

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

November 12th, 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 by appointment only. 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

11/5/17 Offertory Received

\$3,974.00

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

Capital Campaign

\$ 669.00

St. Joseph Missals

The 2018 St. Joseph's Missals have arrived. Again, this year the cost is \$3.00 per book. If you are interested in one please contact the office. 706-861-9410, sgmsecretary3049@gmail.com or place the money in an envelope marked missals and I will put them aside with your name. There were 75 ordered and they are first come first serve.

A Year With Mary : November Focus

How can Catholics believe Mary was conceived without original sin?

While St. Paul says in Romans 3:23 that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God", he is making a general statement about the condition of humanity after the fall. He does not intend to exclude exceptions to the "all" who have sinned, because Jesus never sinned nor did the good angels. In fact, the Catholic dogma of Mary's Immaculate Conception developed precisely because Mary is the mother of Jesus, who "in every respect as been tempted as we are, yet without sin." (Hebrews 4:15).

Novena in Honor of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. November 21st.

The traveling Mary will be with Francis Spataro this week 11/12-11/19

11/19-26: Mary Stephens

Knights Breakfast



This Sunday November 12th the Knights will be having their monthly pancake breakfast. Pancakes, made to order eggs and omelets, farm fresh sausage, bacon, grits, home fries, coffee, and juice. Please come out and support the Knights and this month's charity which is the **Lookout Mountain Community Services Christmas Party**. This is a Christmas party that the Knights host every year for the mentally disabled of NW Ga. It is truly a wonderful experience for them and one they look forward to every year. Please support this great cause. This is open to the public so please tell/invite your friends!

Knights Officers meeting will be Tuesday, November 21st at 6:30 PM. It will be on a Tuesday this month due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Way For Women

The Way for Women is a 3-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program December 8-10 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, Ga. Registration deadline is December 4th. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or ssubbs@archatl.com for more information.

Welcome Fr. John

Please welcome Fr. John Pham who is here to help during Fr. Bill's absence.

Fr. John was born in Vietnam. He was ordained July 1st, 2006 at Our Lady of Vietnam in Atlanta by Bishop Wilton Gregory.

Fr. John performed 13 years of missionary work in Peru.

Fr. John is fluent in Irish English, Salamanca Spanish, Italian and Vietnamese. Please thank him and welcome him as he helps us during this time.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 11/11:	5:30 PM	All Souls Novena
Sunday, 11/12:	9:00 PM	Russell & Louise Draper+
	11:00 AM	All Souls Novena
Monday, 11/13:	9:00 AM	All Souls Novena
Saturday, 11/18:	5:30 PM	Walter Flowers +
Sunday, 11/19:	9:00 AM	Ray Mercier +
	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, 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, John Pitner, Allen Parrigon

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 **month**. There are many slots still filled. Two people are needed for each time slot.



Ministry Meetings & Events

Saturday, 11/11:	Woman In Prayer Staub House
Sunday, 11/12:	Religious Ed Knights Breakfast 9:00 AM-12:00PM Prison Ministry: 6:30 PM
Monday, 11/13:	RCIA 7:00 PM
Friday, 11/17:	Adoration 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Sunday, 11/18:	Religious Ed Thanksgiving Pot Luck Prison Ministry: 6:30 PM

Thanksgiving Pot Luck

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a parish potluck on Sunday, November 19th at 12 noon. There will be a sign up sheet in the entry of the church. All items are needed to make this a truly wonderful Thanksgiving feast!

Senior Ministry

Our outing for the month of November is November 16th at 11:30 AM at Park Place for a Thanksgiving lunch. RSVP Mary Ann 706-694-2800 or Gloria 706-861-1194. Our next meeting will be at 12 Noon December 6th in the PLC. Bring your brown-bag lunch. All parish seniors 55 or better are welcome. Our speaker will be Dr. David Denman.

The Senior Ministry and Fr. John honor the Sacrament of Marriage every three months. Couples married October, November or December may have their marriage blessed after the 9 AM mass on December 10th. Deadline for sign-up is no later than after the 9 AM mass on December 3rd.

The senior ministry will begin selling raffle tickets for their beautiful Christmas baskets, wreaths and quilts. They will be selling tickets before and after weekend masses.

Word Among Us Books

The November Word Among Us books are now available. They are located in the entry of the church in a box 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 de-

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

If you are interested please call Donna Shipley at 423-718-6951 and leave a message.



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.



- Knights Breakfast next Sunday, November 12th preparation starts at 7:30 AM. We NEED more Knights to come and help! Cleanup begins after 12:00 if you can not make it any earlier. There are several hours of help needed!
- The Knights will be cleaning the church for the month of November. They are meeting Thursdays after morning mass. (9:30 AM) The more help that shows the quicker it will go!

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

Ladies Guild

A great big thank you to all who donated, sorted, and packed the Thanksgiving food boxes. 40 boxes is a new record. Way to go! Prayers for all the families who are food insecure at this holiday. If you know any of the families, please give them the helpline number at 678-892-6163.

We will be helping to set up and cleanup for the Thanksgiving Potluck on Sunday, Nov 19th. Please help us make this potluck a success.

Our annual Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 19th at 7 PM. Mark your calendars it is always a great time.

Catholic Charities Bake Sale



Catholic Charities 28th Annual Sale Next Weekend- Remember to bring your baked goods and checkbook this weekend for the Catholic Charities 28th Annual Bake Sale benefiting programs in the greater Chattanooga area. Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause.