

Peace be with you

*Then he opened their minds
to understand the scriptures.*

Luke 24:25

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 18th

4:00PM 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

Monday, April 20th

9:00AM Marlene J. Ingemi, Bernice & Gene Garwitz (Memorial)

Tuesday, April 21st

9:00AM Kevin Lee (Special Intention Living)

Wednesday, April 22nd

9:00AM Kolby Lee (Special Intention Living)

Thursday, April 23rd

9:00AM Kelly Lee (Special Intention Living)

Saturday, April 25th

4:00PM Arnold Lavoie (Memorial)

Sunday, April 26th

8:30AM Julio Farulla (Memorial)

10:30AM John Kinville (2nd Anniversary)

6:00PM For the People of the Parish

Your prayers are requested for Alma Fachy who was buried from St. Gerard's last week.

Collection April 11th & 12th

Attendance - 1,010

Offertory - \$8,313

Offertory July 1st to date: \$326,348

Budget July 1st to date: \$323,385

Favorable Variance YTD \$2,963

Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerard's

Trips

IS IT TIME FOR A U.S. VACATION? American West September 18-24 - \$1999/ppdo Tour includes round trip air, 6nights, 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners Visits to Mt Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Devil's Tower, Black Hills of South Dakota, Badlands National Park, Ta Tanka and Custer State Park. After a stay in Rapid City, it's on to Deadwood, the tiny goldrush town, and explore the saloons, casinos and areas that were once frequented by Wild Bill Hickock and Calamity Jane. For reservations and information call Janet Walrod, 781-575-1491.

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 Rizzotti, Mary Feeney.

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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.

Religious Education

Thank you to all the children who participated in the Lenten Mite box sacrifice for the Missionary Childhood Association! Over \$2,000 was raised to help our brothers and sisters in poor countries around the world. Great job, everyone!

First Communion

Saturday, May 2nd at 10:30AM & 1:00PM

Students are required to be at **two specific** rehearsals.

Rehearsals

Saturday Morning Ceremony 10:30AM

Monday, April 27th
Wednesday, April 29th
3:45PM to 5:00PM

Saturday Afternoon Ceremony 1:00PM

Tuesday, April 28th
Thursday, April 30th
3:45PM to 5:00PM

May Procession

Sunday, May 10th at the 10:30AM Mass. The children in the First Communion class make up the procession. We are hoping as many as possible will be able to attend. A brief rehearsal (20 minutes) will be held on Thursday, May 7th at 3:45PM in the lower hall.

Operation Lazarus

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

The Clasby & Bartlett Families

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

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.

Mainspring

Next Saturday, April 25th St. Gerard's will be serving dinner at the homeless shelter in Brockton. We are in need of donations since we are serving record numbers of homeless people. Please drop off uncooked meat loaves, mashed potatoes, frozen vegetables, salad ingredients, and desserts to the Church kitchen before 5:00PM on Friday and between 12:00-2:15PM on Saturday. We have volunteers that pick them up and prepare them in Brockton. Last month there were 180 people that came to receive a meal and we ran out of food, so donations are greatly appreciated! If you would like to get on my monthly email reminder about Mainspring please contact Mary Ellen Daly by email: mel51957@comcast.net or cell 617-921-5737.



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!



When Pope John Paul II died on April 2, 2005 there were any number of fascinating coincidences that surrounded his death...For instance, John Paul managed to go to his reward in the one sliver of time which tied together Easter, Fatima and the Divine Mercy Feast which he himself had established (he died on Saturday evening, the Vigil of the Feast of Divine Mercy, which falls in the Octave of Easter). Given the movable nature of the Easter Feast (not to mention the moveable nature of First Saturdays, a devotion associated with the apparitions of our Lady of Fatima), this is as impressive a bit of chance, if chance it was, as you could ask for.

- Seekers of signs will also find that there was a partial eclipse on the day of his funeral: God flying the flag at half staff. Nor is that all: for it also turns out John Paul was born during a solar eclipse too. One of my readers wrote at the time, offering this bit of homespun exegesis of all this...
- And though one need not insist on any of this as a divine sign, one should not be terribly surprised that some took it so. Given his devotion to Our Lady of Fatima (whose great sign was the Miracle of the Sun) and her rescue of him (as he plainly believed) on May 13, 1981 (the anniversary of the first appearance of Mary at Fatima), it's hard not to see Something Significant betokened by all this. a <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/mark-shea/153-fishes-and-related-matters/#ixzz3XCQV6NaQ>



Vatican News

Term 'genocide' angers Turkey, while pope says memory leads to healing

By Carol Glatz Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide, Pope Francis said atrocities from the past have to be recognized -- not hidden or denied -- for true reconciliation and healing to come to the world.

However, Turkey's top government officials criticized the pope's use of the term "genocide" -- citing a 2001 joint statement by St. John Paul II and the head of the Armenian Apostolic Church -- in reference to the deaths of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians during their forced evacuation by Ottoman Turks in 1915-18.

Turkey rejects the accusation of genocide, and the government called its ambassador to the Holy See back to Turkey "for consultations" April 12, the same day Pope Francis made his statement. The government also summoned Archbishop Antonio Lucibello, nuncio to Turkey, to lodge a complaint.

Before concelebrating the Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope Francis greeted the many Armenian faithful who were present, including Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan.

The pope lamented the continued forced expulsions and atrocious killings of Christians in the world saying, "Today, too, we are experiencing a kind of genocide created by general and collective indifference" and "complicit silence."

Humanity has lived through "three massive and unprecedented tragedies the past century: the first, which is generally considered 'the first genocide of the 20th century,'" struck the Armenian people, he said, quoting a joint declaration signed in 2001 by St. John Paul and Catholicos Karekin II of Etchmiadzin, patriarch of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

The other two 20th-century tragedies were those "perpetrated by Nazism and Stalinism," while more recently "other mass exterminations" have been seen in Cambodia, Rwanda, Burundi and Bosnia, Pope Francis said.

"It seems that the human family refuses to learn from its mistakes caused by the law of terror, so that there are still today those who try to eliminate their own kind with the help of some and with the complicit silence of others who act as bystanders," he said.

Addressing Armenian Christians, the pope said that recalling "that tragic event, that immense and senseless slaughter, which your forebears cruelly endured," was necessary and "indeed a duty" to honor their memory "because wherever memory does not exist, it means that evil still keeps the wound open."

"Concealing or denying evil is like letting a wound keep bleeding without treating it," he said.

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said the pope used "inappropriate" and "one-sided" language by describing the deaths of Armenians during World War I as genocide.

He said, "Only highlighting one side's suffering during wartime and discriminating the others' pain is not appropriate for the pope," adding that it would fuel racism and anti-Turkey sentiments in Europe.

Turkey's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a written statement that Pope Francis' references to events from 1915 as genocide "contradict historical and legal facts" and it claimed the Mass was "instrumentalized for political aims."

Turkey says the deaths were due largely to disease and famine during the "relocation process" and that both sides suffered many casualties during the war.

Meanwhile, Armenian Catholic Patriarch Nerses Bedros XIX Tarmouni, who concelebrated the Mass with Pope Francis, said the pope's remarks were not a provocation against Turkey or Muslims, nor was the pope taking sides.

"His vision embraces the world; he expresses the sense of humanity that we all have to share" as caring for one another, he told the Vatican's Fides news agency.

The pope is concerned "about all the oppressed, the poor, the sick of every nation and religion. He has never separated the sufferings of Christians from the sufferings of others, as all of his pronouncements about the conflict bathing the Middle East in blood have shown," the patriarch said.

"Remembering and condemning the horrors of the past can serve as an impediment to those things happening again," he added....

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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



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*Father in heaven,
author of all truth,
a people once in darkness
has listened to your Word
and followed your Son as
he rose from the tomb.*

*Hear the prayer of
this newborn people and
strengthen your Church
to answer your call.*

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BIBLE DETECTIVE

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

FIRST READING: ACTS (OF THE APOSTLES)

In this reading, the Apostle Peter mentions "the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob." What can you find out about Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? Who were they? When did they live (approximately)? Why were they so important to the Jews?

GOSPEL READING: LUKE

Who were the two people mentioned "who recounted what had taken place on the way"? Find the full story, by reading the earlier part of Chapter 24 of St. Luke's Gospel. To what place had the two men been going, and why?

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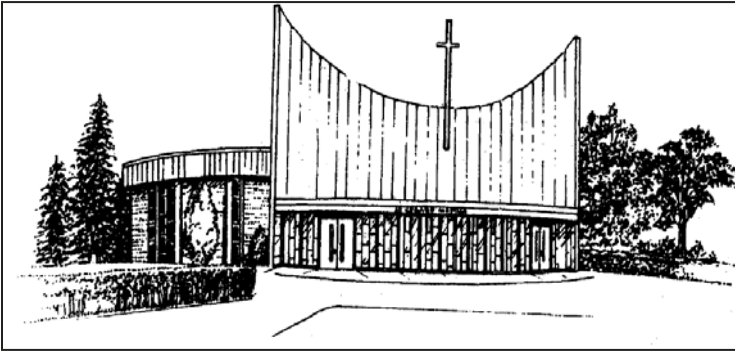
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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes... There is hope for your future."
Jeremiah 31:15-17



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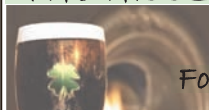
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