

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 23rd 2017



**MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	no mass
Wednesday	no mass
Thursday	no mass
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

7/16/17 Offertory Received

\$3,148.00

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

**St. Vincent DePaul**

\$ 1939.00

## A Note from Fr. Bill

Dear People of God

Bishop Zarama who was the auxiliary for eight years has become the new bishop of Riley NC. That diocese has been without a bishop for some time and the Holy Father saw it fit to elevate him to the role of bishop. He will be replaced in time because the Holy See has allowed the Archdiocese to have two auxiliary bishops.

We are moving in a natural progression from summer solstice to winter the days are getting darker. Time waits for no one, it moves on. The church also advances towards the beginning of the new church year. The church calls us to progress in our faith lives.

Think of the ways you may want to progress in faith as we march on towards the new promises that God hopes for us. An old nun once said if we are breathing we should be growing in faith, hope and love. Do we see ourselves advancing in the ways of faith? It's a good thing to consider.

Here is a stewardship Prayer

*Almighty and ever-faithful Lord, gratefully acknowledging Your mercy and humbly admitting our need, we pledge our trust in You and each other.*

*Filled with desire, we respond to Your call for discipleship by shaping our lives in imitation of Christ. We profess that the call requires us to be stewards of Your gifts. As stewards, we receive Your gift's gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible manner, share them in practice and love with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.*

*We pledge to our ongoing formation as stewards and our responsibility to call others to that same endeavor. Almighty and ever-faithful God, it is our fervent hope and prayer that You who have begun this work in us will bring it to fulfillment in Christ our Lord. 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 7/3/17 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. \$13,208.82 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](http://www.appeal.archatl.com) to see Archbishop Gregory's video or to donate.

## 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](http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html).

## Human Trafficking

World Day against Trafficking in Persons is July 30th. There are global maps that show the epidemic of human trafficking and report the existence of slavery in countries. Join U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking by visiting <http://www.sistersagainstrafficking.org/>.

## Mass Intentions

There will only be a mass on Monday, 7/24 at 9:00 AM

Father will be out of town until the weekend masses

## 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,

## Religious Ed K-12

- It is still summer, but we are beginning the preparations for the K-5 Religious Education school year. Registration for K-5 classes will be after the Sunday masses on August 20 and August 27. The first day of classes is on Sunday, September 10. K-5 classes will be 10:00 am-10:45 am.
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- We are looking for a few individuals to lead K-5 classes this year. Please prayerfully consider joining us in this ministry to teach the youngest members of our parish about God and his love.
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- Is your child in need of First Holy Communion this year? Please let us know so we can begin the planning process for this sacrament.
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- Please contact Teri Hughes at 423-322-9042 or Fr. Bill at the parish office. Thank you!

## RCIA

If anyone is interested in becoming Catholic or knows anyone interested RCIA will be beginning in September after Labor Day. More information will follow soon.

## Ministry Meetings & Events

Sunday, 7/23: *Prison Ministry*: 6:30 PM

Monday, 7/24: *Fr Bill Bday Party*: 6:00 PM-PLC

Wednesday, 7/26: *Knights Officers*: 6:30 PM

Friday, 7/28: *Adoration*: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Sunday, 7/30: *Prison Ministry*: 6:30 PM

## Altar Guild

July 23rd	Regina Richardson
July 30th	Jane McKinley
August 6th	Betsy DiMaiolo
August 13th	Shana Whiteford
August 20th	Gloria Kelly
August 27th	Celeste Hochrein

## Ladies Guild

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 15th at 7PM in the PLC. All women of the parish are invited.

The AACCW 61st Annual Convention is September 21&22nd 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.

## Attention All Ministry Heads

The calendar meeting will be **Thursday, August 24th** at 7:00 PM in the PLC. We need ALL ministries to make a calendar with dates they would like the parish to know about. All meetings, functions, fundraisers etc will be discussed and included in this meeting / calendar. Thank you in advance!

## 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.

## St. Vincent DePaul

St Gerard chapter of St. Vincent de Paul Society appreciates the generous donations from our parishioners. Our goal is to be good stewards of your money as we listen to the stories of many who are in

We are always looking for more volunteers to join our society. God Bless You

## Birthday Celebration



The Ladies Guild and the Knights would like to honor Fr. Bill's birthday with a catered BBQ at the Parish Life Center. This dinner will be this Monday, July 24 @ 6:00pm. Please mark your calendars to help us celebrate Fr. Bill's special day.



If anyone is interested in joining the Knights of Columbus or wanting information please contact Grand Knight Bob Watson at 423-593-8096.

## Notre Dame Alumni Memorial Mass

**Sunday, July 30 at 11 am**

**Notre Dame High School Auditorium**

Join us for the 2017 Alumni Memorial Mass as we celebrate the lives of Notre Dame alumni who have died since the last Alumni Weekend (July 2016). There will be an opportunity to add names of other deceased Notre Dame alumni to the Mass Intentions.

Larry Baras '78	Beverly Anne Gibson Lambdin '46
Cathy Chase Boring '67	Patricia Martin Lawhorn '69
Nancy Mae Butler '69	CJ "Hap" Louisell '57
Darlene McDade Coogan '76	Thomas MacGuire '75
James Brian Cook '66	Alex Lawrence Maxwell '50
Katherine Elizabeth "Betty" Coulter '41	Michael Joseph McAvoy '85
John Blaine Crimmins Jr. '46	Joe McBrien '46
Olivia Elizabeth Graham Davenport '36	Patricia "Pat" Overton Paris '50
Frank T. Delaney Jr. '41	Albert Cox Richie '45
Margaret "Peggy" Hicks Dockery '63	Mons. George Edward Schmidt Jr. '62
Kay Shutting Friday '69	Marie Fridl Scoggins '82
Patrick Joseph Haverty '49	Web Shadden '77
David Lee Howard '52	Mary Virginia "Ginny" Stone '61
Karin A Kennedy '86	Leslie Kay Vinson '90
Michael Lee Kleinstub '87	Kathleen Dyslin Ward '55

## Ministry Schedule

<b>22-Jul-17 Vigil Mass</b>	Samilo, John	Samilo, John		Hotte, Judy	Stinnet, Paula	Simons, Libby	Kowaleski, Joe	Hotte, BJ	Hays, Don	Borge, Louis	
<b>23-Jul-17 9:00am Sunday</b>	Peco, Anthony	Peco, Troy		Swope, Linda	Hamby, Bonnie	Adams, Matthew	Staub, Jim	Rand, Teresa	Martinez, Martin	Kelly, Gloria	
<b>23-Jul-17 11:00am</b>	Pitner, John	Britton, Mary	Ring, Richard	Fisher, Joy	Sheri Fava	Tougaw, Elizabeth	Ellen Tougaw	Tougaw, Ed	Fisher, Scott		