

Saint Gerard Majella Church

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



First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017



RECTORY
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Pastor: Rev. Leo Antony, S.D.V.

PARISH OFFICE
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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

First Saturday, December 2, 2017

8:15 AM † Angela Apostolica
11:00 AM – Funeral Mass for Eldridge Stanley Holly
 5:30 PM † Rose Brino
 † Silvestra and Filippo Mandara
 † Salvatore Mandara
 † Josephine White
 † Helen Louise Sheridan
 † Marilyn Baskinger Burkepile
 † Lucy and Joseph Gioffre
 † James Kennon

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017-FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 AM † Robin Moore
 9:00 AM † Felix Guzman
 † Emanuela Boncini
10:00 AM – Baptism of Ethan Gerard Cabuhat
 10:30 AM † Ciro Spinella
 12:00 Noon † Thomas Carrabba
 † Pio and Ermelinda Pecci
 † Justo and Tito Caceres
 1:30 PM – Blessings to Juan Jose and Reyna Tejada as they celebrate their 29th Wedding Anniversary
 Special Intentions for Proclamadores de la Palabra

Monday, December 4, 2017-Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:30 AM † Luis Vazquez Sr.
 8:15 AM † Dwayne Zisa
 Blessings for Joann Aliotta
 6:00 PM - Adoration and Confessionion

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

6:30 AM Birthday blessings for Br. Jerome
 8:15 AM † Jo-Ann Occhiuzzi

Wednesday, December 6, 2017-St. Nicholas, Bishop

6:30 AM † Mary Kowaleski
 8:15 AM † Raymond Beesley

Thursday, December 7, 2017 – St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30 AM For the homeless
 8:15AM † Aslana Shumen

7:00 PM-VIGIL FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

For all those serving in the Military

Friday, December 8, 2017-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation

6:30 AM For the unemployed
 8:15 AM † Margaret Donohue
 Birthday Blessings to Fr. James
 Birthday Blessings to Elias Ferriera

12:00 Noon Mass - † Deceased Parishioners

5:30 PM – Sweet 16 Mass for Marie Nicole Alvarado

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

Saturday, December 9, 2017 – Cont'd.

5:30 PM † Rose Brino
 † Frances and Joseph Raineri
 † Gabriel Pimienta

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

7:30 AM For the homebound
 9:00 AM † Mary Brizzi
 10:30 AM † Afrina Stampone
 12:00 Noon † Martin Oferrell
 1:30 PM – Lord of Miracle Mass



First Sunday of Advent

“Jesus said to His disciples: ‘Be constantly on watch, stay awake. You do not know when the appointed time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge each with his own task, and he orders the man at the gate to watch with a sharp eye. Look around you.’

From the holy Gospel according to Mark

We begin a new season of grace, the wonderful time of preparing the way of the Lord, recalling His coming in history, His abiding presence among us now, and looking to discover the way He enters our lives. This year we have four full weeks to live advent.




Like the person in Mark’s gospel, the Lord has entrusted each of us with distinct, yet important tasks. My work is different from others, and if I fail to do it, it will remain undone. How am I going to begin this time of prayer?


I can make a resolution not to get caught up only with the material things in our consumer oriented society. My prayer with my family, my reflection on the scriptures, will certainly point me in the right direction. As I consider what I am going to do, I want to include others, the elderly, the sick and the poor, those alone or lonely, to make their lives better. They are part of God’s gift for me to take care of.

May the closing words of the Bible become my mantra each day, simply repeating three words prayerfully ‘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 Luis Vazquez Sr.	Flowers are given in loving memory of Blessed Virgin Mary	The <i>Bread and Wine</i> is offered in memory of Rose Brino



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

First Sunday of Advent

12/3/17-Sunday-Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
12/4/17-Monday-Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
12/5/17-Tuesday-Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
12/6/17-Wednesday-Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
12/7/17-Thursday-Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
12/8/17-Friday-Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
12/9/17-Saturday-Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8



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

NOVEMBER 19TH COLLECTION
Total: \$2435 Envelopes: 104

NOVEMBER 26TH COLLECTION
Total: \$2942 Envelopes: 115

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.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Weekend of December 9th and 10th

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER LIST

Weekend of December 9th and 10th

Time	Mass	Name
5:30 PM	English	Sandy, Carol, George and Marie
7:30 AM	English	Louis
9:00 AM	English	Alexandra and Paul
10:30 AM	English	Christine
12:00 PM	English	Claudia and Wdsbing

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 **Luis Vazquez Sr. and Eldridge Stanley Holly.**



OFFERTORY GIFTS

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





St. Gerard's 7th Annual

(Dinner and Dancing)

FRIDAY, DEC, 15TH - 6:30 PM

St. Joseph's Center

*Buffet Dinner catered by
The BROWNSTONE*

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

**DUE TO LIMITED SEATING
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

Adults & children over 12: **\$20.00**

Children 5 to 12: **\$10.00**

Children under 5 are free

No Tickets will be sold the day of the event.

If you plan on attending, please fill out this form and return to the Rectory.

**Make checks payable to:
St. Gerard Majella Church**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

of Adults: _____ # of Children under 5: _____



**Our Sale is the Weekend of
Dec. 9th and 10th after all Masses**

This year our Cookie Sale theme is International. We ask all our church groups to donate their favorite batch of cookies representing their culture. Donations can be dropped off at the Church, Saturday from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. *All proceeds benefit St. Gerard's Church.*

**2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Diocese of Paterson**

As you plan to celebrate the joy of **Christmas** season by giving gifts to your friends and loved ones, there is one gift that you can give to tens of thousands of people. It does not require ten thousand name tags or ten thousand bows. All that's needed is a completed pledge card to the Bishop's Annual Appeal or an on-line gift at www.2017appeal.org. Say "**Merry Christmas**" to so many of your brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Paterson who need some hope and joy in their lives by participating in the Bishop's Annual Appeal today. May God bless you for your generosity.



Stop by the Rosary Society's Giving Tree. 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.**

Thank you for helping a less fortunate child to have a Merry Christmas.

The Advent Wreath



The wreath has four candles, **three purple or violet** and one **rose**. On the First Sunday and Week of Advent, we light the first candle and then an additional candle on each Sunday until Christmas. Purple is a royal color, reflecting the kingship of Christ and also repentance. **The rose candle, lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent, represents joy.** Thus, the colors of the candles illustrate the themes of Advent: kingship, repentance and joy. The candles also remind us that the incarnation has transformed the darkness of hatred and evil into the light of joy and love.



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

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.

ORDER NOW



Christmas wreaths, plants and grave blankets are now available. Prices are:
Poinsettia – Medium \$10 and large \$15.
Wreaths - \$20. **Centerpieces** - \$15. **Grave Blankets** starting at \$15 to \$40. **Small Crosses and Masoleum Pieces** - \$10.
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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

**Masses: 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM and
12 Noon**

Thursday Vigil 7:00 PM



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