

Saint Gerard Majella Church

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West Broadway and Chamberlain Ave.
Paterson, New Jersey 07522



Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017



RECTORY
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Pastor: 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.
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
www.stgerardmajella.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9, 2017 – ROSARY SOCIETY COOKIE SALE

8:15 AM † Rudolf Shumen
2:00 to 4:00 pm – *Servant of Mary Spanish Prayer Group*
4:30-5:15 pm - *Confessions*
5:30 PM † Rose Brino
† Frances and Joseph Raineri
† Gabriel Pimienta
† Luis Vasquez Sr.

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017-ROSARY SOCIETY COOKIE SALE

7:30 AM For the unemployed
9:00 AM † Mary Brizzi
10:30 AM † Deceased Stampone family members
† Calogero Cafa
12:00 Noon † Martin Oferrell
1:30 PM -50 Aniversario de Boda – Rafael y Ydanis Urena
Accion de Gracias al Senor de los Milagros
Lord of Miracle Mass

3:00 PM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, December 11, 2017-Saint Damasus I, Pope

6:30 AM For the unborn
8:15 AM Blessings for Joann Aliotta
6:00 PM - Adoration and Confession

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017-OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

6:30 AM † Robert Seton Ryan
8:15 AM - Special Intentions for our St. Gerard Students

Wednesday, December 13, 2017-St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

6:30 AM For the families of those serving in the Military
8:15 AM † Kay Stasiak

Thursday, December 14, 2017 – St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:30 AM For the homeless
8:15 AM † Sr. Lorraine Gallagher

Friday, December 15, 2017

6:30 AM For all first responders and firefighters
8:15 AM Healing for Dora Calabrese

6:30 PM – St. Gerard's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 16, 2017

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

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

Sunday, December 17, 2017 – Cont'd.

12 Noon † Irene Petrosi – 1-Yr. Anniversary
1:30 PM –Resurreccion Prayer Group Mass



The Second Sunday of Advent

“The Lord does not delay in keeping His promises, though some consider it ‘delay.’ Rather He shows you generous patience since He wants no one to perish but all to come to repentance... I send my messenger before you to prepare your way, a herald voice in the desert crying, ‘Make ready the way of the Lord clear him a straight path.’”

From the second Letter of Saint Peter




The letter of Peter and Isaiah’s message in the gospel of Mark, provide a wonderful opportunity to begin this second week of advent. Somehow it is easy, or convenient, to forget or presume why Jesus came two thousand years ago. A lost people needed a savior, to bring them back to union with their creator. He came, revealed the Father’s love for us and still invites us to respond to that love. Do I see my need today, and the needs of my family and our world?


Let’s face it, our messed up world needs a savior, not a political leader or powerful military strength, but someone to free us from sin and all that divides us, the barriers which keep us from growing in holiness, in grace, or love of God and neighbor. Advent invites us to focus on our need from the Lord today. Advent, the great time of hope and expectation calls us to make ready, the way of the Lord, to have Him into our hearts and the hearts of others.

‘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 John Nicosia	Flowers are given in loving memory of Blessed Virgin Mary	The <i>Bread and Wine</i> is offered in memory of Deceased Laracuente family members



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



"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 19, 2017



Bible Readings

Second Sunday of Advent

12/10/17-Sunday-Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
12/11/17-Monday-Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
12/12/17-Tuesday-Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
12/13/17-Wednesday-Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
12/14/17-Thursday-Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
12/15/17-Friday-Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
12/16/17-Saturday-Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13



Thank You

Your gifts, blessings and generous donations to our Parish Community were as follows:
DECEMBER 3RD COLLECTION
Total: \$2986 Envelopes: 131

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.



LECTOR SCHEDULE
Weekend of December 16th and 17th

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER LIST
Weekend of December 16th and 17th

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

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let the ushers know if you are having a Mass for a loved one so you can present the offertory gifts and receive a blessing.



it's Cookie Time!

Our Sale is THIS Weekend
AFTER ALL MASSES

All proceeds benefit
St. Gerard's Church.



St. Gerard's 7th Annual

(Dinner and Dancing)

FRIDAY, DEC, 15TH - 6:30 PM

St. Joseph's Center

Buffet Dinner catered by

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You Have to Be In it to Win It!!

RAFFLE TICKETS for the party are available at the Rectory: **3 Books \$25.00; 1 Book \$10.00 and 1 ticket \$2.00.** If you have received them in the mail, please remember to return them to the Rectory

PARISHIONER REMINDER: If you wish to have a Mass or special blessing for a loved one, all requests must be made by calling the Rectory at 973-595-8446. The bulletin goes to the printer on Thursday morning, so please call before requested date.



Please select an Angel tag and limit your unwrapped gift amount to \$15.00. **If you are giving a Gift Card, please drop it off at the School with the Angel tag attached.**

Kindly return your gifts the weekend of **December**

16th and 17th. Thank you for helping a less fortunate child to have a Merry Christmas.

GIVE A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT: SPONSOR A ST. GERARD STUDENT

If anyone would like to help sponsor a student please see Sr. Jo-Ann or contact the school office.

973-595-8786 / 973-595-5640

You can help make a difference in the life of a child! **God Bless Your Generosity**



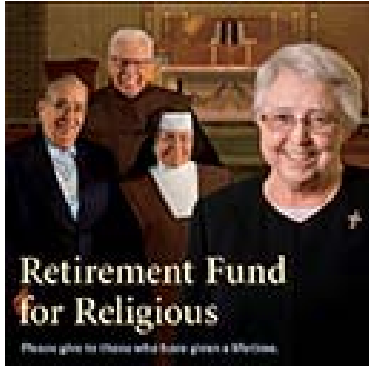
LPN with experience working with geriatric population and excellent bedside nursing skills. Night shift Monday thru Friday, 8:30 PM to 5:30 AM. Applications available upon request. **Salesian Sisters, St. Joseph Provincial Center, 655 Belmont Ave., Haledon, NJ 07508.** Call Sr. Maryann Schaefer at 973-790-7966, ext. 13 or email: bursarasst@gmail.com.

ADVENT

“He Is Coming”

The word *advent* means coming. During the four week Advent season that begins the Church year we prepare for the coming of Jesus by remembering his birth in Bethlehem (past), anticipating his coming in glory (future) and by celebrating his coming to us in word and sacrament (present).

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION



Help religious communities.

“Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the **Retirement Fund for the Religious** helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders! Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

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**PLEASE BRING YOUR BABY JESUS
and NATIVITY SETS for a
Blessings on Sunday, Dec. 17th
at all Masses**

Our Lady of Guadalupe



Feast Day: December 12th

“When the image of the Virgin appeared on the tilma of Juan Diego, it was the prophecy of an embrace: Mary’s embrace of all the peoples of the vast expanses of America—the peoples who already lived there, and those who were yet to come. Mary’s embrace showed what America – North and South – is called to be: a land where different peoples come together; a land prepared to accept human life at every stage, from the mother’s womb to old age; a land which welcomes immigrants, and the poor and the marginalized, in every age.”

-Pope Francis



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