

Saint Gerard Majella Church

Staffed By The Vocationist Fathers
West Broadway and Chamberlain Ave.
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First Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2017



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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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Sick calls and Home Visits:
Please call the Rectory at any time.

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New Parishioners are most welcome - Please register at the rectory
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Mass Intentions

First Saturday, March 4, 2017 – St. Casimir

8:15 AM Prayers of safety for all Firemen

Novena to St. Gerard after 8:15 AM Mass

5:30 PM † Rose Brino
 † Francesca Onnembo
 † Ramonita and Diego Rosario

7:00 PM – Memorial Mass for Enrique Leguia Perez

8:00 PM – Memorial Mass for Victor Raul Carmona

Sunday, March 5, 2017-1st Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM † Deceased Stampone family members

9:00 AM † Josephine Iuliani
 † Vittorio Iuliani
 † Michael Moreschi
 † Sr. Antoinette Cioce

† Anthony and Salvatore Lovallo

10:30 AM † Giuseppe and Maria Stampone

† Francesca Onnembo

12:00 Noon † Thomas Portelli

1:30 PM † Amira Crespo

† Domingo Semidry

† Celestino Rodriquez

Cumpleanos de Lorgia Insante

Special Intentions for Proclamadores de la Palabra

3:00 PM-Rite of Election –St. Philip’s Church, Clifton

Monday, March 6, 2017

6:30 AM For the homeless

8:15 AM † Marie DeFlora-5th Anniversary

6:00 to 8:00 PM – Adoration and Confession

Tuesday, March 7, 2017-

St. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

6:30 AM Special intentions for the homebound

8:15 AM † Mrs. Dorothy Reading

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

St. John of God, Religious

6:30 AM † Mrs. Elzbieta Bialas

8:15 AM Birthday Blessings for Fr. Shiju Chittattukara

5:00 PM – St. Gerard’s “Fish and Chips” Dinner in

St. Joseph’s Hall

Thursday, March 9, 2017

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

6:30 AM Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

8:15 AM Healing for Walter Leszkowicz

7:00 PM – Spanish Prayer Group

Friday, March 10, 2017 – Abstinence

6:30 AM † For our deceased parishiners

8:15 AM † Florencio Moncion – 1 Yr. Anniversary

Saturday, March 11, 2017 – ST. JOSEPH’S TABLE after all Masses in St. Joseph’s Hall

8:15 AM NO MASS

**10:00 AM and 2:00 PM – Confirmation
 Bishop Serratelli**

5:30 PM † Ramonita Rosario – 1-Yr. Anniversary

† Francesca Onnembo

Saturday, March 11, 2017 – Cont’d.

5:30 PM † Charles and Grace De Feo

† Elsa Perez

Birthday Blessings for Carmel Kleinfeld

Sunday, March 12, 2017 – ST. JOSEPH’S TABLE after all Masses in St. Joseph’s Hall

7:30 AM Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

9:00 AM Blessings to St. Gerard’s School students

10:30 AM † Anthony Fiduccia-18th Anniversary

† Michele and Filomena Varuzza

† Elvira Tripiechi

12:00 Noon † John Junkers

† Danielle Padula-Larko

1:30 PM † Roberto Rodriquez-1-Yr. Anniversary

Special Intentions for Pilar Rodriquez

Lord of Miracles Mass

The First Sunday of Lent

Lent is, as you know, forty days. Jesus fasted for forty days. Noah was on the ark while it rained, for forty days. Elijah walked in the desert for forty days. Moses spent forty days on Mt Sinai. The Hebrews who had been delivered by God from Egypt roamed in the desert for forty years. This happened when they refused to trust in God to give them the Promised Land after scouts returned from searching the land, for forty days.

So what's so special about forty? Forty is a biblical length of time that represents the period of purification before a momentous change. After the forty days of flood, mankind was purified, ready to start anew. Noah looked up into the sky and there was a rainbow, a sign from God that he would never destroy His people again with a flood. After forty days on Mt. Sinai, Moses was purified, ready to receive the holiness code. He descended the mountain with the tablets of the Ten Commandments and a sure way to live as God's people. Forty years later, their children and grandchildren would enter the Promised Land as people who had faith in God, not like their parents and grandparents whose faith wavered. After forty days in the desert, Elijah was empowered to renew God's people. After forty days in the desert, Jesus was strengthened to do battle with the Tempter. After forty days of Lent, we are empowered to join the Lord in fighting off evil in our world. And so we begin the forty days of Lent, looking forward to waging war for the Lord.

We do not have to be victims in the battle against evil. We can be victors. We can join Jesus in fighting off the devil. None of us have lost our free will. Yes, we are often tempted. Those temptations promise us a great deal of pleasure. But we are not too weak. We can conquer the temptations. We can conquer temptations because we fight evil with Christ. Through prayer and fasting, Jesus was fortified to do the will of the Father. We are called to conquer our temptations by the grace of God. I wish all of you a blessed Lent. God bless you!
Yours in Christ, Fr. Leo



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
ADORATION & CONFESSION
MONDAYS: 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays During Lent:
7:30 AM, 12:00 Noon and 8:00 PM**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION
Monday, March 13th in Church
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**



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

Feb. 26, 2017—\$3650 Total Envelopes: 146
**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, March 15, 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.



**Daylight Savings Time
Begins
Next Weekend**



Bible Readings

The First Sunday of Lent

3/5/17 Sunday-Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11
3/6/17 Monday-Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
3/7/17 Tuesday-Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
3/8/17 Wednesday-Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
3/9/17 Thursday-Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
3/10/17 Friday-Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
3/11/17 Saturday-Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48



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 Hidalgo and Catherine Gravino



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Sanctuary Lamp	Flowers	The Bread and Wine
		
The <i>Sanctuary Lamp</i> burns in loving memory of William Tremont	<i>Flowers</i> are given in loving memory of our Blessed Mother	The <i>Bread and Wine</i> is offered in honor of Rose Brino

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Weekend of March 11th and 12th

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER LIST

Weekend of March 11th and 12th

Time	Mass	<u>Name</u>
5:30 PM	English	Marie, George and Carol
7:30 AM	English	Louis Pastena
9:00 AM	English	Alexandra
10:30 AM	English	Christine
12:00 PM	English	Lisa and Noel



**DEPAUL CATHOLIC HS
Honor Roll**

The following St. Gerard graduates have earned academic honors at DePaul Catholic High School:

Jesus Delgado, Grade 9, Principal's Honors
Alondra Esquilin, Grade 10, First Honors
Madison Vergara, Grade 12, First Honors
Bryan Balarezo, Grade 10, Second Honors
Christopher Casasola, Grade 10, Second Honors

**ST. GERARD'S PARISH
St. Joseph's Table**



**Friday and Saturday, March 11th and 12th
after all Masses at St. Joseph's Center**
We will be accepting food donations for the table at St. Joseph's Center on Saturday, March 11th starting at 11:00 AM.



ST. GERARD MAJELLA SCHOOL

Spring Tricky Tray

SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH

Doors Open at 1:00 PM

Admission - \$15.00

(which includes 1 sheet of tickets)

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Chamberlain Ave. & West Broadway

Call 973-595-5640

BEEFSTEAK DINNER

For the family of the late

Raymond Beesley

(Santa Claus)

Friday, May 12, 2017 - 7:00 PM

Russian Hall, 4 Woodhull Ave.

Little Falls, NJ

Food, Beer and soda included

Donation: \$55.00

Call Patty at 973-223-7999



Bishop Arthur Serratelli will celebrate Mass here on **Saturday, March 11th** at **10:00 AM and 2:00 PM**. St. Gerard's confirmandi will receive their sacraments at the 2:00 PM Mass. **There will be no 8:15 AM Mass that morning.**

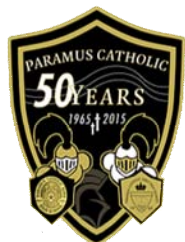
Lent



THE BASICS OF LENT

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Take the necessary steps to get yourself on the road to conversion and spiritual renewal. To help you do this, the three main Lenten disciplines urged are **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**. We are invited during Lent to practice these disciplines often. But these aren't just chores we must do because the Church strongly urges them; they are above all opportunities to grow in faith and in love for God.



PARAMUS CATHOLIC HS
Second Quarter Honors
St. Gerard Majella graduate
Kayla Calero, Grade 11
achieved First Honors



SPECIAL DISPENSATION

Bishop Serratelli has granted a dispensation from the laws of fast and abstinence to all Roman Catholics living in or visiting this diocese on Friday, March 17, 2017.

This dispensation is given with the strong recommendation that the faithful honor both Saint Patrick and this holy season of Lent by some special work of charity or exercise of piety in place of abstinence.



COOK NEEDED

The Xaverian Missionaries of Wayne are seeking an English speaking cook, from Monday to Friday, 9:00-12:00 Noon. Duties include: Some food shopping and preparation of Meals. Must have knowledge of some Italian and American cuisine. To apply please call Fr. Michael Davitti at 973-234-6761. References required.

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