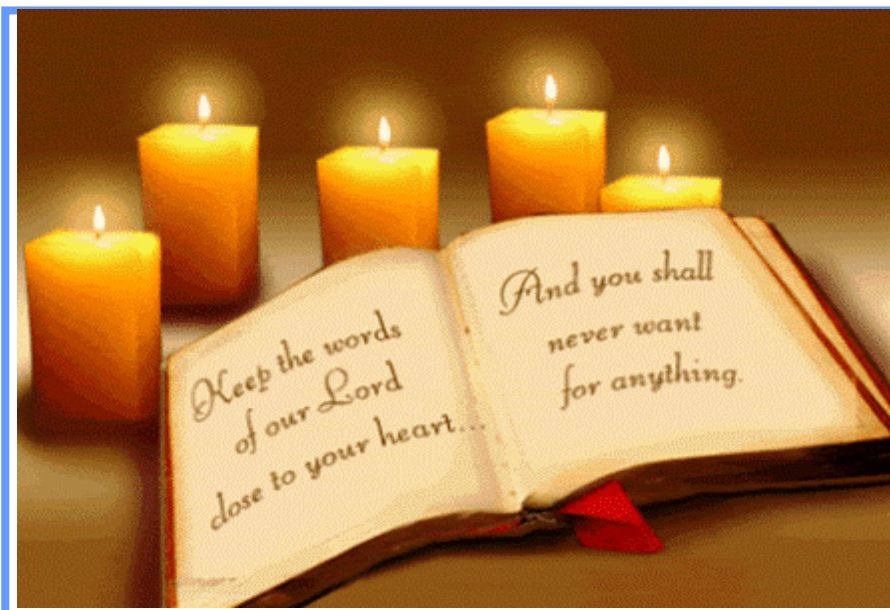
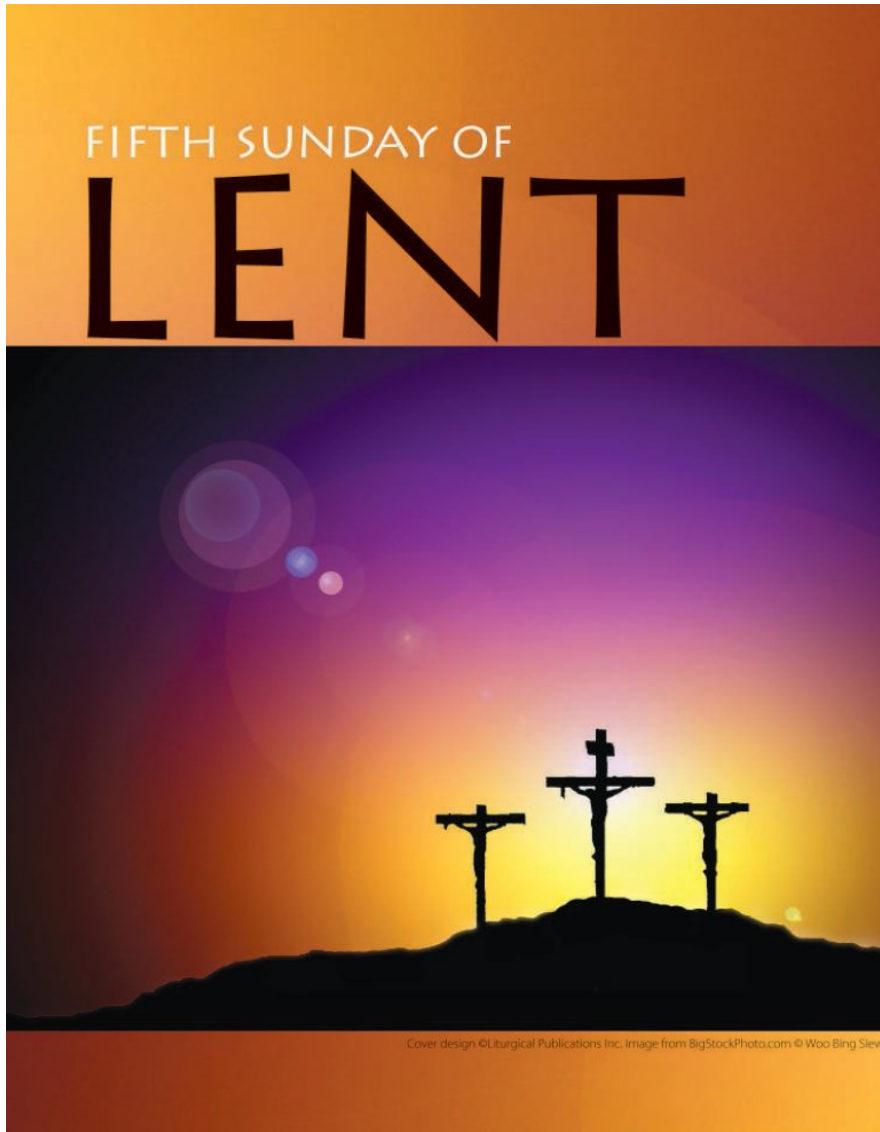


THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**March 18, 2018**



**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**

Thursday by noon

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30am—3:30pm

Administrator/Pastor:

Msgr. Stephen T. Churchwell, JCD

Email: [schurchwell@archatl.com](mailto:schurchwell@archatl.com)

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Temporary/Volunteer

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**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Open

**WEBSITE:** [www.saintgerardmajella.net](http://www.saintgerardmajella.net)

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## Weekly Offerings

### 3/10-3/11 Offertory Received

\$2514.00

### Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

### B&M Fund

\$561.00



## Focus on Lent

In fact, the word “Lent” comes from an Old English word that means “spring season.” Many of us do a spring cleaning of our homes, think of Lent as a spring cleaning for our souls. Lent can be for everyone. It is, quite simply, a time to focus on how we can be better followers of Jesus.

No one should give up something for Lent for the sake of misery itself. Misery is not God’s desire! Instead, we might give things up that take us away from Jesus to make more room for those things that bring us closer to Jesus.

Lately, it has become more common to take things on for the season of Lent. People might decide to read the Bible or pray more. But we might also decide to focus on something like forgiveness. How can we practice forgiving others? Who do we need to forgive?

## Pianist/Organist Needed

We are in need of someone to play the organ/piano at the masses. We are also looking for someone who may be interested in becoming our **Music Director**. If you are or know someone that is interested please contact the office.

## Pray for Our Sick Parishioners

Please keep in your personal prayers the following members of our parish who are in need of healing, Virginia Black, Carol Bonito, Martha Bourne, Candance Carne, Cynthia Devine, Janice Fortune, Matthew Gaudet, Jean Hawkins, Gerald Hoffman, Pamela Kantor, Sara Mason, Nora McKensie, Linda Meeks, Ralph Medders, Jane Mercier, Jane Osterling, John Pitner, Landon Ryan, Kathy Samilo, Frances Spataro, Dolores Sutton, Jeremiah Word, Paul Worland.

## Mass Intentions

**Sat., 3/17** 5:30 PM Prayer for  
**Juan Gutierrez+**

**Sun., 3/18** 9:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners  
11:00 AM Prayer for  
**Jill Mitchell+**

## TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online:

**PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER TV MASS**

WATC channel 57 at 9:00 a.m.

## ONLINE VIDEO

[www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org)

**Sunday :** Religious Ed Classes

*Prison Ministry: 6:30*

**Monday:** RCIA Classes 7:00 PM

**The Roueche' Chorale and Orchestra**

**Will present dramatic Holy Week Program,  
"Colors of Grace"**

The Roueche' Chorale and Orchestra, an interdenominational Christian Chorale based in Chattanooga, will present a sober and somber Holy Week work entitled, "**Colors of Grace**". The program will include chorus, orchestra, cast and narrator. The work will portray the lessons to be learned from the example of Christ and are visually represented by colored cloths and appropriate symbols, "Take My Yoke Upon You", taken from the Gospel of Matthew, is stated after each anthem in the work.

The program will be held **on Tuesday Night, March 27, 2018, at 7:00 pm at Brainerd United Methodist Church**, 4315 Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, TN 37411.

**THE PROGRAM IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

For more information or directions to the church please call the Chorale office **423-955-2081** or [www.therouechechorale.org](http://www.therouechechorale.org).

<b>Altar Linen Guild:</b>	<b>April 8: Jane</b>
<b>March 18: Shana</b>	<b>April 15: Betsy</b>
<b>March 25: Irene</b>	<b>April 22: Regina</b>
<b>April 1: Celeste</b>	<b>April 29: Shana</b>

**MAY YOUR TROUBLES BE LESS  
AND YOUR BLESSINGS BE MORE  
AND NOTHING BUT HAPPINESS  
COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR**



**Ministry Meetings & Events**

**Knights of Columbus:**

**Friday, 3/23: 4:30-7:00 Fish Fry** proceeds going to the GA Charities. One more Friday Fish Fry during Lent to go before Good Friday!

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT THE KNIGHTS!**

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

**Seniors** will be selling raffle tickets in March for Easter Baskets— one for a girl and boy. \$1 each ticket, 6 for \$5 or 13 for \$10. The drawing will be Palm Sunday the 25th of March.

**Wed., 4/4: The Senior's Meeting** will be at 12 noon in the Social Hall. Entertainment will be The Marsel Dancers from the Dalton Senior Center. Please plan on attending!

**Ladies Guild**

**Tuesday, March 20th, the Spring Equinox Painting Party will be 6:30-8:30 pm.** This will replace the March meeting. Diane Forgette will be bringing some snacks or you can bring your own including drinks or BYO.

Even though you signed up at the meeting you need to go to the link - [www.paintingwithatwist.com/Chattanooga](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/Chattanooga) to register using **St Gerard** as the passcode to get in to reserve your seat and pay with a credit card.

**April 21, Saturday at 12:00 Ladies Luncheon**, please consider being a hostess. If interested call **Ellen Tougaw** at 423-280-9094.



## 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 to sign up for extended adoration on the **1st and 3rd Friday of each month**. There are many slots still needing to be filled. Two people are needed for each time slot.

## St. Vincent DePaul

During this season of Lent we are encouraged to pray, fast and give alms. Please consider giving to SVdP as part of your almsgiving.

**"For God loves a cheerful giver"**

**2Co 9:7**

Thank you for your ongoing and unselfish generosity. If you know anyone in need our **Helpline # is 678-892-6163**.

A donation was made to SVdP in **Memory of the Fathers of Jane & Jeff McKinley by Jim & Irene Staub**. Thank you!



## Women In Prayer

**If you have any prayer requests**, please contact **Irene Staub** at 706-375-4934 (Home), 423-902-6630 (Cell), or [istaub1014@aol.com](mailto:istaub1014@aol.com) or **Linda Swope** at 706-861-9762 (Home) or [rlswope374@comcast.net](mailto:rlswope374@comcast.net).

We have prayer shawls available for anyone who needs one. **Please contact Irene or Linda.**

**Please write to Fr. Bill Williams at:**

Archdiocese of Atlanta  
c/o Lisa Zayas  
2401 Lake Park Dr. SE  
Smyrna, GA 30080

**Write to Fr. John Pham at:**

Basilica of Sacred Heart of Jesus  
353 Peachtree St., Nw  
Atlanta, GA 30308

## REMINDER:

We still need **Volunteers for monthly Church cleaning**. It is being considered on getting a service to clean the bathrooms weekly and the rest of the Church twice a month. We would need someone to vacuum the Church every other week that the cleaning service would not be doing it. The Signup Sheet is still in the vestibule. Please consider helping to keep our Church clean.

