

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 24, 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

9/17/17 Offertory Received

\$2,925.00

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

Building & Maintenance

\$ 450.00

A Note from Fr. Bill

Dear People of God

This month's theme for Mary is Our Lady of the Rosary and the undone knots. October is the month of the Rosary and we usually have the living rosary around the Feast of St Gerard which is October 16th. The mass and rosary will be Wednesday the 18th of that week. Please plan to attend. Pope Francis discovered the devotion of the UN Done Knots. I will write more about it a later this month.

We haven't blessed animals in a few years for various reasons. The blessing of pets will be on Wednesday, October 4 on the Feast of St Francis it will take place after the 6pm mass or by apt.

Story of the Franciscan Crown Rosary

The story of the Rosary of the Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin dates back to the early 15th century. A pious young man named James had been accustomed to adorning a beautiful statue of Mary with a crown of flowers, which he had picked and woven himself. He later entered the Franciscan Order, but either because of a lack of time or permission, he was no longer able to continue this devotion. Distraught because of this, he decided to abandon the religious life and return to the world.

Our Lady then appeared to him and convinced him not to leave the order. She told him that he should not be downcast because he was no longer permitted to adorn her statue, for she would teach him a way to give her honor which was much more pleasing and meritorious. Instead of a crown of flowers, which quickly wither, he was to weave a crown of prayers, and these prayers could be offered at any moment. She then taught him the Rosary of the Seven Joys, adding that these prayers would not only form a more acceptable crown, but they would also yield innumerable graces for himself and others. This simple but beautiful devotion of praying the Crown of the Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin soon spread over the entire Franciscan Order and was officially established in 1422.

This is a devotion I keep and pray quite often. If you would like a Crown Rosary I will make it for you, just let me know.

Have a blessed weekend. See you when I return.

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 9/18/17 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. \$15,999.14 has been received in paid pledges You can also visit 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

The traveling Mary will be with the Peco family from 9/24-10/01.

10/01-10/8: Sheri Fava

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 9/23: 5:30 PM BJ Hoette +
Sunday, 9/24: 9:00 AM BJ Hoette+
11:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners
Saturday, 9/30: 5:30 PM William Watson+
October, 10/1: 9:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners
11:00 AM BJ Hoette+

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, , 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

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.

Marriage Encounter

Ever wonder why the Church makes such a big deal about Marriage? Jesus performed His 1st miracle at the wedding at Cana, even though it wasn't His time. Maybe the Church cares so much about marriage because Jesus does. Come find out more about God's plan for your Joy, Romance and Love in YOUR marriage. You'll be glad you did! The next available WWME Weekend is Nov 3-5 at the Atlanta Marriott Peachtree Corners. You can get more information or apply online at GATN-wwme.org or by calling 678-242-WWME.

Ministry Meetings & Events

Sunday, 9/24: *Religious Ed Classes*
Prison: 6:30 PM
Monday, 9/25: *RCIA: 7:00 PM*
Wednesday, 9/27: *Knights Officers: 6:30 PM*
Thursday, 9/28: *Prison: 6:30 PM*
Friday, 9/29: *Adoration 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM*
Sunday, 10/1: *Religious Ed Classes*
Prison: 6:30 PM

Altar Guild

September 24th	Jane McKinley
October 1st	Betsy DiMaiolo
October 8th	Celeste Hochrein
October 15th	Gloria Kelly
October 22nd	Shana Whiteford
October 29th	Regina Richardson

Senior Ministry

The Senior's next meeting will be at 12 Noon, October 4th at the 6th Calvary Museum. Bring your brown-bag lunch. All parish seniors 55 or better are welcome. Our speaker at the meeting will be Dr. Magda Kowalewski.

There is also an exhibit at the museum about the 150th Anniversary of the U.S. entering WWI for a fee of \$2.00.

BAKERS NEEDED AND WANTED!

The Catholic Charities 28th Annual Bake Sale will be at our church on November 11 and 12. You can support Catholic Charities outreach endeavors by volunteering to bake yummy baked goods. Contact your parish coordinator, Ellen Tougaw at 423-280-9094 to volunteer. Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause.

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!

St. Vincent DePaul

Last weekends collection was \$1,057.00 Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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.

Ministry Schedule

	Server Altar	Server Book	Server Cross	Lector 1	Lector 2	Extraordinary 1	Extraordinary 2	Extraordinary 3	Hospitality 1	Hospitality 2	Captain
9/23/17 Vigil	Samilo, John	Ring, Richard		Hays, Don	Stinnet, Paula	Kowaleski, Joe	Simons, Libby	Homans, Ron	Watson, Bob	Borges, Louis	Hays, Captain
9/24/17 9:00AM	Peco, Anthony	Peco, Troy		Kell, Leslie	Swope, Linda	Kelly, Gloria	Rand, Teresa	Phelps, Kris	Martinez, Martin		
9/24/17 11:00 AM	Erdman, John	Adams, Alyssa	Adams, Matthew	Erdman, Leslie	Fuqua, Susan	Hutterer, John	Tougaw, Elizabeth	Tougaw, Ed			



Council meetings: Every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

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 /Irma Disaster Relief

Thanks to so many people of good will across the U.S., Catholic Charities USA delivered a check for \$2,000,000 to the Diocese of Houston for recovery efforts from Hurricane Harvey last week.

Catholic Charities USA can be contacted through their <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/>, by phone at 800-919-9338, or by mail:

Catholic Charities USA
P.O. Box 17066
Baltimore, MD 21297-1066

One hundred percent of the monetary donations received will go directly to the local Catholic Charities for survivor needs.

Public Rosary

100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Join the 2017 public square rosary on Saturday, October 14th from 12:00 Noon -2:00 PM on the sidewalk in front of St Gerard. Please bring a chair if needed. Any questions you may contact Anita Holcomb at 706-395-2131.