

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

**Twenty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**September 3, 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 & 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

8/27/17 Offertory Received

\$2734.25

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

Capital Campaign

\$ 301.00

Reserve Account

\$ 598.00

## A Note from Fr. Bill

Dear People of God

This weekend is a time to celebrate Labor Day. It was Pope Pius the XI who declared that the dignity of people should be upheld. As a people of faith we should take pride in our Church being influential with this time that we celebrate.

He waged an unwavering war against the evils of Modernism. In the encyclical on the dignity of the human being he says:

*Work is not punishment or a necessary evil, nor is it man's way of accumulating control, power and wealth. Both of these ideas are contrary to the biblical view of work. We understand work as something intrinsically good, we are co-creators of God's world and work is part of our contribution.*

*Work must be undertaken responsibly and laborers treated well. This includes how we approach the work we do, what it is we do with our work and how employers treat their employees. A strong theme in Catholic Social Thought is support for trade unions and state measures to ensure concrete safeguards in place like living wages and holiday leave.*

*Jesus speaks a lot about work, while much of this is in parables, we shouldn't restrict interpretations of these parables to be only spiritual ones. Jesus spent most of the years of his life learning the trade of carpentry and we shouldn't forget this when we hear him lament about the servant who hides his talent in the ground.*

*Dignity in work also touches upon work life balance, in some places cultures where people are expected to give more and more to their employers to the detriment of other spheres of our lives. The keystone of this is the importance of the Sabbath, but the principle extends to other areas of our lives and has implications for how we use our own time and how we manage the work of others in our employment.*

This is something to remember and help others to understand that this time is a time to pause and thank God for the Stewardship of life which is a part of the labor of our lives and how we contribute to the betterment of the world.

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](http://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 8th: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

September 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, 9/2:</b>	5:30 PM	Ann Barnes+
<b>Sunday, 9/3:</b>	9:00 AM	Prayer for Parishioners
<b>Wednesday, 9/6:</b>	6:00 PM	Bobby Moore
<b>Thursday, 9/7:</b>	9:00 AM	Senior mass intentions
<b>Saturday, 9/9:</b>	5:30 PM	Lucille Hughes+
<b>Sunday, 9/10:</b>	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, 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, 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

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.

## Woman In Prayer

WIP will be meeting Saturday September 9th at 9:00 AM in the PLC. All women are invited to come.

## Ministry Meetings & Events

<b>Sunday, 9/3:</b>	<i>Prison:</i> 6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday, 9/6:</b>	<i>Seniors:</i> noon— Davis House Chickamauga
<b>Friday, 9/8:</b>	<i>Adoration:</i> 9AM-1:00 PM
<b>Saturday, 9/9:</b>	<i>WIP:</i> 9:00AM
<b>Sunday, 9/10:</b>	<i>Knights Breakfast:</i> after masses <i>Religious Ed classes</i> <i>Prison:</i> 6:30 PM

## Altar Guild

August 28th	Betsy DiMaiolo
September 3rd	Shana Whiteford
September 10th	Gloria Kelly
September 17th	Regina Richardson
September 24th	Jane McKinley

## 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!

## 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 next Senior's meeting will be at noon on September 6th at the Martin Davis House, 58 Hog Jowl Rd, Chickamauga, Ga 30707. It is at the intersection of Hwy 193 and Hwy 341.

Bring your brown bag lunch. If you want to participate, we are having a Chinese Lunch Exchange like we do at the Christmas Party with the gifts. It is not mandatory.

All parish seniors 55 or better are welcome. Hope to see everyone there.

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.

## 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

Fish Fry: September 15th

Council meetings: Every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Next meeting September 13th 7:00 PM

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
<b>09-Sep-17 Vigil</b>	Samilo, John	Gaudet, Henry		Klingler, Nancy	Connell, Lorrie	Simons, Libby	DiMaiolo, Anthony	Klingler, Richard	Hays, Don	Watson, Bob	Captain Bob
<b>10-Sep-17 9:00</b>	Peco, Troy	Peco, Anthony		Swope, Linda	Kell, Leslie	Staub, Jim	Phelps, Kris	Kelly, Gloria	Martinez, Martin		Perry, Captain
<b>10-Sep17 11:00</b>	Britton, Mary	Adams, Matthew	Ring, Richard	Fuqua, Susan	Tougaw, Ellen	Tougaw, Elizabeth	Hutterer, John	Tougaw, Ed	Redman, Kathy		