The <i>Sanctuary Lamp</i> burns in loving memory of <b>Joseph Helble</b>	Flowers are given in loving memory of <b>Rose Brino</b>	The <i>Bread and Wine</i> is offered in memory of <b>Salvatore Cannata</b>



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, Catherine Gravino and Hilda Perez




*"The Anointing"*

### 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, December 20, 2017**



### Bible Readings

#### Third Sunday of Advent

**12/17/17-Sunday**-Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  
**12/18/17-Monday**-Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25  
**12/19/17-Tuesday**-Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25  
**12/20/17-Wednesday**-Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38  
**12/21/17-Thursday**-Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45  
**12/22/17-Friday**-1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56  
**12/23/17-Saturday**-Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66



Your gifts, blessings and generous donations to our Parish Community were as follows:  
**DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> COLLECTION**  
**Total: \$1872 Envelopes: 81**  
 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.

### **LECTOR SCHEDULE**

#### **Weekend of December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

Time	Mass	Name
5:30 PM	English	John and Joan
7:30 AM	English	Frances
9:00 AM	English	Pattie and Evelyn
10:30 AM	Eng/Ital.	Tino and June
12:00 PM	English	Sharon and Lillian
1:30 PM	Spanish	

### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTER LIST**

#### **Weekend of December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

Time	Mass	Name
5:30 PM	English	Geri, Carol, George and Marie
7:30 AM	English	Louis
9:00 AM	English	Alexandra and Joan
10:30 AM	English	Christine
12:00 PM	English	Lisa and Noel

### 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.



**Bring your Baby Jesus for a Blessing at all Masses this weekend.**



## THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Gaudete Sunday

The Pink Candle represents Joy

Long ago the Pope would honor a citizen with a pink rose. Priests then would wear pink vestments as a reminder of this coming Joy.

it's  
**Cookie  
Time!**

**Our Sale is THIS Weekend**

**AFTER ALL MASSES**

*Stop by and purchase your  
favorite item!*

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**GIVE A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT:  
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You can help make a difference in the life of a child!

*God Bless Your Generosity*

## SWEET 16



MARIE ALVARADO is pictured with her family at a Mass on Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> celebrating her 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Fr. Louis Caputo was the main celebrant. Concelebrating were Fr. Leo, Fr. Benny, Fr. James, Fr. Cyril and Fr. Fermino.

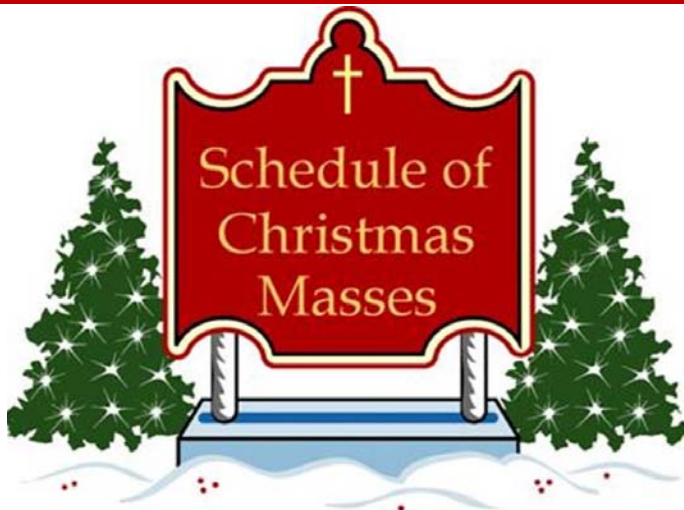
### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

**Religious give thanks.** A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.



**Christmas wreaths, plants and grave blankets are now available.**

Please contact Concetta at 973-956-7867  
or call the Rectory at 973-595-8446  
to place your orders.



**The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017**

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM  
12:00 Noon

1:30 PM – Spanish Mass

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**4:30 PM-Christmas Carols**

**4:45 PM – La Posada**  
(St. Gerard students)

**5:00 PM-Mass in English**

**No 8:00 pm Spanish Mass**

**No Midnight Mass**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Monday-Dec. 25th**

**No 7:30 AM Mass**

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 Noon

1:30 pm-Spanish



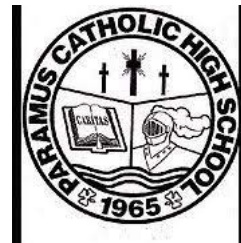
**ST. GERARD SCHOOL**  
**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 pm - St. Joseph's Center**

Admission: \$5.00 per person

Money raised will benefit the students who  
attend St. Gerard Majella School



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