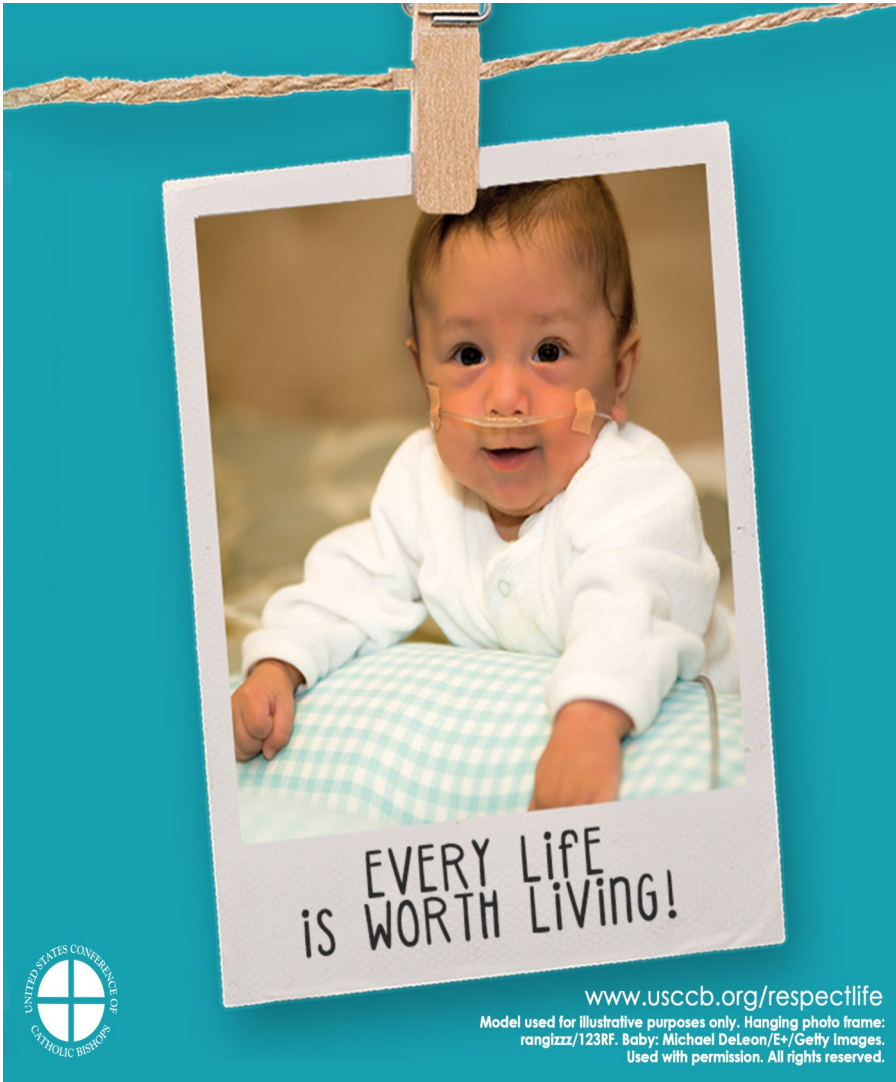


THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 22nd, 2017



*Lord and giver of all life, help us to value each person, created in love by you.*

*In your mercy, guide and assist our efforts to promote the dignity and value of all human life, born and unborn. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	9:00 AM
Wednesday	6:00 PM
Thursday Communion Service	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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## Weekly Offerings

10/15/17 Offertory Received

\$3,538.00

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

**St. Vincent DePaul**

\$ 1,095.00

## A Note from Fr. Bill

Dear People of God

The month of October is the month of the rosary. It is also designated as Pro Life month as you have seen by the cover of the bulletin the past weeks. The Knights of Columbus sponsor Pro Life and will have an insert for the bulletin in November because it had to be ordered. Keep your prayers for the unborn going. The rosary can be said for this intention.

We have been reminded that Catholic Relief Services are still taking donations for the many disasters that have taken place in the past months. The checks can be sent to them directly at <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/>, by phone at 800-919-9338, or by mail:

### Catholic Charities USA

P.O. Box 17066

Baltimore, MD 21297-1066

This is the first born American Martyr of the Church who is worth learning about. Because of the length of the article it will be in two parts. There are prayer cards available in the entrance of the church for you to take home and pray intersessions to.

Blessed Stanley Rother's Story:

On May 25, 1963, Stanley Rother, a farmer from Okarche, Oklahoma, was ordained for his then home diocese of Oklahoma City/Tulsa. Having flunked out of the area seminary due to his difficulty with Latin, Fr. Rother finally accepted an invitation to attend Mount St. Mary Seminary in Maryland, where he finished his studies and was approved for ordination. After serving in his local diocese for five years, Fr. Rother joined five priests, three religious sisters, and three laypersons to staff a Guatemalan mission in Santiago Atitlán serving the Tz'utujil people. The Oklahoma diocese heard the call of Pope John XXIII to send missionaries to foreign lands, especially Central America. These twelve individuals felt the call, and with their bishop's approval, left the comforts of the United States to live and work in Guatemala.

## 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 10/3/17 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. \$16,126.46 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 : October Focus

*Why do Catholics pray to Mary in addition to appealing directly to God?*

Mary is intimately united to her divine son, and she is "our mother in the order of grace" (Lumen Gentium, No. 61). By praying to Mary, Catholics are asking her to intercede on their behalf to Christ in Heaven. As St. Louis de Montfort teaches in "True Devotion to Mary," Mary is "the safest, easiest, shortest and most perfect way of approaching Jesus."

Novena: to the Virgin Mary, Undoer of Knots

**The traveling Mary** will be with Celeste Hochrein this week 10/22-10/29

10/29-11/5: Stephanie and Joe Kowalewski

## Woman In Prayer

The next WIP meeting will be November 11th at 9:00 AM at Irene Staubs house in Chickamauga.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, 10/21:</b>	5:30 PM	Lucille Hughes+
<b>Sunday, 10/22:</b>	9:00 AM	David Perry+
	11:00 AM	Prayer for Parishioners
<b>Monday, 10/23:</b>	9:00 AM	Thanks for prayers answered by St. Jude
<b>Tuesday, 10/24:</b>	9:00 AM	Thanks for prayers answered by St. Jude
<b>Wednesday, 10/25:</b>	6:00 PM	Thanks for prayers answered by St. Jude
<b>Saturday, 10/28:</b>	5:30 PM	Archie Fortune
<b>Sunday, 10/29:</b>	9:00 AM	Katherine & Robert Petroski+
	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, 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

## World Mission Sunday



**Today is World Mission Sunday-** a day that leads us to the heart of our Christian faith- leads us to mission! Your generosity on World Mission Sunday supports the work of priests, religious and lay leaders in the Missions who share our faith with those most in need.

This year we can even “chat” with our chief missionary, Pope Francis, and learn more about his missions and missionaries. Learn more at [ChatWithThePope.org](http://ChatWithThePope.org).

## Ministry Meetings & Events

<b>Sunday, 10/22:</b>	<i>Religious Ed</i> K-5 only <i>Potluck Feast</i> of St Gerard
<b>Monday, 10/23:</b>	RCIA: 7:00 PM
<b>Wednesday, 10/25:</b>	<i>Knights Officers</i> meeting 6:30PM
<b>Thursday, 10/26:</b>	<i>Prison</i> 6:30 PM
<b>Friday, 10/27:</b>	<i>Adoration:</i> 9 AM- 1PM
<b>Saturday, 10/28:</b>	<i>Knights Rosary:</i> 5:00 PM <i>Trunk R Treat:</i> 6:30 PM
<b>Sunday, 10/29:</b>	<i>Religious Ed</i> K-12 <i>Prison Ministry:</i> 6:30 PM

## Altar Guild

October 22nd	Shana Whiteford
October 29th	Regina Richardson

## Senior Ministry

Due to Wed. Being All Saints Day, The next Senior ministry meeting will be on Thursday, Nov. 2nd at noon. Our Guests will be the LFO ROTC. We will be having hot dogs and chili for lunch. All Veterans are especially welcome.

## Ladies Guild

Collections are still being taken for the Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. There are paper bags with suggested items needed still available. We will be putting together the boxes at our next meeting. November 7th.

Ladies Guild will also assist in the Pot luck on Oct 22 and Trunk R Treat October 28th

## Adult Bible Study

The bible study based on Psalms is Wednesday nights at 7:00PM in the PLC.

For more information contact Sheri Fava at: 423-443-6596

## Word Among Us Books

The October 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.

## Feast of St. Gerard

- We will also have a Feast of St. Gerard Potluck **this Sunday, October 22nd** after the 11 AM mass. The meats will be provided.
- Ashraf and Samia Saed a catholic couple from the Holy Land will be visiting our parish next weekend to market olive wood hand carved religious articles made by the Christian artisans in the Holy Land.

Nativity scenes, Crucifixes, figures, rosaries, etc... which are unique and not usually found in religious stores. These crafts make wonderful presents for all occasions especially for Christmas. Their price range is from \$10.00 to \$1500.00. Checks and credit card are welcome.



*Officers Meeting:* Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30 PM

*Attention Knights:* We are in need of more Knights to show up to help during the breakfasts and fish fries. Several are there from start to finish it would be helpful to have more people there to make it easier. Especially cleanup. We also need help for Trunk R Treat

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

## Trunk R Treat



This year Trunk R Treat will be on **Saturday**, October 28th at 6:30 PM. After the 5:30 mass

We asking people to sign up if you will be at your car handing out "treats". If you attend 5:30 mass please consider staying and handing out candy to the children.

We are also needing: cheese for nachos, tortilla chips, chili, juice, wrapped candy, apples, caramel and plenty of volunteers to help!

## All Souls Novena

In honor of all Souls Day we will be having a All Souls Novena. The novena will begin Saturday, November 4th and continue for 7 days. Envelopes are located in the entry of the church. Simply write the deceased names on the envelope with donation (stipend) enclosed and the envelopes will be placed on the altar and prayed for that week and the month of November.

## 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.