

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 2nd 2017



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	Communion Service
Tuesday	Communion Service
Wednesday	
Thursday	Communion Serve
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

6/25/17 Offertory Received

\$ 2,572.00

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

Reserve

\$ 641.00

Capital Campaign Kitchen

\$ 373.00

Peter's Pence

\$ 119.00

A Note from Fr. Bill

Dear People of God

This week we celebrate Independence Day an important time in the life of our nations life and the life of the Church.

July 4th marks the birthday of the United States. Many commemorate the occasion with fireworks, cookouts, or displaying an American flag. As Catholics we were participants in the Independence of our nation. Here are some reasons we as Catholics are grateful.

1. Gratitude for Religious Freedom

First, America offers significant religious freedom for Christians to freely worship.

2. Appreciation for Those Who Defend Our Freedom
Second, Christians can thank God for those who serve and have given their lives to defend our freedom.

3. Thanksgiving for the Opportunity to Participate in Government

Third, we can thank God for the opportunity to participate in the democratic process of our nation.

4. Thankfulness for Peace with Family, Neighbors, and Friends

Fourth, we can express appreciation for a nation at peace.

Jesus tells us of the uniqueness of freedom for us as Christians, for us who believe in Him. He tells us "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

So freedom for the Christian is to choose Jesus Christ and to follow His ways. That is what freedom is. It is freedom *for*; it is not freedom *from*. It is freedom for God, freedom for good, freedom for choosing the right. And yes, we as Christians are free; we are free to choose the way of God

For these reasons we stand with our country to assure our freedom we are grateful people of faith.

I pray that you enjoy the holiday and remember all the good our Catholic forefathers did for us and we never forget.

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 6/21/17 We have exceeded our pledge goal! We have \$19,828.00 in pledges! A surplus of \$1,628.00 will be returned to us once all pledges are paid. \$12,756.32 has been received in paid pledges. I would like to sincerely thank you for your generosity towards the Annual Appeal. You can also visit www.appeal.archatl.com to see Archbishop Gregory's video or to donate.

Ordination of Bishop Elect Ned

Bishop Elect Bernard E. "Ned" Shlesinger II will be Ordained as Auxillary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta Wednesday July 19th.

Tuesday July 18th at 7:00 pm Solemn Vespers will be at The Cathedral of Christ the King.

The mass of Ordination will take place on Wednesday, July 19th at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of Christ the King 2699 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta Ga 30305. Ticket information will be available soon.

You may also watch this joyful celebration live at www.livestream.com/ctk

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7/1 **5:30 PM** Marjorie Dinsmore+
Sunday 7/2 **9:00 AM** Fathers Novena
11:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners

****There will be no daily masses 6/26-7/6 while Fr Bill is on vacation. Communion services will be Monday, Tuesday, (including July 4th) and Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM****

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,

Office Hours

The office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

As of **July 1st** the office hours will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. The office will be closed Wednesday and Friday. In the case of sacramental emergency you can call 706-861-9421.

Thank You

Catholic Charities' Pregnancy Help Center would like to thank the parishioners who participated in the Lenten baby bottle drive. This year we collected \$1,807.24 which was an increase from last year by \$300! The contributions enable us to continue our ministry of service to the most vulnerable and scared of our city by providing them with birthing options, much needed pregnancy and parenting information, as well as their basic baby needs.

Thank You

Thank you to the Pitner family for your dedication and hard work cleaning the church the month of June. May God bless you abundantly for your service. Cleaners for the month of July: John Hutterer and the Heimer family

Ministry Meetings & Events

Sunday, 7/2: *Prison Ministry:* 6:30 PM
Friday, 7/7: *Adoration:* 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Altar Guild

July 2nd	Irene Staub
July 9th	Gloria Kelly
July 16th	Celeste Hochrein
July 23rd	Regina Richardson
July 30th	Jane McKinley
August 6th	Betsy DiMaiolo
August 13th	Shana Whiteford
August 20th	Gloria Kelly
August 27th	Celeste Hochrein

St. Vincent DePaul

The SVDP collection for the month of June was \$856.00 Thank you all for your generosity.

St. Gerard chapter of St. Vincent de Paul Society is grateful for the donations that continue to come in from our parishioners. In the last month financial help has been given to a young couple who needed funds for the burial of their infant daughter. Also a car payment and several power bills have been paid for individuals in their time of need.

Attention Young People

To better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of young people ages **16-29**, the Vatican has released an online questionnaire in preparation for the 2018 Synod of Bishops on "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment."

Young people from around world are encouraged to take part in this unprecedented opportunity. The questionnaire—available in English, Spanish, French and Italian—is open to any young person, regardless of faith or religious belief, and can be found on the synod's official site: youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html.

Senior Ministry

The next Senior's meeting will be at 12 noon on September 6th at the Martin Davis House in Walker County. Bring your brown bag lunch. All parish seniors 55 or better are welcome.

The Seniors Ministry and Fr Bill honor the Sacrament of Marriage each quarter. Couples married in July, August and September may have their marriage blessed after the 9am mass on September 24th. Deadline for sign-up is not later than after the 9 AM mass 17th.

Word Among Us Books

The Word Among Us has offered us a deal for the summer on their complete mass and daily meditation books. The *July issue* is located in the entry of the church in a box. We ask that you make a donation of \$1.00 to cover the cost of the book.

Thank you and enjoy.

Help needed

Friends of Mount Olivet Cemetery beautification committee needs volunteers to help clean the ground of the cemetery on July 8th beginning at 9:00 AM. Please bring rakes, battery operated clippers, saws etc. Please contact Jeanne Farmer at 423-681-1801 or Janie Hughes at 423-364-7915 if you are willing to help.



Congratulations to the 2017-2018 Knights Council 7416 Officers: Installation of officers will be Saturday, July 15th after the 5:30 mass with a dinner to follow in the PLC.

Elected Officers:

- Grand Knight*- Bob Watson
- Deputy Grand Knight*- Joseph Neal
- Recorder*- Timothy Meyer
- Chancellor*-John Hutterer
- Treasurer*- Richard Ring
- Warden*- Paul Holliman
- Advocate*- David Carne
- Outside Guard*- Rick Hansard
- Inside guard*- Kieron Gleeson
- 1st Trustee*- George Ingle
- 2nd Trustee*- Mark Swope
- 3rd Trustee*- Larry Cooper

Appointed Officers:

- Financial Secretary*- Ben Cabeen
- Chaplain*- Fr. Bill Williams
- Lector*- Dale Osterling

Ministry Schedule

The July ministry schedule is out and on the table in the entry of the church.

08-Jul-17 Vigil Mass	Samilo, John	Ring, Richard		Whiteford, Shaina	Connell, Lorrie	Kowaleski, Joe	DiMaiolo, Anthony	Barrow, Gail	Borge, Louis	Hays, Don	Hays, Captain
09-Jul-17 9:00am Sunday	Peco, Anthony	Peco, Troy		Hamby, Bonnie	Kell, Leslie	Staub, Jim	Phelps, Kris	Kelly, Gloria	Perry, Meridith	Martinez, Martin	Perry, Captain
09-Jul-17 11:00am	Adams, Alyssa	Adams, Matthew	Pitner, John	Fava, Sheri	Tougaw, Ed	Hutterer, John	Tougaw, Ellen	Tougaw, Elizabeth			