

# Saint Gerard Majella Church

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West Broadway and Chamberlain Ave.  
Paterson, New Jersey 07522



Fifth Sunday of Lent  
April 2, 2017



**RECTORY**  
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Rev. Benny Chittilappilly, S.D.V.  
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Miss Christine Zisa  
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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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**St. Gerard School:**  
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**Principal:** Sr. Jo-Ann Pompa, M.P.F.  
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**Sick calls and Home Visits:**  
Please call the Rectory at any time.

**For immediate need of a Priest, please call:**  
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**New Parishioners are most welcome - Please register at the rectory**  
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# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, April 1, 2017

- 8:15 AM Birthday Blessings for Fr. Emeka Okwuosa  
 † Joseph Petolino – 1-Yr. Anniversary  
 5:30 PM † Joseph Petolino – 1-Yr. Anniversary  
 † Rose Brino

## Sunday, April 2, 2017 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 AM Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani  
 9:00 AM † Rose Ottilio  
 10:30 AM † Gerard Zarro  
 † Bruno Romano  
 † Pietro Battimelli  
 † Annibale DeLuccia  
 † Maria and Tina D’Ambrosio  
 † Anna Bussi  
 † Antonio Mandara  
 Special prayers to St. Joseph  
 12:00 Noon † Elmer Grossi – 1-Yr. Anniversary  
 † Frank Stranzl  
 1:30 PM Special Intentions for Proclamadores de la Palabra

**3:00 to 6:00 PM - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT in St. Joseph’s Center – “The Passion of the Christ”**

## Monday, April 3, 2017

- 6:30 AM For the homeless  
 8:15 AM Special Intentions for Healing  
**6:00 to 8:30 PM – PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

## Tuesday, April 4, 2017

### Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 6:30 AM For our Parish Community  
 8:15 AM † Diane Bifano  
**7:00 PM – LITURGICAL MEETING in Church for HOLY WEEK**

## Wednesday, April 5, 2017

### Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

- 6:30 AM Prayers for the unborn  
 8:15 AM Special Intentions for Charles J. Sheridan & Family  
**7:00 to 8:30 PM – LENTEN REFLECTIONS Presented By Sr. Gerrie**

## Thursday, April 6, 2017

- 6:30 AM Special intentions for all Police Officers  
 8:15 AM † Charles Clark Sheridan  
 7:00 PM – Spanish Prayer Group

## First Friday, April 7, 2017

### Saint John Baptist de la Salle

- 6:30 AM Prayers for the unemployed  
 8:15 AM Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani  
 7:00 to 8:00 PM – Adoration – Matrimonio Feliz

## 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

## Saturday, April 8, 2017 – PALM SUNDAY VIGIL

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

Birthday Blessings for Br. 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  
 † Bruno Romano  
 † Donna White  
 † Silvestro Sama  
 12:00 Noon † Deceased Parishioners  
 1:30 PM † Vilma Quiroz  
*Lord of Miracles Mass*



## DIOCESE OF PATERSON Office of the Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ,

During this Lenten season, as we reflect on the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, it is fitting that a collection is taken on Good Friday to assist Christians in the Holy Land. The places where Jesus lived, died and rose again hold a special meaning to us as Catholics and deserve our support.

The Holy Land collection is allocated for educational and ecclesial projects, programs and ministries in the Middle East. Last year, the collection supported 29 parishes, four homes for orphans and three academic institutions. In addition, it provided financial assistance to schools, helped educate men for the priesthood, rehabilitated 80 homes for Christian families and provided senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth. Dozens of shrines connected to the life of Jesus, and so important to our faith, were preserved thanks to the Holy Land collection. This important work is made possible with your help.

As part of our Lenten call to almsgiving, I ask you to please join me in making a financial offering to this special collection when it is taken up on Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Faithfully yours in Christ,*

**Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D  
 Bishop of Paterson**

*Thank You*

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

**March 26, 2017 – \$2882 Total Envelopes: 128**

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.



Bible Readings

### The Fifth Sunday of Lent

**4/2/17-Sunday-Ez** 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**4/3/17-Monday-Dn** 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

**4/4/17-Tuesday-Nm** 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

**4/5/17-Wednesday-Dn** 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

**4/6/17-Thursday-Gn** 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

**4/7/17-First Friday-Jer** 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

**4/8/17-Saturday-Ez** 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

### 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.**



### 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 **Elena Coscia**.



### PENITENTIAL SERVICE

**Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Confessions from 6:00 to 8:30 pm**

**Fridays During Lent:**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**7:30 AM, 12:30 PM in English**

**8:00 PM in Spanish**

### Remembering Your Loved Ones

Candles in memory of a loved one are available by all the statues: Padre Pio, St. Gerard, St. Michael, St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother. The cost is \$100 for one year. Call the Rectory at 973-595-8446.



### 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.





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



## PALM WEAVING Tuesday thru Friday

**10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Rectory**

Please join us if you are interested in learning the art of weaving. Orders are now being accepted. Call the Rectory 973-595-8446.



## LENTEN REFLECTIONS at St. Gerard's Church

**Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Part 2**

**Time: 7:00 to 8:30 PM**

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

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

*A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.*

*-Pope Francis*

## SWEET 16 MASS



**RITA FEOLA** is escorted by her father Vinny as she celebrates her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday with a Mass at St. Gerard's Church on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Leo Antony, SDV, was the celebrant.



## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**TODAY - April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**3:00 to 6:00 - St. Joseph's Center**

**No Charge**

Movie: "The Passion of the Christ"



## 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.



## LITURGICAL MEETING

**In Church: 7:00 PM-Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

This meeting is for everyone involved in the services and Masses for Holy Week.

Representatives from all groups must attend which include English and Spanish Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Music personnel.



## PARISH RETREAT

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Fr. Justin Vocationary, 90 Brooklake Rd.  
Florham Park, NJ 07932**

**Speaker: Fr. Louis Caputo, SDV**

**9:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

***Light Breakfast, Talks, Lunch, Confession and Holy Mass***

We must know how many people will be attending, so please call the Rectory at 973-595-8446 if you plan on going.

## 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/Spanish

### **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



## ALMSGIVING

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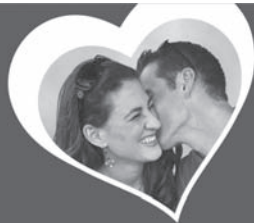
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