

Saint Gerard Majella Church

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West Broadway and Chamberlain Ave.
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Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 2, 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
www.stgerardmajella.org

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 14th.

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 3rd

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



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 5th – 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 16th birthday with a Mass at St. Gerard's Church on Saturday, March 25th. Fr. Leo Antony, SDV, was the celebrant.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

TODAY - April 2nd

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 4th

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 8th

**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

provides assistance to the poor among us and helps us recognize God as the true source of

our security. Property and wealth exercise less control over us when we give away or share our wealth out of love for God and for others. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our relationship to others into the orbit of Christ's love.

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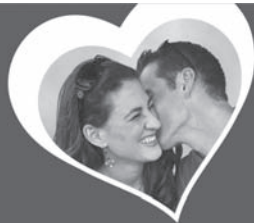
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