

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 7, 2018



Confirmation

prayables

Lord, may nothing separate me from You today. Help me walk by the Word and not my feelings. Protect me from my own careless thoughts, words, and actions. Remind me to embrace what comes my way as an opportunity, not a personal inconvenience. Teach me to keep my heart pure and undivided. Bring me together as One with You today, oh my Lord.
Amen

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday	9:00 AM
Wednesday	6:00 PM
Thursday	9:00 AM
(First Friday 9:00 am Mass)	
Adoration	9:00 am—1:30 pm
Saturday	5:30 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday PM	4:30-5:15
Tuesday & Thursday	8:30-8:50 AM
Wednesday PM	5:30-5:50
Also by Appointment	

BAPTISMS: Parents should be registered parishioners or active for 6 months prior to baptism. Please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
following Masses every 3rd Sunday
Anytime by Appointment

BULLETIN DEADLINE
Thursday by noon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Thursday, 9:30am—4:30pm

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The Gospel is from St. Mark, 10:2-16. On the "divorce" section of this Gospel see today's first reading. Christ clearly states that from the very beginning, God's plan for marriage was that it should be a life-long unity of one man and one woman. Its purpose is the procreation of children and their education, as well as the mutual love and fulfillment of the husband and wife. These demand this life-long bond. Divorce, which tries to break this bond, breaks the law of the Creator who decreed what was best for the temporal and spiritual welfare of the human race.

The last four verses of today's Gospel describe an incident which is in no way connected with the previous discussion but which has a very useful lesson for all Christians. It describes Christ's love for children and while manifesting this love he stresses the need for all his true followers to be childlike. "I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." To receive the kingdom of God is to accept the teaching of Christ and live according to it in his kingdom on earth. He who does this will enter, after death, into the eternal kingdom of heaven. Christ says, however, that we must accept "like a child": his kingdom on earth, his teaching and the Church he founded to carry on that teaching. It does not mean: in a childish way, an unthinking, uneducated way, but in a child-like way-a humble, grateful, receptive way. A child is unselfconscious, content to be dependent on others' care and generosity. Christianity is a gift of the generous God to us, we have done nothing and never could do anything to merit it. We must accept it simply and gratefully as a gift; we could never deserve it.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR CONFIRMANDS AND A BIG THANK YOU TO ARCHBISHOP GREGORY FOR BEING HERE TO JOIN US FOR THIS BIG EVENT!

Alyssa Kowalewski

Anderson Britton

Anthony Peco

Ashley Arnold

Kevin Ho

Luke & Peter Denman

Matthew Redman

It is time to start signing up for portrait sessions for our new directory! From November 12 to 17th.

- Signup Sheet is in the entrance to the church. Each signup day is on one page front and back.
- Schedule families in **open sessions** only.
- Do not add to or adjust the times shown on the schedule.
- For families of 7 or more, schedule in 2 consecutive time slots. Each family member with a different address needs their own time slot.
- For families to receive an automated Appointment Reminder Call, simply initial in the "call OK" column.

Each family will receive one free 8x10 and Directory. There will also be online access to the directory so changes will be easily made. You will be able to purchase more portraits just in time for Christmas!

Pets are welcome.

Ministry Meetings & Events

Sundays: *Prison Ministry* 6:30-8:30PM

Finance Council Tues., 10/9 7:00PM

Knights of Columbus

Wed., 10/10 Meeting at 7:00 pm

Wed., 10/17 Live Rosary in Honor of St. Gerard Majella-4th Degree & all Knights participation

Fri., 10/19 Fall Fish Fry 4:30 to 7:00 pm

Charity: St. Gerard's Ground Expenses

All who are interested in joining the **Knights of Columbus** please contact **Grand Knight, Bob Watson at 423-290-5112.**

Seniors

Senior Ministry **October Social** will be at the Cavalry Museum on BHC, **October 16, 12:00 noon.** The museum has a new exhibit on "World War II through the Soldier's Camera". John Facey will be providing lunch "pizza" and Chris McKeever will provide desert and drinks. Any questions about the museum call **Chris McKeever, 706/861-2860, or email her at www.6thcavalrymuseum.org.**

Seniors will start selling tickets for our annual **Christmas Basket Raffle** starting **November 3rd** and will continue to sell after all the weekend Masses thereafter. Please continue to support our ministry as we in turn help others in our community with money raised.

November Meeting will be **Wed., Nov. 7, noon at the PLC.** Our guest speaker will be Bob Antolak, and he will be speaking about a Medal of Honor Recipient Also, the Lakeview ROTC Cadets will be there and they plan to do a Color Guard.

Our **November Social** will be **Nov. 12, at Park Place, 12:00 Noon.** Save the date and make plans to join us!

Weekly Offerings

9/29-9/30 Offertory Received **\$3847.15**

Weekly Offertory **Goal \$4000**

Reserve Account \$459.00

Mass Intentions:

Sat., 10/6 5:30pm

Please Pray For:

Ralph Medders+

Many thanks to the **Ladies Guild** for all they do for the parish. We recently had a Bereavement Lunch and it was very much appreciated!

Also the **Knights of Columbus** need to be recognized for the great job they do with keeping the grounds of the parish looking good.

A big thank you to everyone!!

Ladies Guild

Confirmation Reception with the Archbishop Sunday, October 7 after 11am Mass

St. Gerard Majella Feast Day Potluck-Sunday, 10/14 after 11am Mass

Tuesday, **10/16 Meeting :**
Begin Food Drive

Linen Guild

Oct. 14 Celeste, Oct. 21 Irene, Oct. 28 Jane



Pray for Our Sick Parishioners

Please keep in your personal prayers the following members of our parish who are in need of healing: Jude Bendzel, Linda Black, Virginia Black, Faye Blevins, Carol Bonito, Martha Bourne, Betty Cabeen, Candace Carne, Lisa DePrima, Cynthia Devine, John Facey, Janice Fortune, Henry Gaudet, Matthew Gaudet, Jean Hawkins, Gerald Hoffman, Pamela Kantor, Richard Klingler, Sara Mason, Georgina Matich, Linda Meeks, Bill Medford, Jane Mercier, Jane Osterling, John Pitner, Angelena Quaranto, Kathy Samilo, Frances Spataro, Dolores Sutton, Jeremiah Word.

St. Vincent DePaul

Once again we are experiencing the change of seasons. Soon the trees will reflect the beauty of their Creator in Their glorious colors. We too can be a reflection of the Divine when we show our love for the less fortunate. Thank you all for your continued generosity.

Any questions about becoming a member please call **Donna Shipley** at **423-718-6951** and leave a message.

Our helpline number is: 678-892-6163

Fr. Wise will finish the final series of the Wednesday Class “**Jewish Roots of Our Catholic Faith**” on **October 10th.**

We are awaiting a relic of **Blessed Stanley Rother** for our altar stone.

He was the first U.S. born Catholic priest to be proclaimed a martyr. With the help of Archbishop Gregory and his letter to the Vatican, we will be receiving a relic. Fr. Rother was martyred in Guatemala in 1988.

His Prayer Cards are offered in the vestibule of the church. Please take one and let us all pray for the **Canonization of Blessed Stanley Rother.**

Women In Prayer

If you have any prayer requests, please contact **Irene Staub** at 706-375-4934 (Home), 423-902-6630(Cell), or istaub1014@aol.com or **Linda Swope** at 706-861-9762 (Home) or rlswope374@comcast.net.

We have **prayer shawls** available for anyone who needs one. **Please contact Irene or Linda.**

Announcing the 2018 Public Square Rosary Crusade !

Please join us saying the Holy Rosary at Hwy. 27, Ft. Olgethorpe sidewalk in front of St. Gerard's on **Saturday, October 13th** from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm

For more info call **Mrs. Anita Holcomb** at **706-935-2131**

Bring a chair to sit if you cannot stand for a long time.

Our inquiry program has begun and will be every Monday at 7:00 pm. Please invite a friend or relative to come with you.

It is for those who are curious about who we are as Catholics. Some people are more interested now than ever before.

