

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, May 7th 2017**



*O Jesus, who hast loved us with such exceeding great love as to give us the ineffable gift of the Holy Eucharist, inflame us with a burning zeal to promote Thy glory by preparing worthily the little children who are to approach Thy holy table for the first time. Protect, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, these young souls from the assaults of evil, strengthen their faith, increase their love and endow them with all the virtues that will make them worthy to receive Thee.  
Amen.*

**Congratulations to our First Communicants!**

Logan Heimer, Kaylee Lopez, Liliana Roloff, Madison Roloff, Elena Sulaiman, and Eli White.

Please congratulate and pray for them as they make their First Holy Communion this weekend at the 11:00am Mass.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

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| Monday    | 9:00 AM             |
| Tuesday   | 9:00 AM             |
| Wednesday | 6:00 PM             |
| Thursday  | 9:00 AM             |
| Saturday  | 5:30 PM             |
| Sunday    | 9:00 AM<br>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-Thursday 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Friday Parish Office Closed

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## Weekly Offerings

### 4/30/17 Offertory Received

\$ 3,665.00

### Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

### Catholic Home Missions

\$173.00

### Reserve/D&L

\$587.00

## A Note from Fr. Bill

Dear People of God

I have been thinking about who we are and what we value as a people of God. Think about this... God values us and is ever present to us. Do we value him? Are we ever present to him in our lives? What we value is who we are. The world calls us to value things and the problem with that is that we lose sight of people in our lives. We cannot possess people; we must see people as a gift. Just as a husband and wife value their children and see them as gifts from God.

Speaking of gifts, we have new communicants in our church. We need to continue to teach them by example to value the Eucharist and God in our lives by being witnesses of what we do and say.

Last week I spoke of Pope Francis beginning the year of Mary with the one hundredth anniversary of Fatima. One of the things he is doing is to canonize the two shepherd children who were the visionaries who saw Mary. They are unlikely saints because neither of the children were catholic. They desired to become but died before they were received into the Church. Francisco and Jacinta will be the youngest to be declared saints.

In the month of May we are called to pray the rosary. Pope Francis says: it does not remove us from the problems of life. On the contrary, it demands that we immerse ourselves in the history of each day, so as to grasp the signs of Christ's presence in our midst. Whenever we contemplate an event, a mystery of the life of Christ, we are asked to reflect on how God comes into our own lives, so as to be able to welcome him and follow him. In this way, we discover how we can follow Christ by serving our brothers and sisters. By accepting and making our own certain outstanding events in the life of Jesus, we share in his work of evangelization, so that God's Kingdom can increase and spread in the world. We are disciples, but also missionaries, bringing Christ wherever he asks us to be present. So we cannot keep the gift of his presence within us. On the contrary, we are called to share with everyone his love, his tenderness, his goodness and his mercy. It is the joy of sharing that stops at nothing, for it brings a message of freedom and salvation. 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 4/26/17 We have received \$17,878.00 in pledges. Only 987% of our mandated goal. Please give prayerful consideration to your level of support to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by the Appeal. There are envelopes in the entry of the church. You can also visit [www.appeal.archatl.com](http://www.appeal.archatl.com) to see Archbishop Gregory's video or to donate. As always thank you for your generous support of the 2017 Annual Appeal.

## Mothers Novena

We will be having a Mother's Novena for all living and deceased mothers. The Novena will start Sunday, May 14th at the 11 am mass and continue for 9 days until Tuesday May 23rd. The cards will remain on the altar for the entire month of May.

Cards are in the entry of the church. Write your intentions of the outer envelope and place the mass donation in the outer envelope and place it in the collection basket. The inner card is yours to give as you choose.

## Mass Intentions

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| Saturday 5/6 5:30 PM   | William & Rita Williams+                   |
| Sunday 5/7 9:00 AM     | Anton Luan Van Hoang+<br>& Patricia Blair+ |
| 11:00 AM               | Prayers for Parishioners                   |
| Monday 5/8 9:00 AM     | Gypsy & John Stephens+                     |
| Tuesday 5/9 9:00 AM    | Ursula & Sam Alvarez+                      |
| Wednesday 5/10 6:00 PM | Corrine Swanson+                           |
| Thursday 5/11 9:00 AM  | Paula Gutierrez+                           |
| Saturday 5/13 5:30 PM  | Henrietta Flowers+                         |
| Sunday 14 9:00 AM      | Prayer for Parishioners                    |
| 11:00 AM               | Mothers Novena                             |

## 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, John Samilo,

## Extended Adoration

**\*\*\*Important\*\*\*** We have extended adoration the first and third Fridays of every month from 9:00 AM-9:00 PM. If you have signed or an allotted time **please remember to fulfill your obligation or find someone to take your place.** There have been people who have signed up and never showed up which means the person before you has to stay until someone shows up! Also a few afternoon time slots that only have one person signed up. There must be 2 people in the presence **at all times. Under no circumstances is there to be no one in the presence.** If you need to know what time you signed up for you may call the office. If you didn't sign up you are encouraged to spend as much or little time as you can!

## Ministry Meetings & Events

Saturday, 5/6: *First Communion Retreat:* 9AM-11AM  
Sunday, 5/7: *First Communion:* 11AM mass  
*Prison Ministry:* 6:30 PM  
Wednesday, 5/10: *Memorial Hospital:* 9:30 AM  
*Knights Council:* 7:00 PM  
Thursday, 5/11: *Prison Ministry:* 6:30 PM  
Friday, 5/12: *Adoration:* 9:00 AM-1:00 PM  
Saturday, 5/13: *WIP*  
Sunday, 5/14: *Mothers Day*  
*Prison Ministry:* 6:30 PM

## Altar Guild

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| May 7th  | Irene Staub      |
| May 14th | Shana Whiteford  |
| May 21st | Gloria Kelly     |
| May 28th | Celeste Hochrein |

## 2017 Eucharistic Congress

***“As for me and my house we will serve the Lord”***

Each year, the Eucharistic Congress bring together Catholics from across the Archdiocese and the country to celebrate the visible, living presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This years Eucharistic Congress is June 16th & 17th at the Georgia International Convention Center. This event is for all ages with several “tracks” by age: children 5-10, middle school, and high school. Tracks for English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and sign language. Fun for all al we gather, share, pray and unite in faith!

For more information and to register call 404-920-6800 or visit [www.congress.archatl.com](http://www.congress.archatl.com), **#ATLEC2017**

## Pentecost Picnic

Mark your calendars now! We will be having our annual Pentecost Picnic on Sunday, June 4th after the 11AM mass. More details will follow as the time draws nearer.

## Living Rosary

On Wednesday, May 17th after the 6:00PM mass there will be a living rosary in the front lawn hosted by the Knights. All are welcome.

## Senior Ministry

The next meeting will be at 12 Noon, June 7th in the PLC. Bring your brown-bag lunch. All parish seniors 55 or better are welcome. Our speaker will be Jan Clark from The Greater Good Thrift Store on Rossville Blvd.

Reminder Seniors are scheduled to clean the church for the month of May. Please contact Maryanne for time and day 706-694-2800. Remember “many hands make light work” !

The Seniors Ministry and Fr Bill honor the Sacrament of Marriage each quarter. Couples married in April, May, or June may have their marriage blessed after the 9am mass on June 25th. Deadline for sign-up is not later than after the 9 AM mass June 18th.



- Living rosary May 17th after the 6:00PM mass
- For more information on the Knights or becoming a Knight contact Tony DiMaiolo Grand Knight at 423-402-1102 or adimaiolo@yahoo.com

## Thank You

Thank you to the Ho family for cleaning the church during the month of April. God appreciates your hard work and dedication to his church.

Cleaners for the Month of May are the Seniors.

## 2017 50th & 60th Wedding Anniversaries

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory would like to honor couples married in 1967 and 1957 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday October 7, 2017, at 12:00 noon at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. A reception will follow the Mass for the anniversary couples and their families.

Space is limited. For more information or to RSVP for this event, please visit <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass>.

## Ministry Schedule

|  | Serv-er Alt-tar | Serv-er Book  | Serv-er Cross | Lec-tor 1         | Lec-tor 2       | Extraor-dinary 1  | Extraor-dinary 2  | Extraor-dinary 3 | Hospi-tality 1 | Hospi-tality 2 | Captain |
|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| <b>13-May-17<br/>Vigil<br/>Mass</b>            | Samilo, John    | Ring, Richard |               | Whiteford, Shaina | Connell, Lorrie | Simons, Libby     | DiMaiolo, Anthony | Homans, Ron      | Borge, Louis   | Hays, Don      |         |
| <b>14-May-17<br/>Sunday<br/>Mass<br/>9:00</b>  | Peco, Troy      | Peco, Alex    |               | Martinez, Martin  | Swope, Linda    | Rand, Teresa      | Adams, Matthew    | Staub, Jim       | Kelly, Gloria  |                |         |
| <b>14-May-17<br/>Sunday<br/>Mass<br/>11:00</b> | Pitner, John    | Erdman, John  | Adams, Alyssa | Tougaw, Ellen     | Roueche, Jay    | Tougaw, Elizabeth | Erdman, Leslie    | Tougaw, Ed       |                |                |         |