

# Saint Gerard Majella Church

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



*Palm Sunday  
April 9, 2017*



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

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(973) 595-8446

**Parochial Vicars:**

Rev. Benny Chittilappilly, S.D.V.  
Rev. James Butts, S.D.V.  
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**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 4:00PM 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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Mrs. Marlene O'Connell

**Sick calls and Home Visits:**

Please call the Rectory at any time.

**For immediate need of a Priest, please call:**  
973-767-9682

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**New Parishioners are most welcome - Please register at the rectory**

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# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, April 8, 2017**

**PARISH RETREAT IN FLORHAM PARK**

**10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

8:15 AM Prayers for Peace in the World

**PALM SUNDAY VIGIL**

5:30 PM † Eugene “Jack” Farnese – 1-Yr. Anniv..  
 † Sr. Antonietta Cioce  
 † Jean Messina  
 † Louise Mazza  
 † Raimondo Torres

Birthdays Blessings for Fr. Cyril Offiong

**Sunday, April 9, 2017 – PALM SUNDAY**

7:30 AM † James Sullivan – 1-Yr. Anniversary  
 9:00 AM † Elena Coscia  
 10:30 AM † Cono and Rosa Varuzza  
 † Donna White  
 † Silvestro Sama  
 12:00 Noon Healing for Kay Stasiak  
 1:30 PM † Vilma Quiroz

*91 Anos cumpleaños Ana Julia Pena*

*Lord of Miracles Mass*

**Monday, April 10, 2017**

6:30 AM For the homeless  
 8:15 AM † Florencio Moncion

**NO ADORATION AT 6:00 PM**

**7:00 PM – CHRISM MASS – St. Philip’s Church**

**Tuesday, April 11, 2017**

6:30 AM For our Parish Community  
 8:15 AM † Anna Carnemolla

**Wednesday, April 12, 2017**

6:30 AM Prayers for the unborn  
 8:15 AM † Anna Carnemolla  
 Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

**Thursday, April 13, 2017 – HOLY THURSDAY**

8:15 AM No Mass

**8:00 PM – Mass of the Lord’s Supper – English, Italian and Spanish**

† Anna Carnemolla  
 † Frank Yodice

*Birthdays Blessings for Fr. Leo*

**Friday, April 14, 2017 – GOOD FRIDAY**

8:15 AM No Mass  
 9:00 AM Morning Prayers followed by Retreat in English and Spanish  
 12:00 Noon Meal  
 1:00 PM Stations of the Cross – English and Spanish – In Church  
**3:00 PM** Celebration of the Lord’s Passion English, Spanish and Italian  
 7:00 PM Live Stations of the Cross by St. Gerard Majella School Children

**Saturday, April 15, 2017 – EASTER VIGIL**

8:15 AM No Mass

**Easter Vigil – Cont’d.**

**8:00 PM – Italian/English and Spanish**

† Rose Brino  
 † The Giglio and Kirwan families  
 † Raymond Swan  
 † Georgina Guzman  
 † Virginia Laracuente

**Sunday, April 16, 2017 – EASTER SUNDAY**

7:30 AM † Aaron Anderson & Antonio Vega  
 9:00 AM † Giovanni Pelosi  
 † Antonio Borzaro  
 † Elena Coscia  
 10:30 AM † Paul Russo  
 † Nina and Antonio Massaro  
 12:00 Noon † Elmer Calabrese  
 † Silvestro Sama  
 † Maria Chiovetta  
 † Giuseppina Montesano  
 † Giuseppe and Domenica Montesano  
 † Maria Ragusa-Rovella  
 1:30 PM † Luz Sanchez-Garcia  
 † Aaron Anderson and Antonio Vega



**HIS WORD TODAY**

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**“The Lord has given me a well trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them... The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced, I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame... Rather he emptied Himself.”**

*From the Prophet Isaiah*

With the onset of Holy Week, we walk with Jesus through the saving action He did on our behalf. Because of our need, He became one with us, took upon Himself our sinfulness and redeemed us. Holy Week offers us the opportunity to reflect on our ongoing needs, and the continued love of Jesus for us today. We do not just return to the Holy City to remember the special moments of the Paschal Triduum, but we enter into the saving work which Jesus accomplishes in us today.

The prophet Isaiah wishes to ‘rouse’ us to seek God’s help, knowing that through His passion Jesus redeemed us and continues to shelter us in His love. May this truly be a week of God’s grace for us all.

*Thank You*

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

**April 2, 2017 – \$3048 Total Envelopes: 141**

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, 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.



**Palm Sunday** commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9), when **palm** branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.



Bible Readings

### PALM SUNDAY

**4/9/17-Sunday**-Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

**4/10/17-Monday**-Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

**4/11/17-Tuesday**-Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**4/12/17-Wednesday**-Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

**4/13/17-ThursdaY**-Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

Chrim Mass:Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;

1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**4/14/17-Friday**-Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

**4/15/17-Saturday**-Holy Saturday-Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; M28



### 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 AND NEEDS TO BE VISITED.**



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 Hildago and Catherine Gravino



Sanctuary Lamp	Flowers	The Bread and Wine
		
The <i>Sanctuary Lamp</i> burns in loving memory of <b>Carmine Pascale</b>	<i>Flowers</i> are given in loving memory of <b>Rose Brino</b>	The <i>Bread and Wine</i> is offered in honor of <b>Elena Coscia</b>



**ASSORTED PALMS  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
AFTER ALL MASSES**

## Quinceañera Mass



**SAMANTHA RAMIREZ** celebrated her 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a Mass at St. Gerard's Church on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Fr. Louis Caputo, SDV, was the celebrant. She is pictured after placing a floral bouquet by the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

# HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### PALM SUNDAY – 4/9/17

- 7:30 AM – English
- 9:00 AM – English
- 10:30 AM – English/Italian
- 12:00 Noon – English
- 1:30 PM – Spanish

### HOLY THURSDAY – 4/13/17

- 8:15 AM – No Mass-Morning Prayers
- 8:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper  
(English, Italian and Spanish)

#### Adoration

- 9:30 PM** – Children's Choir
- 10:00 PM** – Rosary Society
- 10:30 PM** – Padre Pio Group
- 11:00 PM** – Spanish Prayer Group

### GOOD FRIDAY – 4/14/17

- 8:15 AM – No Mass
- 9:00 AM – Morning Prayers followed by  
Retreat – English and Spanish
- 12:00 Noon – Meal
- 1:00 PM – Stations of the Cross –English  
and Spanish – In Church
- 3:00 PM – Celebration of the Lord's  
Passion-English/Spanish/Italian
- 7:00 PM – Live Stations of the Cross by St.  
Gerard Majella School Children

### EASTER VIGIL – 4/15/17

- 8:15 AM – No Mass
- 8:00 PM –Easter Vigil-Italian/English Italian

### EASTER SUNDAY– 4/16/17

- 7:30 AM – English
- 9:00 AM – English
- 10:30 AM – English and Italian
- 12:00 Noon – English
- 1:30 PM – Spanish

### DIVINE MERCY – 4/23/17

- 3:00 PM – Divine Mercy with Adoration of  
Blessed Sacrament

# Easter Triduum



## The Journey of our Redemption

The Paschal *Triduum* (*TRID-oo-um*, Latin for “three days,” commemorates Christ’s redemptive journey through death, burial and resurrection to new life. The Church observes the Triduum as a single event made up of three distinct parts. In accordance with the custom in biblical times, each “day” begins in the evening.

### HOLY THURSDAY

The first day of the Triduum is filled with the action of Christ’s self-gift. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday commemorates Christ’s command that we “love one another.” Symbolized in the washing of the feet, the great commission of Christ is made concrete in the eucharist as well as in Jesus’ crucifixion on Calvary. The first day of the Paschal Triduum culminates in the solemn veneration of the cross on Good

### GOOD FRIDAY

The second day of the Triduum is filled with the silence of the tomb. The solemnity of Good Friday continues throughout the day of Holy Saturday. The Church celebrates no Eucharistic liturgy during the day, but silently prepares for the Easter Vigil celebration in the evening. As Jesus remained in the tomb, so the Church as a whole awaits the coming of the Lord’s kingdom.



## EASTER VIGIL

The third day of the Triduum is filled with the wonder of the resurrection. The Easter Vigil is the high point of the liturgical year. The drama of the lighting of the new fire, the blessing of the Paschal candle and the Easter proclamation in the candlelit church set the stage for the recounting of the story of salvation in the Scripture readings. “Alleluia” once again greets the Gospel, and following the homily, we celebrate baptism and the renewal of our baptismal promises. The Paschal Triduum officially concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday, but the wonder of the Easter Season extends for a full 50 day.

### *In Memoriam*

If you wish to remember a loved one in a special way, candles with an inscription of your choosing, are available by the statutes of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Michael, Padre Pio, St. Gerard and St. Joseph. The cost is \$100 for a year. Please call the Rectory at 973-595-8446 with your request.



### OFFERTORY GIFTS

If you are having a Mass for a loved one, please let the ushers know so you can bring up the offertory gifts and receive a blessing from the Priest.