

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

Twenty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 10, 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

9/3/17 Offertory Received

\$5513.00

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

Capital Campaign

\$ 744.00

A Note from Fr. Bill

Dear People of God

This weekend we recognize all teachers and students as the Religious Education program begins.

Pope Paul VI once said, "What our Church needs most today is men and women who are willing to touch the heart and not just the head." we need to be more like witnesses than teachers. We need people who will not only catechize, but evangelize our Church's youth. The following blessing for catechists is meant to inspire you and all volunteer catechists and teachers to become Christ's witnesses. It is based on the principles in the book to heal, to proclaim and to teach which is inspired by the threefold ministry of Jesus Christ. This is something that we should pray for so that the church will flourish in all areas of faith development.

I think of our current Pope Francis who said the Lord continues to build His Church in our present day. "Even with us today," he said, "Christ desires to build His Church. This houses solid foundations, which nevertheless does not want for cracks, and which always needs to be reformed, repaired. As in the time of St. Francis of Assisi he likened people who have received the Gospel, and those for whom the Gospel is intended. To the little stones that often cause us the most trouble when we feel them underfoot, or that appear ill-suited to use in the edification of grand structures, saying that no one is without some part to play, some role to fill as building material. Rather, in the hands of Jesus the littlest stone becomes precious, because he picks it up, looks at it with tenderness, works it with his Spirit and puts it in the right place, where He had ever a mind to put it, and where it can be most useful to the whole building. I have come to understand that we must live in the heart of Jesus rather than in our heads.

We are progressing to the end of the churches year and how we grow in the future is dependent on us working at being people of the heart. Here is a prayer for spiritual growth.

Heavenly Father, You have called us to grow in grace, to increase our understanding of Jesus and to develop a close and intimate relationship with You. Lord, this is what I desire to do, and I pray I may come to know You more and more each day. I pray that I may learn to walk in spirit and truth so that I may mature in my Christian faith. 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 8/10/17 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. \$15,517.64 has been received in paid pledges You can also visit 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

September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

September 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 9/9:	5:30 PM	Lucille Hughes+
Sunday, 9/10:	9:00 AM	Skip Sciacca+
	11:00 AM	Prayer for Parishioners
Monday, 9/11:	9:00 AM	Bob Sutton+
Tuesday, 9/12:	9:00 AM	Senior Mass Intentions
Wednesday, 9/13:	6:00 PM	William Watson+
Saturday, 9/16:	5:30 PM	Sally Wichmann+
Sunday, 9/17:	9:00 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 begin on Sunday, September 10. 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 September 19th 7:00 PM

The AACCW 61st Annual Convention is September 22-24th 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.

Ministry Meetings & Events

Sunday, 9/10:	<i>Knights Breakfast:</i> after masses <i>Religious Ed</i> classes <i>Prison:</i> 6:30 PM
Monday, 9/11:	<i>RCIA</i> 7:00 PM
Tuesday, 9/12:	<i>Finance Council</i> 7:00 PM
Wednesday, 9/13:	<i>Memorial Hospital Ministry</i> 10:00 AM (note new time) <i>Knights Council:</i> 7:00 PM
Thursday, 9/14:	<i>Prison Ministry:</i> 6:30 PM
Friday, 9/15:	<i>Adoration:</i> 9:00AM- 1:00 PM <i>Fish Fry:</i> 4:30 PM- 7:00 PM
Sunday, 9/17:	<i>Religious Ed</i> classes <i>Prison:</i> 6:30 PM

Altar Guild

September 10th	Gloria Kelly
September 17th	Regina Richardson
September 24th	Jane McKinley

Knights Breakfast and Fish Fries

- The Knights will begin their monthly breakfast starting Sunday, September 10th after Sunday masses. Come enjoy pancakes, eggs/omelets to order, grits, sausage, toast, juice and coffee. *This benefits Coats for Kids*
- Knights will have their first Fall Fish Fry, Friday, September 15th beginning at 4:30 PM until 7:00 PM. *This Fish Fry benefits the various church expenses and picnics the Knights help with.*

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.

Senior Ministry

The Seniors Ministry and Fr Bill honor the Sacrament of Marriage each quarter. Couples married in August and September may have their marriage blessed after the 9am mass on September 17th. Deadline for sign-up is not later than after the 9 AM mass September 10th.

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 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 11th at 7:00 PM in the PLC. If you have any questions you may contact Fr. Bill at 706-861-9410.



Breakfast: September 10th

Council Meeting, Wednesday, September 13th 7:00PM

Fish Fry: September 15th

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 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:

Ministry Schedule

This schedule is an updated schedule needed to be changed. Sorry for any confusion. If you took the September schedule last weekend please disregard and grab a new one this weekend. Thank you for your understanding.

	Server Altar	Server Book	Server Cross	Lector 1	Lector 2	Extraordinary 1	Extraordinary 2	Extraordinary 3	Hospitality 1	Hospitality 2	Captain
16-Sep-5:30p	Samilo, John	Gaudet, Henry		Hotte, Judy	Kowaleski, Joe	Homans, Ron	Simons, Libby		Borges, Louis	Hays, Don	
17-Sep-9:00am	Adams, Matthew	Ring, Richard		Martinez, Martin	Staub, Jim	Rand, Teresa	Kelly, Gloria	Phelps, Kris	Perry, Meridith		Perry, Captain
17-Sep-11:00	Adams, Alyssa	Erdman, John	Mullican, Alex	Fava, Sheri	Tougaw, Ed	Hutterer, John	Tougaw, Ellen	Tougaw, Elizabeth			