

St. Gerard Majella Church



Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so

I send you. John 20:21 (NAB)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 11th

4:00PM Patricia Galvin &
Mary Murphy (Memorial)

Sunday, April 12th

8:30AM For the People of the Parish
10:30AM Ronald & Helen Pasquarosa (Memorial)
6:00PM John "Jack" Walsh (7th Anniversary)

Saturday, April 18th

9:00AM Kitty Walsh (2nd Anniversary)

Sunday, April 19th

8:30AM Sophia Wolanin (Anniversary)
10:30AM Ji Suk Michael Lee (18th Anniversary)
6:00PM For the People of the Parish

Your prayers are requested for Dorothea Civitarese, Esther Cotter, Deborah A. Fralick and Frederick Hoey who were buried from St. Gerard's.

Easter Collection

Attendance - 2,500

Offertory - \$14,028

Offertory July 1st to date: \$312,590

Budget July 1st to date: \$315,326

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WELCOME

If you are a visitor to Saint Gerard Majella Parish, we want you to know how welcome you are -whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or from another parish here in the Archdiocese. Thank you for praying with us. Thank you also for your generosity, which helps us to celebrate our liturgies in a fitting and beautiful way, and to offer spiritual support to people in the Canton area. Enjoy your visit!

Prayer Corner for the living

Please keep the following in your prayers:

John Mariani, Emily Lewis, Tom Lordon, Carol Bradley, Bernice Panizzi, William Benoit, Ray Fisher, Baby Joseph, Ed Hartman, Salli Govatsos, Baby Madeline Smith, Ava Alpert, Sr. Catherine Gilmore, John W., Thomas Rose, Kathy, Michael, Kay Smith, PAF, Luci Colee, Deborah Rizzotto, Mary Feeney.

Homebound Ministry

Deacon Dan has been in the process of expanding our homebound ministry program through which he and others bring Holy Eucharist to many of our fellow parishioners who are unable to leave their home and attend Mass. Within this very important ministry, we as a parish community are able to extend ourselves in a real and important way to many of our fellow parishioners who are permanently disabled or physically unable to make the trip from their home to church. We would like to expand this program to other parishioners who may be temporarily disabled due to a recent medical procedure or who may simply be unable to find transportation from home to church. If you are aware of any person who is unable to make their way to church for whatever reason, please contact the parish office and we will make sure they are included on our homebound list.

Thank you to all who provided for the beauty of Holy Week and Easter celebration: those who helped decorate the church, Passion Play participants, the altar servers, the lectors, the Eucharistic ministers, the choir and musicians and the ushers.



Easter Flower Donation

In Memory of

Baby Jack Crimmins

Religious Education

Religious Education **Grades 1-8** last day of class is **Thursday, April 16th.**

Attention Parents

When children need to use the bathrooms in the Church, during or after Mass, it is strongly recommended that an adult accompany them. This is not meant to alarm anyone but merely to underscore the simple fact that St. Gerard's is a very safe and nurturing environment. Our aim is always to protect our children.

Operation Lazarus

March donations to our fund to feed and clothe the homeless, were generously made by the following families:

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Our sincerest thanks to these families! There are return stamped envelopes available at the right parking lot exit for anyone who would like to contribute to this ministry.

Thank you.

Youth Ministry Outreach Program

We will be having an important OUTREACH meeting this Sunday, April 12th. This is mandatory for anyone interested in applying to go on our trips this summer. Come to the 6PM Mass and to the hall afterwards from 7-8PM for information and application instructions. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Senior Bingo

Next senior bingo will be held on Sunday, April 12th, 4-6PM in the church hall. Come and join us! Lots of prizes, food and fun! If you need a ride call Judie @ 781-282-4061.

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BAKE SALE

"Miles For Miracles", Team Jim & Ella, will be running in this year's Boston Marathon to raise awareness for Cranio facial/Cranio synostosis, a condition in which an infant's skull prematurely fuses together. Jim will be running for his little friend, 1 year old parishioner, Ella Dorsey. Their family and friends will be selling baked goods after the 8:30AM & 10:30AM Masses on Sunday, April 12th. Your support is appreciated. All proceeds will go to the Children's Hospital Neuro Leadership Fund.

Thank you to Al Hansen for the donation of the bookcase for the Catholic Lending Library which is located in the foyer (Washington Street entrance).



Fill A Flower Pot

Fill a flower pot with Spring flowers. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, you may call the Parish Office to reserve a pot. A suggested donation of \$20 is appreciated. Thanks!

WELCOME TO SAINT GERARD MAJELLA

If you have recently moved into our parish and would like to register as a parishioner, please fill out the form below. You may return it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory. If you have any questions about our parish, please call the Rectory at 828-3420.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE#: _____



Vatican News

Share Easter joy, defend persecuted Christians, pope says

By Cindy Wooden Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Christians live the joy of the Resurrection when they share a smile with someone, weep with those who mourn and defend the rights of those persecuted for their faith, Pope Francis said.

Reciting the "Regina Coeli" prayer with thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square April 6, the pope demanded defense and protection for "our brothers and sisters persecuted, exiled, killed and decapitated just because they are Christians."

"I hope the international community will not stand by mute and inert before such an unacceptable crime, which constitutes a worrying deviation from the most elementary human rights," he said. "The international community cannot look the other way."

Pope Francis said the good news of Jesus' resurrection and the promise of new life for all the baptized is something "we are called to bring to others." It is "the most beautiful gift a Christian can give his brothers and sisters."

Easter joy, he said, should be obvious on the faces of Christians, "in our sentiments and attitudes, in the way we treat others."

"We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light brightens the dark moments of our existence, and we can share that with others when we learn to smile with those who smile and cry with those who cry, when we walk alongside those who are sad and risk losing their hope (and) when we talk about our faith experience with those who are searching for meaning and happiness," the pope said.



• Was Jesus' Resurrection a real, historical event or something else?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains:

639 The mystery of Christ's resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness. In about A.D. 56 St. Paul could already write to the Corinthians: *I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.*

The Apostle speaks here of the living tradition of the Resurrection which he had learned after his conversion at the gates of Damascus.

• What significance does Christ's Resurrection have for us?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: 651 If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 658 Christ, the first-born from the dead (Col 1:18), is the principle of our own resurrection, even now by the justification of our souls (cf Rom 6:4), and one day by the new life he will impart to our bodies (cf Rom 8:11) *National Catholic Register*

• On this Easter, we Christians must avoid...seeing the Resurrection simply as a return to this life. Lazarus was raised from the dead, only to die again. He still belonged to the realm of death. When Lazarus came forth, he was still wearing his grave clothes. He still belonged, in some way, to the tomb. That's not what happens in the Resurrection. When Jesus rises from the dead, He leaves his grave clothes behind. Jesus now lives a new life exalted through the power of the Father. His relationship to space and time is now completely changed. He passes through locked doors. He comes and goes as he pleases. Jesus is the first fruit of a new way of being, a new life. It's still a human life, but it is now lived at a higher pitch of intensity. This is such good news for us because this is what God intends for all of us: that we now will share in the risen life of Jesus. It's our human life - yes, still bodily - but now lived at a higher level, spiritualized and glorified. *Word on Fire*



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IRELAND: Fulfill your dream of going to Ireland! Travel on Pilgrimage with Holy Cross Family Ministries.

In the company of other pilgrims, you'll have time each day for Mass and Rosary prayer while touring Dublin, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Knock Shrine and much more, including a special visit to the Father Peyton Memorial Centre. See these off the "tourist-trap" places for a unique pilgrimage. With time for shopping and pubs, it doesn't get any better than this.

For complete details: call Holy Cross Family Ministries – Ann Melanson 508-238-4095 x2023; email amelanson@hcfm.org or visit the web site: www.FamilyRosary.org/Events

A Mass and Healing Service will be held at The Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Walpole on Sunday, April 26th at 2:00PM with Fr. Joseph P. McDermott.

**Saint John the Evangelist School
Spring Admissions Open House**

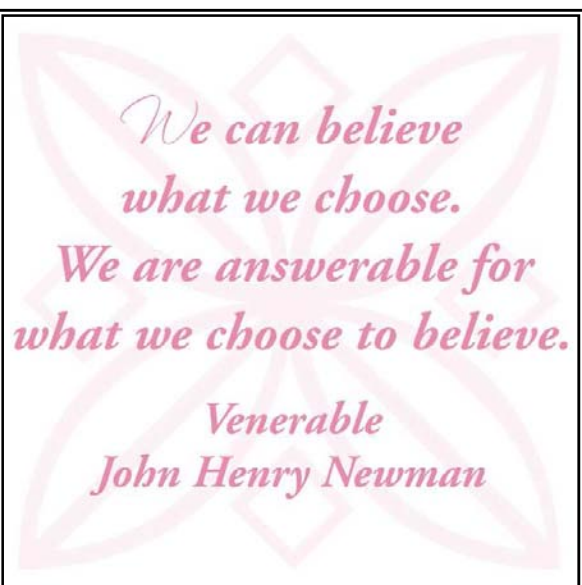
6:30-8:00 PM Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Saint John the Evangelist School, 696 Washington Street, Canton, will host a Spring Admissions Open House from 6:30 - 8:00 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. The school is a NEASC accredited and commended school featuring an excellent academic and faith-filled education for students from preschool (3 years old) through grade eight.

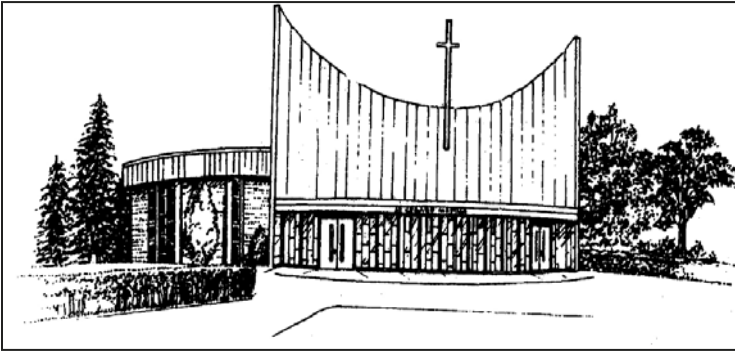
Meet the faculty and staff, visit the classrooms and tour the building. From our award-winning early childhood program to our outstanding middle school, Saint John the Evangelist School offers a caring, technologically advanced, academically rigorous and faith-based educational option for families.

Admissions information and applications for all grades for the 2015-16 academic year are available at www.sjscanton.org. For more information or to schedule a personal tour, please call school secretary Suzanne Sullivan at [781-828-2130](tel:781-828-2130) or email suzanne.sullivan@sjscanton.org.

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, April 21st @ 7PM for an inspiring night of worship at St. Anthony's Church in Lowell with guest speaker Colby Flis. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!



St. Gerard Majella, Canton



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM

Weekday Masses: Monday–Thursday 9:00AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM

Holy Days: As announced

Rosary: Daily 8:30AM before Mass & Monday 7:30PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:15-3:45PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 1:00PM.

Contact the Parish Office one month in advance.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made six months in advance. Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office if anyone is ill in the hospital or at home.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays: 9:30AM–12 Noon

PRAYER MEETING

Tuesday, 7:30PM

A.A. MEETING

Saturday, 10:30AM, Church Hall

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12:00-4:30PM

Tuesday - Thursday 9:30AM-4:30PM

BULLETIN NOTICES

Email submission by **Monday at 9:00AM**

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Meetings will take place every second Wednesday of the month in the Rectory Conference Room.

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Jeremiah 31:15-17



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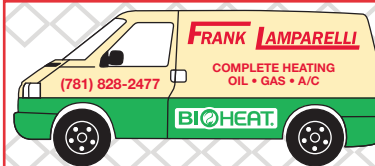


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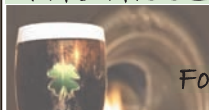
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