

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

**Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**November 5th, 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

10/22/17 Offertory Received

\$2,873.86

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

**Kitchen Fund**

\$ 500.00

**Church in Latin America**

\$ 211.00

10/29/17 Offertory Received

\$ 3,211.00

**Reserve**

\$ 589.00

## A Year With Mary : November Focus

**How can Catholics believe Mary was conceived without original sin?**

While St. Paul says in Romans 3:23 that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”, he is making a general statement about the condition of humanity after the fall. He does not intend to exclude exceptions to the “all” who have sinned, because Jesus never sinned nor did the good angels. In fact, the Catholic dogma of Mary’s Immaculate Conception developed precisely because Mary is the mother of Jesus, who “in every respect as been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15).

*Novena* in Honor of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. November 21st.

**The traveling Mary** will be with Shana & Gary Whiteford this week 11/5-11/12

11/12-11/19: Frances Spataro

## Knights Breakfast



Next Sunday November 12th the Knights will be having their monthly pancake breakfast. Pancakes, made to order eggs and omelets, farm fresh sausage, bacon, grits, home fries, coffee, and juice. Please come out and support the Knights and this month's charity which is the **Lookout Mountain Community Services Christmas Party**. This is a Christmas party that the Knights host every year for the mentally disabled of NW Ga. It is truly a wonderful experience for them and one they look forward to every year. Please support this great cause. This is open to the public so please tell/invite your friends!

## Woman In Prayer

The Women in Prayer will meet Saturday morning November 11 at 9 am at the home of Irene Staub, 403 Cove Road in Chickamauga (next to Gordon Lee High School.) Breakfast will be provided. We will be discussing reorganizing the Women in Prayer ministry. All ladies of the Parish are welcome. Please let Irene know if you plan on attending the meeting. Text at 423-902-6630, email at istaub1014@aol.com, or call at home 706-375-4934.

## The Way For Women

The Way for Women is a 3-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program December 8-10 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, Ga. Registration deadline is December 4th. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or sstubbs@archatl.com for more information.

## Welcome Fr. John

Please welcome Fr. John who is here to help during Fr. Bill's absence.

Fr. John was born in Vietnam. He was ordained July 1st, 2006 at Our Lady of Vietnam in Atlanta by Bishop Wilton Gregory.

Fr. John performed 13 years of missionary work in Peru.

Fr. John is fluent in Irish English, Salamanca Spanish, Italian and Vietnamese. Please thank him and welcome him as he helps us during this time.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, 11/4:	5:30 PM	All Souls Novena
Sunday, 11/5:	9:00 AM	Prayer for Parishioners
	11:00 AM	All Souls Novena
Monday, 11/6:	9:00 AM	All Souls Novena
Tuesday, 11/7:	9:00 AM	All Souls Novena
Wednesday, 11/8:	6:00 PM	All Souls Novena
Thursday, 11/9:	9:00 AM	All Souls Novena
Saturday, 11/11:	5:30 PM	All Souls Novena
Sunday, 11/12:	9:00 PM	Russell & Louise Draper+
	11:00 AM	All Souls Novena

## Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Please keep in your personal prayers the following members of our parish who are in need of healing, 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, John Pitner, Allen Parrigon

## Adoration

Adoration is a time to receive God's grace while we are giving Him our praise and worship. Jesus said, "*Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest.*" During this time, all the stress related to our daily activities is released. Further, by His grace, we leave better prepared to cope with these daily activities. We have received His peace.

Please be sure extended 1st and 3rd month. There needing to be are needed for



to sign up for adoration on the Friday of each are many slots still filled. Two people each time slot.

## Ministry Meetings & Events

Sunday, 11/5:	Religious Ed
	Prison Ministry: 6:30 PM
Monday, 11/6:	RCIA
Tuesday, 11/7:	Ladies Guild 7:00 PM
Wednesday, 11/8:	Memorial Hospital Ministry 10:00 AM
	Knights All Souls Mass 6:00 PM
	Knights Council meeting 7 PM
	Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM
Thursday, 11/9:	Prison Ministry
Friday, 11/10:	Adoration 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Saturday, 11/11:	Woman In Prayer Staub House
Sunday, 11/12:	Religious Ed
	Knights Breakfast 9:00 AM- 12:00PM
	Prison Ministry: 6:30 PM

## Ladies Guild

Our next meeting November 7th at 7:00 PM.

We will be putting together the holiday food boxes.

## Senior Ministry

Our outing for the month of November is November 16th at 11:30 AM at Park Place for a Thanksgiving lunch. RSVP Mary Ann 706-694-2800 or Gloria 706-861-1194. Our next meeting will be at 12 Noon December 6th in the PLC. Bring your brown-bag lunch. All parish seniors 55 or better are welcome. Our speaker will be Dr. David Denman.

The Senior Ministry and Fr. John honor the Sacrament of Marriage every three months. Couples married October, November or December may have their marriage blessed after the 9 AM mass on December 10th. Deadline for sign-up is no later than after the 9 AM mass on December 3rd.

The senior ministry will begin selling raffle tickets for their beautiful Christmas baskets, toys and quilts. They will be selling tickets before and after weekend masses.



## Word Among Us Books

The November Word Among Us books are now available. They are located in the entry of the church in a box 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 de-

## 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

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



## Georgia Bulletin

If you have been receiving or would like to receive the Georgia Bulletin the envelopes are on the table in the entry of the church. For those who may not be aware, the Georgia Bulletin is a monthly newspaper put out by the Archdiocese of Atlanta. There are various articles and other highlights of topics for the whole Archdiocese of Atlanta. The yearly cost is \$14.00. You may put the money in the envelope and place it in the offertory or drop it off at the office.



- There will be an All Souls Mass for all deceased members of the Knights 7416 Council on Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00 PM. All Knights are encouraged to attend and remember their Brother Knights.
- Knights Breakfast next Sunday, November 12th preparation starts at 7:30 AM. We NEED more Knights to come and help! Cleanup begins after 12:00 if you can not make it any earlier. There are several hours of help needed!
- The Knights will be cleaning the church for the month of November. They are meeting Thursdays after morning mass. (9:30 AM) The more help that shows the quicker it will go!

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

## Catholic Charities Bake Sale



Catholic Charities 28th Annual Sale Next Weekend-Remember to bring your baked goods and checkbook next weekend for the Catholic Charities 28th Annual Bake Sale benefiting programs in the greater Chattanooga area. Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause.

## Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is hosting an all new event, the 360° of Hope Luncheon, to be held on Friday, November 17, at 11:30 a.m. at the new Westin Chattanooga! This luncheon seeks to share the mission, purpose and impact of Catholic Charities of East Tennessee in our community. The special guest speaker will be Jim Haslam, founder of Pilot Corporation. Mr. Haslam will share his vision of the power of business to make a difference in the world. Proceeds from this event support the Chattanooga programs of Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. For more information and to make your reservation, contact Betty Anne at 423.826.0668 or [bettyanne@cctn.org](mailto:bettyanne@cctn.org).