

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

**Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**July 16th 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 & 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

### 7/9/17 Offertory Received

\$3,860.00

### Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

### Capital Campaign

\$ 239.00

### Archdiocese Military

\$ 242.00

### Building Maintenance

\$ 669.00

## A Note from Fr. Bill

Dear People of God

I reflect on Pope Francis' homily on the feast of the Sacred Heart. He says:

Jesus invites us all to turn to the heart, the deepest root and foundation of every person, the focus of our affective life.

The Heart of the Good Shepherd is not only the Heart that shows us mercy. There the Father's love shines forth; there I know I am welcomed and understood as I am; there, with all my sins and limitations, I know the certainty that I am chosen and loved. Contemplating that heart, I renew my first love: the memory of that time when the Lord touched my soul and called me to follow him.

The Heart of the Good Shepherd tells us that his love is limitless; it is never exhausted and it never gives up. There we see his infinite and boundless self-giving; there we find the source of that faithful and meek love which sets us free and makes others free; there we constantly discover anew that Jesus loves us to the end, without ever being imposing.

The Heart of the Good Shepherd reaches out to us.

Where is my heart directed? What is my heart set on? Where is it directed? What is the treasure that it seeks? It is a heart rooted firmly in the Lord, warmed by the Holy Spirit, open and available to our brothers and sisters.

This is our call to have hearts that conform to the Heart of Christ. Amen.

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 7/3/17 We have exceeded our pledge goal! We have \$19,828.00 in pledges! A surplus of \$1,628.00 will be returned to us once all pledges are paid. \$13,208.82 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](http://www.appeal.archatl.com) to see Archbishop Gregory's video or to donate.

## Ordination of Bishop Elect Ned

Bishop Elect Bernard E. "Ned" Shlesinger II will be Ordained as Auxillary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta Wednesday July 19th.

Tuesday July 18th at 7:00 pm Solemn Vespers will be at The Cathedral of Christ the King.

The mass of Ordination will take place on Wednesday, July 19th at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of Christ the King 2699 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta Ga 30305. Ticket information will be available soon.

You may also watch this joyful celebration live at [www.livestream.com/ctk](http://www.livestream.com/ctk)

## Mass Intentions

Sunday, 7/16: 9:00 AM Paula Guitierrez+  
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, BJ Hoette, Judi Fraley, Gerald Hoffman, Frances Spataro, Sue McGoff, Jill Mitchell, Sara Mason, Ralph Medders, Danielle Lark, Matthew Gaudet,

## Thank You

Catholic Charities' Pregnancy Help Center would like to thank the parishioners who participated in the Lenten baby bottle drive. This year we collected \$1,807.24 which was an increase from last year by \$300! The contributions enable us to continue our ministry of service to the most vulnerable and scared of our city by providing them with birthing options, much needed pregnancy and parenting information, as well as their basic baby needs.

## Attention Young People

To better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of young people ages 16-29, the Vatican has released an online questionnaire in preparation for the 2018 Synod of Bishops on "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment."

Young people from around world are encouraged to take part in this unprecedented opportunity. The questionnaire—available in English, Spanish, French and Italian—is open to any young person, regardless of faith or religious belief, and can be found on the synod's official site: [youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html](http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html).

## RCIA

If anyone is interested in becoming Catholic or knows anyone interested RCIA will be beginning in September after Labor Day. More information will follow soon.

## Ministry Meetings & Events

Sunday, 7/16: *Prison Ministry: 6:30 PM*  
Friday, 7/20: *Adoration: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM*  
Sunday, 7/23: *Prison Ministry: 6:30 PM*

## Altar Guild

July 16th	Celeste Hochrein
July 23rd	Regina Richardson
July 30th	Jane McKinley
August 6th	Betsy DiMaiolo
August 13th	Shana Whiteford
August 20th	Gloria Kelly
August 27th	Celeste Hochrein

## Ladies Guild

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 15th at 7PM in the PLC. All women of the parish are invited.

The AACCW 61st Annual Convention is September 21&22nd at the Wyndham Conference Center in Peachtree City. There will be a group of us going if anyone is interested please contact Ellen at 706-858-3887. There are good speakers and a good balance of spirituality and fun fellowship.

## Attention All Ministry Heads

We will be scheduling our annual parish calendar meeting soon. We need ALL ministries to make a calendar with dates they would like the parish to know about. All meetings, functions, fundraisers etc will be discussed and included in this meeting / calendar. Thank you in advance!

## Senior Ministry

The next Senior's meeting will be at 12 noon on September 6th at the Martin Davis House in Walker County. Bring your brown bag lunch. All parish seniors 55 or better are welcome.

The Seniors Ministry and Fr Bill honor the Sacrament of Marriage each quarter. Couples married in July, August and September may have their marriage blessed after the 9am mass on September 24th. Deadline for sign-up is not later than after the 9 AM mass 17th.

## St. Vincent DePaul

St Gerard chapter of St. Vincent de Paul Society appreciates the generous donations from our parishioners. Our goal is to be good stewards of your money as we listen to the stories of many who are in

We are always looking for more volunteers to join our society. God Bless You

## Human Trafficking

World Day against Trafficking in Persons is July 30th. There are global maps that show the epidemic of human trafficking and report the existence of slavery in countries. Join U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking by visiting <http://www.sistersagainsttrafficking.org/>.

## Ministry Schedule

<b>22-Jul-17 Vigil Mass</b>	Samilo, John	Samilo, John		Hotte, Judy	Stinnet, Paula	Simons, Libby	Kowaleski, Joe	Hotte, BJ	Hays, Don	Borge, Louis	
<b>23-Jul-17 9:00am Sunday</b>	Peco, Anthony	Peco, Troy		Swope, Linda	Hamby, Bonnie	Adams, Matthew	Staub, Jim	Rand, Teresa	Martinez, Martin	Kelly, Gloria	
<b>23-Jul-17 11:00am</b>	Pitner, John	Britton, Mary	Ring, Richard	Fisher, Joy	Sheri Fava	Tougaw, Elizabeth	Ellen Tougaw	Tougaw, Ed	Fisher, Scott		



Congratulations to the 2017-2018 Knights Council 7416  
Officers:

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**1st Trustee-** George Ingle

**2nd Trustee-** Mark Swope

**3rd Trustee-** Larry Cooper

**Appointed Officers:**

**Financial Secretary-** Ben Cabeen

**Chaplain-** Fr. Bill Williams

**Lector-** Dale Osterling

## Birthday Celebration



The Ladies Guild and the Knights would like to honor Fr. Bill's birthday with a catered BBQ at the Parish Life Center. This dinner will be Monday, July 24 @ 6:00pm. Please mark your calendars to help us celebrate Fr. Bill's special day.