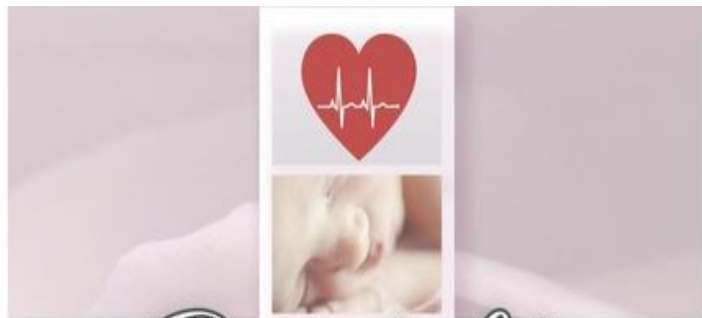


THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 15th, 2017



*Respect Life*

Be Moved By Mercy

We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.  
Pope Francis



*Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defence of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name.  
Amen.*

**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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## Weekly Offerings

10/8/17 Offertory Received

\$3,284.00

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

**Building and Maintenance**

\$ 556.00

## A Note from Fr. Bill

Dear People of God

I want to share with you about an up and coming American saint. This past week we celebrated the mass of blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. He was born in Fussen, Germany, in 1819. Expressing his desire for the priesthood since an early age, he entered the diocesan seminary of Augsburg after completing his studies in philosophy. Joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemers. He arrived in the United States on April 20, 1843, entered the Redemptorist novitiate and completed his studies, and ordained on December 22, 1844. He began his pastoral ministry in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he remained nine years, an assistant pastor to St. John Neumann, while being a Master of Novices and dedicating himself to mission preaching. In 1854, He served in parochial ministry and in the formation of the Redemptorist seminarians. He was considered an expert confessor, and prudent spiritual director. He was named pastor of St. Mary's of the Assumption in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he died of yellow fever while caring for the sick and the poor, on October 4, 1867, at the age of 48. The enduring renown for his holiness was the Cause for Canonization to be introduced in 1900 and on January 27, he was declared Venerable, decreeing him an heroic hero.

Pray intercessions to him that miracles will make him a Saint.

Prayer

*O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight. I offer praise to You for the grace You have bestowed on Your humble missionary, Father Francis Xavier Seelos. May I have the same joyful vigor that Father Seelos possessed during his earthly life to love You deeply and live faithfully Your gospel.*

*Amen.*

Next Monday is the parish feast of Saint Gerard our patron. We will celebrate the mass on Wednesday the 18 with the living rosary on the front lawn. This year we will use the statue of Mary that has been in the entrance of the church. The parish pot luck will honor him and our Lady of the Rosary, because this is the month of the rosary. Please come to celebrate both events. The rosary will be the Mystery of Light.

*Blessed Seelos, Saint Gerard and our Lady of the Rosary pray for us. 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 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 Jane Mercier from 10/15-10/22

10/22-10/29: Celeste Hochrein

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, 10/14:</b>	5:30 PM	Sally Wichmann+
<b>Sunday, 10/15:</b>	9:00 AM	Dorothy Mae+
	11:00 AM	Prayer for Parishioners
<b>Wednesday, 10/18:</b>	9:00 AM	Corinne Swanson+
<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

## 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

## Altar Guild

October 15th	Gloria Kelly
October 22nd	Shana Whiteford
October 29th	Regina Richardson

## Religious Ed K-12

Is your son/daughter in need of First Holy Communion or Confirmation this school year? If so (and you haven't already done so), please make sure to let Teri Hughes (423-322-9042) or Fr. Bill know ASAP. We are already in the pre-planning process for these two sacraments and need to make sure all students are included.

## 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

## Ministry Meetings & Events

<b>Sunday, 10/15:</b>	<i>Religious Ed</i>
	<i>Prison Ministry: 6:30 PM</i>
<b>Monday, 10/16:</b>	<i>RCIA 7:00 PM</i>
<b>Tuesday, 10/17:</b>	<i>Ladies Guild 7:00 PM</i>
<b>Wednesday, 10/18:</b>	<i>Seniors Halloween Party Noon</i>
	<i>Living Rosary: 6:30 PM</i>
<b>Friday, 10/20:</b>	<i>Adoration: 9 AM-1 PM</i>
<b>Sunday, 10/22:</b>	<i>Religious Ed K-5 only</i>
	<i>Potluck Feast of St Gerard</i>

## Senior Ministry

The Social for October is a Halloween Party on Oct 18th at 1:00. you are welcome to dress up in costume, if you want. We will be playing Bingo, with prizes. Please bring a snack to share. Please RSVP to Gloria 706-861-1194 or Mary Ann 706-694-2800 or by email hope to see everyone there!

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

**Meeting This Tuesday** at 7 PM in the PLC all ladies of the parish are welcome.

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

## Thank You

The Perry family would like to thank those who attended David's Celebration of Life and those you thought of us on that day. We have been blessed with wonderful friends and church family. Your cards, messages and calls were truly appreciated.

## 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

The feast of St. Gerard is October 16th. In honor of our patron saint we will be having a living rosary on Wednesday, October 18th after the 6 PM mass.

- We will also have a Feast of St. Gerard Potluck on Sunday, October 22nd after the 11 AM mass. The meats will be provided. A sign up sheet for sides, desserts and drinks will be out this weekend.
- 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

Knights are asked to help participate in the Living Rosary on Wednesday, October 18th 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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!