

Saint Gerard Majella Church

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



Third Sunday of Lent
March 19, 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.

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, March 18, 2017

8:15 AM For the unborn
 5:30 PM † Rose Brino
 † Francesca Onnembo

Sunday, March 19, 2017-St. Joseph's Day

7:30 AM Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani
 9:00 AM † JoAnn Occhiuzzi
 † Margaret and Michael Pompa
 † John Joseph Harvilla

Birthday Blessings for Joan Antonucci

10:30 AM † Anthony Joseph Fiduccia
 † Nicola Pironi
 † Rose Gambacorta
 † Giuseppe Cifarelli
 † Felice and Angela Zisa

11:00 AM San Giuseppe Santa Croce Camerina Society Procession

12:00 Noon *Special intentions for deceased and living members of the San Giuseppe Santa Croce Camerina Society*

Santa Croce St. Joseph's Table After Mass at St. Joseph's Hall-Pasta Dinner 1:30 pm

1:30 PM † Hebert Bustamante-1-Yr. Anniversary
 † Rafael Perez
 Birthday Blessings for Omar Fernandez
 Resurrecion de Jesus Prayer Group Mass

Monday, March 20, 2017

6:30 AM † Caroline Bozza
 8:15 AM Prayers of safety for those serving in the Military

6:00 to 8:00 PM - Confessions

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

6:30 AM Special intentions for the homebound
 8:15 AM Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

6:30 AM † Deceased Vocationist Priests
 8:15 AM † Alessandro Sapio

7:00 to 8:30 PM in Church- LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Presented by Sr. Gerrie Contento, M.P.F.

Thursday, March 23, 2017

6:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Jeremy Ferreira
 8:15 AM † Elsa Perez
 7:00 PM - Spanish Prayer Group

Friday, March 24, 2017

6:30 AM † For our deceased parishioners
 8:15 AM † Viola M. Hyatt-Tighe
 7:00 PM - Padre Pio

Saturday, March 25, 2017-The Annunciation of the Lord

8:15 AM For the unborn
3:00 PM - Sweet 15 Mass for Rita Feola
 5:30 PM † Sal Gatano
 † Louis DeFeo
 † Silvestro Sama
 † Francesca Onnembo

Sunday, March 26, 2017-Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani
 9:00 AM † Alyssa Schmidt
 10:30 AM † Luigi and Maddalena Vricella
 † Paul Russo
 † Nina and Antonio Massaro
 12:00 Noon † Patricia DeSina - 1-Yr. Anniversary

Birthday Blessings for Samantha Cannata

1:00 PM - SCHOOL TRICKY TRAY

1:30 PM Matrimonio Feliz Mass



The Lady at the Well The Third Sunday of Lent

One of the best known religious poems in the English language is *The Hound of Heaven*. It was written by Francis Thompson, who tried to run away from God. He compares God to a hound dog chasing a soul. It's the story of Thompson's own life. As a boy he intended to become a priest but his laziness led his father to enroll young Francis in a medical school. He contracted the opium habit that almost wrecked his mind and body. He became a beggar, slinking about the slums, earning a lean living by shining shoes, selling matches, and holding horses. Through the kindness of a poor girl, Thompson met Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Meynell, who recognized his talent and inner goodness. They helped him get caught by God's love. How he tried to run away from God, how God "hunted" him, how divine love caught up with him - these are the themes of this stirring poem.

The outstanding proof of God's love for us is expressed in today's gospel. The loving encounter with Jesus changes the life of the Samaritan woman at the well. We need to allow Jesus free entry into our personal lives. We need to turn to Jesus who loves us with unconditional love, no matter how far away we are from Him. We all face moments when guilt plagues us and we are upset for falling for the same temptations again and again; when we make choices that turn out to be all wrong; when our relationships with others fall in a heap; when we feel lonely, sick and tired of the way people are treating us; when we are depressed and upset and can't see anything good in ourselves; and for days that go by without a word of prayer; when all we feel is failure and defeat. During such moments it is great to read a story about Jesus and his love and acceptance of the woman at the well. Let us rest assured that Jesus is there to accept us warmly and help us to see that he will give us the strength and the power we need to overcome whatever it is that is grieving us. God bless you! **Fr. Leo**

Thank You

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

March 12, 2017—\$3310 Total Envelopes: 121
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. We pray for **Emanuel Monachello**.



**CONFESSIONS EVERY MONDAY
DURING LENT: 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

**Fridays During Lent:
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:30 AM, 12:30 pm in English
8:00 PM in Spanish**

LENTEN BASICS

PRAYER: Changes our relationship to God. Through prayer, we admit our need for a power that is greater than ourselves. We acknowledge our limitations and let go of the drive to control everything. In the process, we open ourselves to all that God has to offer us.



Bible Readings

The Third Sunday of Lent

19/17-Sunday-Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
3/20/17-Monday-2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
3/21/17-Tuesday-Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
3/22/17-Wednesda-Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
3/23/17-Thursday-Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
3/24/17-Friday-Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
3/25/17-Saturday-Is 7:10-14, 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

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

OFFERTORY GIFTS

If you are having a Mass for a loved one, please let the ushers know, so you or a member of your family can bring up the gifts and receive a blessing from the priest.



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The <i>Sanctuary Lamp</i> burns in loving memory of Aquino and Scialla Families	<i>Flowers</i> are given in loving memory of Rose Brino	The <i>Bread and Wine</i> is offered in honor of Salvatore Cannata

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Weekend of March 25th and 26th

Time	Mass	<u>Name</u>
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	Carmella and Regina
1:30 PM	Spanish	Nedeshka Cantre and Miriam Martinez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER LIST

Weekend of March 25th and 26th

Time	Mass	<u>Name</u>
5:30 PM	English	Gerri, Marie, George and Carol
7:30 AM	English	Louis Pastena
9:00 AM	English	Irene
10:30 AM	English	Christine
12:00 PM	English	Claudia and Wdsbing



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

ST. GERARD'S PARISH

St. Joseph's Table



A very special thank you to everyone who helped in the preparation of our St. Joseph's Table. Special blessings and thanks to everyone who donated the delicious home-baked goods, wines and fruit. Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Gerard's Church.

-Fr. Leo Antony, SDV

San Giuseppe S.C. Camerina Society

St. Joseph's Table



TODAY, SUNDAY, March 19th

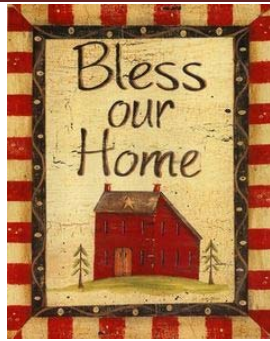
Procession at 11:00 AM

12:00 Noon Mass

Pasta Dinner-1:30 pm-St. Joseph's Center

Donation \$10.00

Children 12 and under: \$5.00



HOUSE BLESSINGS

If you wish to have your house blessed during this Lenten season, please fill out the forms located on the tables by all the entrances and place them in the collection basket. You may also call the Rectory at 973-595-8446 to schedule a visit.



LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Two Evenings at St. Gerard's Church

Wednesday, March 22nd – Part 1

Wednesday, April 5th – Part 2

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Presenter: Sr. Gerrie Contento, M.P.F

Part 1 – Introduction. Reflection on the processions of Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

Part 2 – Reflection on the processions of Holy Saturday. The ongoing richness of Baptism.



PALM WEAVING CLASSES

Starting March 21st

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Rectory

Please join us if you are interested in learning the art of weaving.



Parishioners and friends enjoyed a wonderful “Fish and Chips” dinner at St. Joseph’s Hall on March 8th. My thanks to everyone who

helped make our dinner a huge success. Your continued support of St. Gerard’s Church activities is deeply appreciated.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Leo Antony, SDV

Oasis 2017

Day of Prayer for Women

Hosted by the Religious Teachers Filippini

Saturday, April 29, 2017

9:30 AM-3:00 PM

at Villa Walsh

455 Western Ave. Morristown, NJ

The day includes:

Eucharistic Adoration; Mass; Reconciliation
Rosary and/or Stations and Quiet time for prayer and worship

Bring your own lunch. Beverages will be available throughout the day. Villa Walsh is handicapped accessible. **Kindly register by April 7th. Registration fee: \$10.00. Make checks payable to Villa Walsh.**



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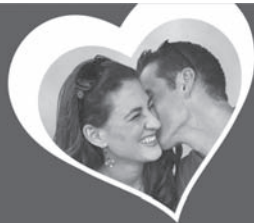
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