

Saint Gerard Majella Church

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West Broadway and Chamberlain Ave.
Paterson, New Jersey 07522



First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2018



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Parochial Vicars:

Rev. Benny Chittilappilly, S.D.V.
Rev. James Butts, S.D.V.

Trustees:

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 4:30PM 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:
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New Parishioners are most welcome - Please register at the rectory
501 West Broadway, Paterson, NJ, 07522 FAX # 973-790-0778
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 17, 2018

8:15 AM Birthday Blessing for Fr. Patrick, SDV
 5:30 PM † Lena Kearny – 1-Yr. Anniversary
 † Charles and Grace DeFeo
 † Juan Bautista Duran

Sunday, February 18, 2018-First Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Healing for Tony Vancheri
 For all law enforcement officers
 9:00 AM † Keith Alberque
 † Valere Wilhelm
 † Antonio Vega Jr.
 10:30 AM † Felice and Angela Zisa
 † Jo-Ann Occhiuzzi
 † Dan Englishman
 12:00 Noon † Antonio Iacono-1 Year Mass
 † Anne LeProtto
 † Flora Macedo
 Special Intentions for Michael Santana and Family
 1:30 PM † Asthirol de Gutierrez-10 Month Anniversary
 Resurreccion Prayer Group Mass

Monday, February 19, 2018-PRESIDENTS' DAY

6:30 AM For the homebound
 8:15 AM † Helen L. Schneider-Sheridan and Family
 6:00 PM – Adoration and Confession

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

6:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Peggy Becker
 8:15 AM † Felix Guzman
 Birthday blessings and healing for Tom DeLuca

Wednesday, February 21, 2018-St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

6:30 AM For those serving in the Military
 8:15 AM † For our deceased parishioners

Thursday, February 22, 2018 –The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

6:30 AM For the homeless
 8:15 AM † Althea Jackson
 7:00 PM – Spanish Prayer Group

Friday, February 23, 2018 – St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr of the Church

6:30 AM For the unborn
 8:15 AM † Elsa Perez

7:00 PM – Padre Pio Mass

8:30 PM – Spanish Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24, 2018

8:15 AM † Ruth Becker
3:00 PM – Memorial Mass for Lucida Andrade
 5:30 PM † Robert Raineri
 † Rose Brino

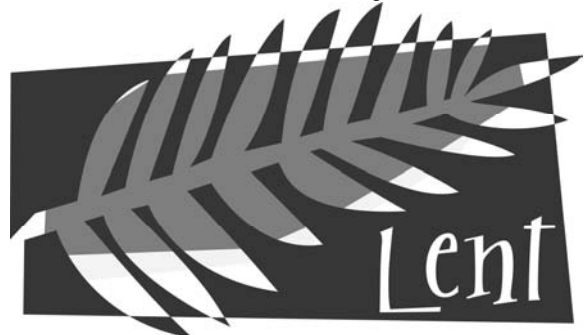
Birthday Blessings for Michael Laracuente

7:00 PM – Memorial Mass for Maria Elena Machado

Sunday, February 25, 2018-Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Judith Ferreira
 9:00 AM † Carmella (Millie) Ciongoli
 10:30 AM † Mario DiLeo
 12:00 Noon † Edward Marrone
 1:30 PM – Matrimonio Feliz Mass

The First Sunday of Lent



“Beloved, Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit... This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.... ‘The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.’”

From the first Letter of St. Peter

Lent, often described as a journey, is the opportunity for all to come closer to the Lord. In a baptismal sermon Peter tells us that the suffering of Christ, which we recall during these days of prayer, has but one purpose to lead us to God. It is not what I do, but the work of the Lord, bringing me on my desert journey. The gospel tells us Jesus was led by the Spirit for His desert experience to announce that the kingdom is at hand.

God's word spoke of a special moment in time, a moment which speaks to me today. Lent is that special time for me to meet the Lord in a new and different way. Through the threefold steps of prayer, sacrifice and good works, the kingdom becomes more present for me.

My journey began on Wednesday. Be honest, where is the Spirit leading you?

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly





Thank You

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

February 11, 2018

Total: \$2865 – Envelopes: 107




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.

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 Emanuele DiBartolo.



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



If you know of anyone in the parish who is sick or 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, Catherine Gravino and Hilda Perez



Bible Readings

First Sunday of Lent

2/18/18-Sunday-Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

2/19/18-Monday-Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

2/20/18-Tuesday-Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

2/21/18-Wednesday-Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

2/22/18-Thursday-1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

2/23/18-Friday-Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

2/24/18-Saturday-Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Weekend of February 24th and 25th

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER LIST

Weekend of February 24th and 25th

Time	Mass	Name
5:30 PM	English	Marie and George
7:30 AM	English	
9:00 AM	English	Irene and Alexandra
10:30 AM	English	Concetta
12:00 PM	English	Claudia and Wdsbing



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 21, 2018



CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Starting Feb. 19th thru March 19th, confession will be heard on Monday evenings from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM and Saturdays from 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm. Stations of the Cross are on Fridays at 7:30 am and 12:30 pm. Spanish Stations of the Cross are every Friday at 8:00 pm during Lent. A **Parish Penitential Service** will be held on **Monday, March 12th at 7:00 pm**. Confessions will be heard in English and Spanish that evening.

St. Gerard's Parish "Fish and Chip Dinner"



Wednesday, February 28th

at St. Joseph's Center

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Donation: \$20.00

*Take Out Orders are Available
(Chicken also Available)*

For tickets call the Rectory

MASS INTENTIONS



Please let the ushers know if you are having a Mass for a loved one so you can present the Offertory

Gifts to the Priest and receive a blessing.

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

-Mother Teresa

The Sacrament of Marriage



Fr. Leo was the celebrant at the wedding of Beatriz Moncion and Michael Balbuena which took place on Saturday, February 10th

The Chair of Saint Peter



Feast Day, February 22

The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome has been celebrated from the early days of the Christian era, in commemoration of the day when Saint Peter held his first service in Rome.

LENTEN DISCIPLINE

FASTING: Expresses our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. The control we gain over our appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from God. Knowing this we are freed to gratefully accept food and savor it, or to avoid or limit foods that we know are unhealthy for us. Through fasting, our relationship to ourselves is reoriented toward God. All Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.



Come Join Us for
HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
Next Weekend at
St. Joseph's Center
from 10:00 to 12 Noon
Breakfast will be served.

ST. GERARD MAJELLA SCHOOL Spring Tricky Tray



SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH

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PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday, February 19th

In observance of the holiday, the Rectory will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19th.

Mass will be celebrated at

6:30 AM and 8:15 AM.

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



MARCH 17TH and 18TH

**after all Masses Saturday
and Sunday**

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