

Saint Gerard Majella Church

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 31, 2017



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PARISH OFFICE
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Parochial Vicars:

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

Trustees:

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
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 30, 2017

8:15 AM For the homeless

12:00 Noon – Baptism of Kale Miguel Esquiche

2:00 to 4:00 pm– *Servant of Mary Spanish Prayer Group*

5:30 PM † Rose Brino

† Luis Vasquez

Sunday, December 31, 2017–*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

7:30 AM For the unemployed

9:00 AM † Emanuela Boncini

For the unborn

10:30 AM † Silvestro Sama

Special Intentions for Marie Rochelin

12:00 Noon † Florence Sisti

1:30 PM Matrimonio Feliz Mass

Monday, January 1, 2018 – *The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God–New Year’s Day*

10:00 AM – Birthday blessings for Fr. Vernon

Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Benny

Tuesday, January 2, 2018 – *Saint Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*

6:30 AM For the unborn

8:15 AM † Fr. James Karottu

† Denis Hayes Rodimer Jr.

Wednesday, January 3, 2018 – *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

6:30 AM For those serving in the Military

8:15AM † Sr. Cecilia Rose Devine

Thursday, January 4, 2018–*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

6:30 AM For the homeless

8:15 AM Prayers of healing for Fr. John Demkovich

7:00 PM – Spanish Prayer Group

First Friday, January 5, 2018–*Saint John Neumann, Bishop*

6:30 AM Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

8:15 AM Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Antony

Pittapillil

6:00 PM – Memorial Mass for Ricardo Penaloza

7:00 PM – Matrimonio Feliz group

First Saturday, January 6, 2018

8:15 AM † Baltazar Estrada

Birthday blessings for Fr. Sabinus

2:00 to 4:00 pm– *Servant of Mary Spanish Prayer Group*

5:30 PM † Joseph Alvino – 1-Yr. Mass

† Ricardo Penaloza-1-Yr. Mass

† Francis and Joseph Raineri

Sunday, January 7, 2018–*The Epiphany of the Lord*

7:30 AM Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Thomas

9:00 AM † Joe Nestico

10:30 AM † Anthony Geannini

† JoAnn Occhiuzzi

Blessings to the Gravinese Family

12:00 – Straight and Narrow Choir

Sunday, January 7, 2018 – *Cont’d.*

12:00 Noon † Peter and Giovanna Cannata

Blessings to Carmella and Joe Caiola on their 60th

Wedding Anniversary

1:30 PM Special Intentions for Proclamadores de la Palabra



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon

him. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regards to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: ‘Now Master you can let your servant go in peace.’”

From the holy Gospel according to Luke


How often we have attended a baptism, as parent, godparent, big brother or sister, relative or friend. Some assumed the role of Joseph and Mary, others that of Simeon, or Anna who prayed. Whatever our role, we are called to recognize the special presence of the Christ as they did. Joseph protected, Mary reflected, Simeon prayed and praised. We do too.

Pope Francis in his exhortation ‘The Joy of Love’ provides a terrific teaching as we bring one year to a close and turn the page to a new year of grace. He says, ‘Family prayer is a special way of expressing and strengthening this paschal faith. A few minutes can be found each day to come together before the living God to tell him of our worries, to ask for the needs of our family, to pray for someone experiencing difficulty, to ask for help in showing love, to give thanks for life and for its blessings and to ask Our Lady to protect us beneath her maternal mantle. With a few simple words, this moment of prayer can do immense good for our families.’

As we hear of all the new year’s resolutions, may we see this as our priority.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

GOD 
is
LOVE







Your gifts, blessings and generous donations to our Parish Community were as follows:
DECEMBER 24th COLLECTION
Total: \$2195 Envelopes: 90
December 25th-Christmas Offering:
Total: \$6,267 – Envelopes: 139
 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.

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.



Sanctuary Lamp	Flowers	The Bread and Wine
		
The <i>Sanctuary Lamp</i> burns in loving memory of Salvatore Incorvaia	<i>Flowers</i> are given in loving memory of Rose Brino	The <i>Bread and Wine</i> is offered in memory of Catherine Stasiak



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



Bible Readings
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 12/31/17-Sunday-Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
 1/01/18-Monday-Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 1/02/18-Tuesday-1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
 1/03/18-Wednesday-1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
 1/04/18-Thursday-1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
 1/05/18-First Friday-1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
 1/06/18-First Saturday-1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

LECTOR SCHEDULE


Weekend of January 6th and 7th

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER LIST

Weekend of January 6th and 7th

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



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, January 17, 2018

Peace begins with a smile. ...

-Mother Teresa



The Solemnity of Mary
Holy Mother of God
Monday, January 1, 2018
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year)
10:00 AM Mass Only
RECTORY CLOSED



PLEASE JOIN US FOR
ADORATION &
CONFESSION
MONDAYS: 6:00 to 7:00 pm

COME JOIN ONE OF OUR
PARISH GROUPS



St. Gerard's Church offers a variety of church groups. Call the Rectory if you are interested in joining any of the following:

- Rosary Altar Society – 1st Tuesday
- Fundraising Committee-2nd Tuesday
- Spanish Prayer Group-Thursdays
- Bible Study Groups: - Sunday, Monday and Wednesday
- Music Choirs – Adult and Children
- Padre Pio Group – 4th Friday

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON
Feast Day: January 4th
Patron of in-law problems, against the
death of children and widows

Elizabeth's deep concern for the spiritual welfare of her family and friends eventually led her into the Catholic Church. In Italy, Elizabeth captivated everyone by her kindness, patience, good sense, wit, and courtesy. During this time Elizabeth became interested in the Catholic Faith and, over a period of months, her Italian friends guided her in Catholic instruction. Having lost her mother at an early age, Elizabeth felt great comfort in the idea that the Blessed Virgin was truly her mother. She asked the Blessed Virgin to guide her to the True Faith and officially joined the Catholic Church in 1805. On March 25, 1809, Elizabeth Seton pronounced her vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, binding for one year. From that time she was called Mother Seton.. Today, six groups of sisters can trace their origins to Mother Seton's initial foundation.

Franciscan Spirit Tours
Spring 2018

Franciscan friars Fr. Michael Seigny, OFM Cap. And Fr. Jim Sauer, OFM will lead several upcoming pilgrimages to Holy sites around the world. Proceeds benefit the work of the Franciscans. For more information or to arrange a private, custom pilgrimage, please contact Franciscan Spirit Tours toll free at 646-736-7964 in New York City or visit our website at www.FranciscanSpiritTours.com. Mention you were referred by our Bulletin and our Parish will receive a contribution.



On **Sunday, January 7th**, the men and women from **Straight and Narrow** will join us to celebrate the Liturgy at the **12 Noon Mass**. Straight and Narrow is a human service agency of the Diocese of Paterson Catholic Charities. Thanks to the treatment and facilities offered by Straight and Narrow, these men and women, whose lives were once broken by addiction, are now on their way to living wholesome and productive lives as enthusiastic contributors to society. You'll hear that optimism, determination and gratitude in the way they give Praise to the Lord.

Come! You'll never forget this experience.

A REGISTERED MEMBER of St. Gerard's Church are only those parishioners receiving and using the weekly donation envelopes. If you would like to register, please call the Rectory at 973-595-8446. Forms are also available in the Book Rack at the back of the church.

By being registered you will be able to claim your church donations when doing your taxes.



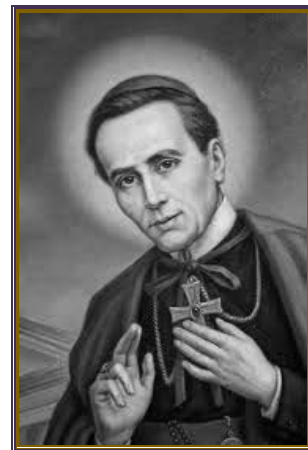
MASS INTENTIONS

Please let the ushers know if you are having a Mass for a loved one so you can present the Offertory Gifts to the Priest and receive a blessing.



2018 MASS BOOK

The 2018 Mass is open for parishioners to place mass intentions for their loved ones. Intentions can also be offered for the Sanctuary Lamp and the Bread and Wine. **All requests must be submitted by calling the Rectory at 973-595-8446 by Wednesday morning. The bulletin goes to the printer Thursday mornings.**



SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

Feast Day: January 5th

Patron of Immigrants and Sick Children

John was appointed bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. As bishop, he was the first to organize a diocesan Catholic school system. A founder of Catholic education in this country, he increased the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from two to 100.

The ability to learn languages that had brought him to America led him to learn Spanish, French, Italian, and Dutch so he could hear confessions in at least six languages. When Irish immigration started, he learned Gaelic so well that one Irish woman remarked, "Isn't it grand that we have an Irish bishop!"

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