

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

The Sixth Sunday Of Easter

Sunday, May 21st 2017



St Gerard

Although a tailor by trade, his love of God propelled him to seek a religious vocation early on. After being denied entry into the Capuchins because of his health, he entered the Redemptorist order as a lay brother in 1749, and worked there as a tailor, cook, sacristan, and infirmiran, among other duties. The great Saint Alphonus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists, called him “a miracle of obedience” as he obeyed his superiors both when they were present and absent as well, by reading their thoughts!

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	9:00 AM
Wednesday	6:00 PM
Thursday	9:00 AM
Saturday	5:30 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM 11:00 AM

BAPTISMS

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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anytime by Appointment

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Wednesday by noon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Friday Parish Office Closed

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Weekly Offerings

5/14/17 Offertory Received

\$ 2,811.00

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

Building & Maintenance

\$431.00

A Note from Fr. Bill

Dear People of God

I am away at the Knight of Columbus state convention this weekend.

The Archdiocese of Atlanta has a new Auxiliary Bishop elect. The Reverend Bernard (Ned) E. Shlesinger a priest of the Diocese of Raleigh. Father Shlesinger is 57 and currently serves as Director of Spiritual Formation at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia. The announcement of appointment took place this past Monday 15 May. Father Shlesinger also served in the US Air Force from 1983 to 1990. An Air Force pilot who retired as Captain, he flew the C130E Hercules while stationed at Pope AFB, in Fayetteville, NC. Assignments after ordination included: parochial vicar at St. Mary, Wilmington, NC, 1996-1998; Pastor at our Our Lady of Guadalupe parish as well as Assistant Vocation Director, Newton Grove, NC (1998-2007); Director of Vocations and Seminary Formation, Diocese of Raleigh (2007-2013); Administrator, Maria Reina de las Americas, Mount Olive, NC (2010-2012); Director of Spiritual Formation, Theology Division, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, 2013 to present. Other responsibilities include: vicar forane, Newton Grove Deanery. The date of ordination is yet to be announced. Please pray for him as he prepares to join the Archdiocese.

We received notice that Monsignor Leo P. Herbert passed away the evening of May 15. He filled in here for me over the past four years. Pray for the repose of his soul, his family and the parishes he served who will mourn his loss.

The Word Among Us is making a special offer to parishes that we receive the daily meditation on Sacred Scripture. You only need to donate \$1.00 for a book. It will run through the summer. They will be available in the back of the church beginning in June.

In Christ
Fr. Bill

2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2017 Annual Appeal theme is "You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself" Our 2017 goal is \$18,200.00. As of 5/11/17 We have exceeded our pledge goal! We have \$19,678.00 in pledges! A surplus of \$1,478.00 will be returned to us once all pledges are paid. \$11,933.16 has been received in paid pledges. I would like to sincerely thank you for your generosity towards the Annual Appeal. You can also visit www.appeal.archatl.com to see Archbishop Gregory's video or to donate.

Mothers Novena

We will be having a Mother's Novena for all living and deceased mothers. The Novena started Sunday, May 14th and will continue until Tuesday May 23rd. The cards will remain on the altar for the entire month of May.

Pentecost Picnic

Mark your calendars now! We will be having our annual Pentecost Picnic on Sunday, June 4th after the 11AM mass. There will be a sign up sheet in the entry of the church for sides, desserts and drinks. Don't forget your towels, blankets and lawn chairs. Our Knights will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers!!! Don't forget the Dunk tank!!! (Dunk Fr Bill)



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5/20	5:30 PM	Mothers Novena
Sunday 5/21	9:00 AM	Mothers Novena
	11:00 AM	Prayers for Parishioners
Monday 5/22	9:00 AM	Mothers Novena
Tuesday 5/23	9:00 AM	Mothers Novena
Wednesday 5/24	6:00 PM	Clayton Davis+
Thursday 5/25	9:00 AM	Louie Coletta+
Saturday 5/27	5:30 PM	Gerald Coletta+
Sunday 5/28	9:00 AM	Prayer For Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Theresa M Kerner+

Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Please keep in your personal prayers the following members of our parish who are in need of healing, David Perry, Paul Worland, Jean Hawkins, Martha Bourne, Mary Moser, Dolores Sutton, Kathy Samilo, Jeremiah Word, Nora McKenzie, Virginia Black, Pamela Kanter, BJ Hoette, Judi Fraley, Gerald Hoffman, Frances Spataro, Sue McGoff, Jill Mitchell, Sara Mason, Ralph Medders, Danielle Lark

Extended Adoration

*****Important***** We have extended adoration the first and third Fridays of every month from 9:00 AM-9:00 PM. If you have signed or an allotted time **please remember to fulfill your obligation or find someone to take your place.** There have been people who have signed up and never showed up which means the person before you has to stay until someone shows up! Also a few afternoon time slots that only have one person signed up. There must be 2 people in the presence **at all times. Under no circumstances is there to be no one in the presence.** If you need to know what time you signed up for you may call the office. If you didn't sign up you are encouraged to spend as much or little time as you can!

Ministry Meetings & Events

Sunday, 5/21: *Prison Ministry*: 6:30PM
Wednesday, 5/24: *Knights Officer* meeting
6:30PM
Friday, 5/26: *Adoration* 9:00 AM-1:00PM

Altar Guild

May 21st	Gloria Kelly
May 28th	Celeste Hochrein
June 4th	Regina Richardson
June 11th	Jane McKinley
June 18th	Shana Whiteford
June 25th	Betsy DiMaiolo
July 2nd	Irene Staub
July 9th	Gloria Kelly
July 16th	Celeste Hochrein

2017 Eucharistic Congress

“As for me and my house we will serve the Lord”

Each year, the Eucharistic Congress bring together Catholics from across the Archdiocese and the country to celebrate the visible, living presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This years Eucharistic Congress is June 16th & 17th at the Georgia International Convention Center. This event is for all ages with several “tracks” by age: children 5-10, middle school, and high school. Tracks for English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and sign language. Fun for all al we gather, share, pray and unite in faith!

For more information and to register call 404-920-6800 or visit www.congress.archatl.com, **#ATLEC2017**

Senior Ministry

The next meeting will be at 12 Noon, June 7th in the PLC. Bring your brown-bag lunch. All parish seniors 55 or better are welcome. Our speaker will be Jan Clark from The Greater Good Thrift Store on Rossville Blvd.

Reminder Seniors are scheduled to clean the church for the month of May. Please contact Maryanne for time and day 706-694-2800. Remember “many hands make light work” !

The Seniors Ministry and Fr Bill honor the Sacrament of Marriage each quarter. Couples married in April, May, or June may have their marriage blessed after the 9am mass on June 25th. Deadline for sign-up is not later than after the 9 AM mass June 18th.

Catholic HomeSchool

St Ambrose Catholic homeschool coop, a ministry of the Basilica of Sts Peter and Paul in Chattanooga, is currently taking registrations for our 2017/2018 school year. Registration ends June 30th. We offer several classes, including science, Latin and art. We meet Wednesday and Friday mornings and have a Friday afternoon option as well.

For more information please contact Sandy Pricer at stambrosecoop@gmail.com or check out the Basilica website - www.stspeterandpaulbasilica.com



- For more information on the Knights or becoming a Knight contact Tony DiMaiolo Grand Knight at 423-402-1102 or adimaiolo@yahoo.com

Visiting Priest

Fr. Bill is away this weekend to attend the Knights of Columbus State Convention. Please join us in welcoming Fr. Gordon who will be saying weekend masses. Fr. Gordon was ordained in 1969 and belongs to the Archdiocese of Castries in St. Lucia. He worked with a hands-on ministry in Alabama and has preached on behalf of Food for the Poor for 21 years. Fr. Gordon will share personal witness about Food For the Poor’s mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Next Weekend

Next weekend you may notice a flurry of activity in the hall and the church. (Thursday- Sunday) Tents will be set up on the front lawn for Saturday. There will be a wedding on the premises for John Okene & Virginia Meleugouo. They welcome you to stop by Saturday to say hello and congratulate them!

Ministry Schedule

27-May-17 Vigil Mass 5:30	Samilo, John	Samilo, John		Hotte, Judy	Whiteford, Shaina	Homans, Ron	Kowaleski, Joe	Hotte, BJ	Hays, Don	Watson, Bob	
28-May-17 Sunday Mass 9:00	Tapley, Pete	Adams, Matthew		Hamby, Bonnie	Martinez, Martin	Phelps, Kris	Staub, Jim	Rand, Teresa	Kelly, Gloria		
28-May-17 Sunday Mass 11:00	Heimer, Brandon	Heimer, Joseph	Ring, Richard	Fava, Sheri	Hutterer, John	Erdman, Leslie	Tougaw, Ellen	Tougaw, Ed			