

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

**Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**September 17, 2017**



**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, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wednesday by appointment only. Friday Parish Office Closed

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**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!

## Weekly Offerings

9/10/17 Offertory Received

\$2,846.44

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

Catholic University

\$ 241.00

## A Note from Fr. Bill

Dear People of God

There are a few things I want to share with you.

The Reserve fund is still needed to help build up the two accounts, the biggest one of \$50,000.00 is getting close. After this one has been built up we will work on the \$25,000.00. Remember we need to satisfy these accounts as part of the process of moving forward on Phase two of the PLC renovations . Please help us when you see the envelope in your stack.

We will be asking people to sign up for adoration in the coming weeks so we can have adoration back to 9 -1 and every other week 9-7. Please prayerfully consider signing up.

This past Monday was the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11. I remember where I was when I heard about the first plane crashing into the Twin Towers. That fateful day was Pearl Harbor to all who remember it. I mentioned at mass that it is a day of remembering and giving thanks.

Here is something I found that calls us to remember; We remember not for remembrances sake but as builders of a new day, a new creation, a new edifice of worship – an edifice not of mortar and brick, not of steel and concrete but a living structure of the human heart open to forgiveness, grateful for freedom, filled with hope in the Christ who through us continues the work of redemption.

What this day of remembrance allows us to do is to reflect, to recall tragic events and to give thanks for the men and women and children whose stories give us proof of the best of human virtue. This anniversary is a call to live in faith, in forgiveness, and in the truth that the life death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is our life, our destiny our hope as human beings and specifically as Christians. And, we know in the marrow of our bones that no man, no group, no government, no ideology, no attack by terrorists can ever rob us of our freedom to believe in Christ, to hope in Christ, to live in Christ. We shall not forget, we shall always remember and we shall build a future of hope in the power and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us never forget.

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 9/11/17 We have exceeded our pledge goal! We have \$21,428.00 in pledges! A surplus of \$3,228.00 will be returned to us once all pledges are paid. \$15,999.14 has been received in paid pledges You can also visit [www.appeal.archatl.com](http://www.appeal.archatl.com) to see Archbishop Gregory's video or to donate.

## A Year With Mary : September Focus

*Why does Catholic Imagery often portray Mary as being sorrowful and wearing blue?*

In the ancient world, the color blue was associated with royalty. Beginning around A.D. 500, Mary is displayed in Byzantine art wearing a dark blue mantle, which is a sign of her royal dignity as queen. The association of Mary with the color blue spread to the West and has continued throughout the ages. M

Mary is also often depicted as sorrowful, because the Church recognizes the special suffering that Our Lady endured because she was the mother of Christ. In the Seven Sorrows devotion mediate on: The prophesy of St. Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Child Jesus for three days, witnessing Jesus carrying his Cross, the crucifixion of Jesus, taking Jesus down from the Cross and burial of Jesus.

Rosary: The Rosary of Seven Sorrows

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, 9/16:</b>	5:30 PM	Sally Wichmann+
<b>Sunday, 9/17:</b>	9:00 AM	Prayer for Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Miosotos Familia+
<b>Monday, 9/18:</b>	9:00 AM	Thanksgiving for the Hovies Intercession
<b>Wednesday, 9/20:</b>	6:00 PM	Corinne Swanson+
<b>Thursday, 9/21:</b>	9:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Fr. Tom Uzhunnail
<b>Saturday, 9/23:</b>	5:30 PM	BJ Hoette +
<b>Sunday, 9/24:</b>	11:00 AM	Prayer for Parishioners

## 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, , Judi Fraley, Gerald Hoffman, Frances Spataro, Sue McGoff, Jill Mitchell, Sara Mason, Ralph Medders, Danielle Lark, Matthew Gaudet, Archie Fortune, John Pitner, John Facey, Allen Parrigon

## Religious Ed K-12

All K-12 Religious Education classes began last Sunday. Grades K-5 will meet Sunday mornings 10:00 am - 10:45 am in the PLC classrooms, while grades 6-12 will meet 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm in the teen rooms. Please see Teri Hughes (K-5) or Troy Peco (6-12) for any questions. Teri also has registration forms and calendars for 2017-2018. We're looking forward to another great school year!

## Ladies Guild

Meeting this Tuesday, September 19th 7:00 PM

The AACCW 61st Annual Convention is next weekend September 22-24th at the Wyndham Conference Center in Peachtree City. Please keep Fr. Bill and the ladies attending the convention in your prayers.

## Ministry Meetings & Events

<b>Sunday, 9/17:</b>	<i>Religious Ed</i> classes <i>Prison:</i> 6:30 PM
<b>Monday, 9/18:</b>	<i>RCIA:</i> 7:00 PM
<b>Tuesday, 9/19:</b>	<i>Ladies Guild Meeting:</i> 7:00 PM
<b>Friday, 9/22:</b>	<i>Adoration:</i> 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
<b>Sunday, 9/24:</b>	<i>Religious Ed Classes</i> <i>Prison:</i> 6:30 PM

## Altar Guild

September 17th	Regina Richardson
September 24th	Jane McKinley
October 1st	Betsy DiMaiolo
October 8th	Celeste Hochrein
October 15th	Gloria Kelly
October 22nd	Shana Whiteford
October 29th	Regina Richardson

## Knights Breakfast and Fish Fries

- Thank you to all who came to the Knights breakfast last weekend which supported Coats for Kids. We raised \$56.00 after costs. Our next breakfast will be October 8th benefitting Stocking Full of Love for Catoosa, Walker and Dade Counties.

Please be sure to support the Knights by attending these events and sharing with others; they are open to the public. The Knights really work hard to make these events a success. It is easier than cooking, cheaper than eating at a restaurant and the results benefit many in need.

## Word Among Us Books

The September Word Among Us books are now available. They are located in the entry of the church please take your copy and leave a dollar in the jar to cover the cost of the magazine. They are available on a first come first serve basis so don't delay!

## St. Vincent DePaul

The SVDP food pantry is in need of specific items. If you are able please bring them and place them in the can in the PLC by the water fountain.

Cans of tuna, chicken, any soups, vegetables, beans, fruit, cans/jars spaghetti sauce, boxes of pasta (spaghetti, macaroni), Hamburger helper, bags of rice, Ramen Noodles, bags of dried beans, jars of peanut butter, cornbread mix, powdered milk. All non perishable.

The St. Gerard chapter of St. Vincent de Paul is looking for new members. We would love to welcome you into our group. The time investment is small but the reward for being God's hands in this part of His world is great.

If you are interested please call Donna Shipley at 423-718-6951 and leave a message.

## RCIA

If anyone is interested in becoming Catholic or knows anyone interested RCIA will be begin Monday, September 18th at 7:00 PM in the PLC. If you have any questions you may contact Fr. Bill at 706-861-9410.



Council meetings: Every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

If anyone is interested in joining the Knights of Columbus or wanting information please contact Grand Knight Bob Watson at 423-290-5112.

## Hurricane Harvey /Irma Disaster Relief

If you are interested in helping those in Houston affected by Hurricane Harvey The Archdiocese of Atlanta recommends donating to Catholic Charities USA. Electronic donations may be made and parish collections may be directed to <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/>. They and their member agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter and medical care, as well as to the long-term need to rebuild and recover after widespread destruction. They also assist the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops with pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church.

Catholic Charities USA can be contacted through their <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/>, by phone at 800-919-9338, or by mail:

## Public Rosary

100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Join the 2017 public square rosary on Saturday, October 14th from 12:00 Noon -2:00 PM on the sidewalk in front of St Gerard. Please bring a chair if needed. Any questions you may contact Anita Holcomb at 706-395-2131.

	Server Altar	Server Book	Server Cross	Lector 1	Lector 2	Extraordinary 1	Extraordinary 2	Extraordinary 3	Hospitality 1	Hospitality 2	Captain
Sep-17 Vigil Mass	23-	Samilo, John		Hays, Don	Simons, Libby		Kowaleski, Joe	Homans, Ron	Watson, Bob	Borge, Louis	Captain Bob
24-Sep Sunday 9:00	Peco, Troy	Peco, Anthony		Martinez, Martin	Brabner, Ernie	Kelly, Gloria	Rand, Teresa	Adams, Matthew	Perry, Meridith		Perry, Captain
24-Sep-17 Sunday 11:00	Britton, Mary	Mullican, Alex	Ring, Richard	Fuqua, Susan	Roueche, Jay	Tougaw, Elizabeth	Tougaw, Ellen	Tougaw, Ed	Redman, Kathy		
30-Sep-17 Vigil Mass	Samilo, John	Gaudet, Henry		Hotte, Judy	Klingler, Nancy	Ring, Richard	Homans, Ron	Klingler, Richard	Borge, Louis	Hays, Don	Hays, Captain