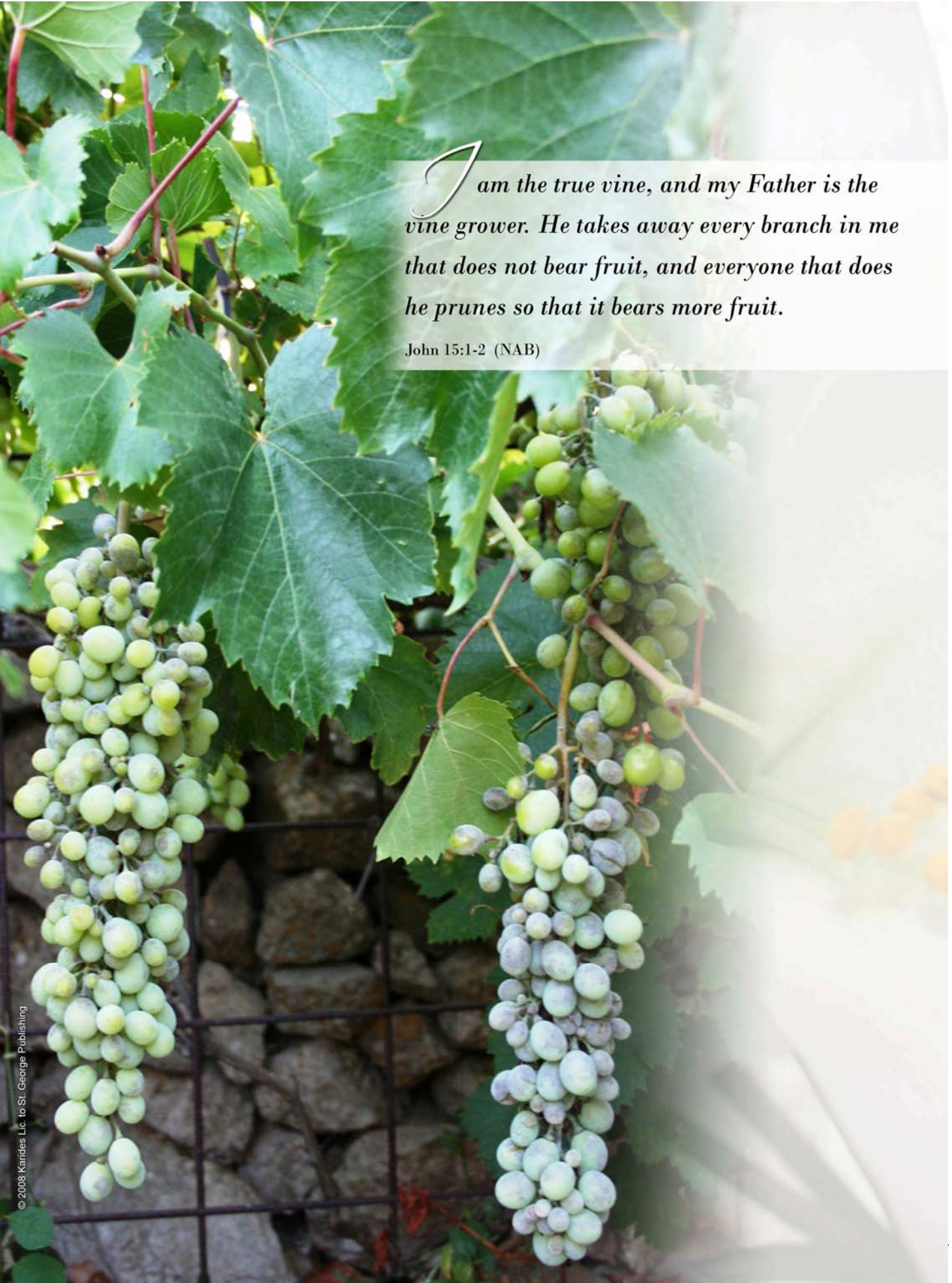


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*I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.*

John 15:1-2 (NAB)

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, May 2nd**

4:00PM Special Intention

**Sunday, May 3rd**

8:30AM For the People of the Parish

10:30AM Donald Cotter (5th Anniversary)

6:00PM Michael William McDonough  
(30th Anniversary)

**Monday, May 4th**

9:00AM Carmine Alvino & Grazia Demeo  
(Memorial)

**Saturday, May 9th**

4:00PM Joseph Thornton, Sr. (1st Anniversary)

**Sunday, May 10th**

8:30AM Danuta Macina (Anniversary)

10:30AM Patricia Callahan (Anniversary)

6:00PM For the People of the Parish

*Your prayers are requested for Paul M. Dubois who was buried from St. Gerard's last week and Fr. Michael McLellan who passed away suddenly last week.*

# 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:***

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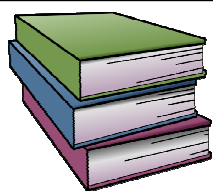
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**Homebound Ministry**

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.



**St. Gerard's Opens  
Catholic Library**

Just in time for your summer reading, our new Catholic library offers interesting titles on the Blessed Mother, saints, popes, apologetics and other Catholic topics. Located at the Washington Street entrance, those wishing to borrow a book, need only to fill out the name of the book, date borrowed, and borrower's name and phone number. The library is composed of donations made by our parishioners. If you would like to donate some of your own Catholic books that have been collecting dust, please contact Sheryl Overlan at 781-821-1806.

A Mass and Healing Service will be held at The Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Walpole on Sunday, May 17th at 2:00PM with Fr. Joseph P. McDermott.

## Religious Education

### May Procession

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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:

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### Attention Parents

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### Hope House

A very proud and grateful **thank you** goes out to parishioner **Sue Tamasi** who ran her 1st Boston Marathon and raised over \$14k for the "House of Possibilities", better known to St. Gerard's teens as "Hope House", a program housed at Stonehill College for mentally disadvantaged teens and adults. Our Youth Ministry teams up with the guests of this program on a monthly basis for interactive and fun social events.

## First Communion Candidates

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Daniel Albert  
Dillon Albert  
Maya Aldrich  
Will Archibald  
Gisella Berardi  
Tyler Bonanno  
Kayleigh Brown  
Seamus Brown  
Emma Cahill  
Tristan Camarra  
Brianna Carstairs  
Imad Chekrallah  
Cameron Conley  
James Cordeiro  
Camila Cutter  
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Megan Desmond  
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Sienna DiLetizia  
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Travis Thomas  
Justin Timmins  
Kayla Walsh  
Christian Weitz  
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Patrick Wilson  
Benjamin Wright  
Katherine Yeaton  
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Be one with Jesus in  
*Eucharistic Adoration*



Every Tuesday immediately after the 9AM Mass, we offer Eucharistic Adoration. This is a time when we come to adore and honor the mystery of Christ truly present before us. During Eucharistic Adoration, we come before our Lord with humble and contrite hearts opening ourselves to His love and mercy.

St. Alphonsus Liguori wrote: “Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us. The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: By not only celebrating the Eucharist, but also by praying before it outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellsprings of Grace...”

Eucharistic Adoration is an affirmation of our faith. Through this time of prayer, we give witness to our belief that God is truly dwelling with His people. Therefore, during these few precious hours each week, Jesus invites us to enter into conversation with him offering him our petitions, concerns, trials and tribulations, gratitude, and thanksgiving.

Beginning the first week of May, we as a parish will offer our Lord a renewed effort of gratitude and thanksgiving for this great gift of Eucharist. Hence, we intend to raise the awareness level of Eucharistic Adoration, and intend to bring before our Lord specific prayers and petitions that affect the life of the believer, the life of the Church, and the life of all of humankind.

Because of the importance of this renewed effort, we are asking two of our parishioners to become the point persons: Elaine Timilty and Paul Blake. It will be their honor to gather the monthly intentions that we will place before the Lord each week at Eucharistic Adoration.

Please consider making an effort each week to visit the Blessed Sacrament and join us in offering our prayers and petitions.

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

#### “SPECIAL INTENTIONS” - MAY 2015

**WEEK OF MAY 3 – GREATER AWARENESS AND DEVOTION OF DIVINE MERCY**

**WEEK OF MAY 10 – MORE VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE**

**WEEK OF MAY 17 – PARISHIONERS UNDERGOING MEDICAL PROCEDURES**

**WEEK OF MAY 24 – AN END TO CHRISTIAN PERSECUTIONS AROUND THE WORLD**

**WEEK OF MAY 31 – GREATER DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

### DID YOU KNOW ?

- (In April). Immaculata High School in Somerville, N.J., announced that Patricia Jannuzzi, a Catholic school teacher (at the school),... was suspended for comments defending traditional marriage on her Facebook page.
- According to My Central Jersey, Jannuzzi’s Facebook post concluded, “We need healthy families with a mother and a father for the sake of the children and humanity!” Jannuzzi’s post drew national outrage, spurred on by social media and celebrities with alumni ties to the school. Actress Susan Sarandon, whose nephew attended the school, claimed that such teachers make school “even more difficult” for students, while reality television actor and Immaculata alumnus Greg Bennett declared Jannuzzi a “nightmare dumpster human.”
- (In suspending Jannuzzi), Immaculata principal Jean Kline reportedly stated in a letter to the school community that Jannuzzi’s words, “were completely inconsistent with our policy and position as a Catholic Christian community.”
- Several weeks later, the school reinstated Jannuzzi due to her “otherwise good reputation as an educator over her 30 years at Immaculata” as long “as she monitors her tone and choice of words when addressing matters of faith in public.” *Cardinal Newman Society*



*Vatican News*

**Mother and son: Pope Francis shares personal, intimate devotion to Mary**

By Cindy Wooden Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- From Easter to Pentecost -- and especially during the Marian month of May -- Catholics recite the "Regina Coeli" prayer "with the emotion of children who are happy because their mother is happy" that Jesus has risen from the dead, Pope Francis said.

Although his devotion to the Mother of God is profound, it is simple in many ways: Mary is a mother to every believer; Jesus would not leave his followers orphans.

While his connection to Mary clearly is a matter of heart and mind, it is also physical. Whenever Pope Francis passes a statue or icon of Mary, he kisses it or allows his hand to rest tenderly upon it.

Honoring the Mother of God, of course, is a solid part of Catholic tradition and a mainstay in the devotion and teaching of the popes. St. John Paul II's motto, "Totus Tuus" ("All yours"), and the large M on his coat of arms were just the most graphic elements of a devotion that led to a whole body of teaching about Mary, her role in Catholics' faith life and the importance of praying the rosary.

Pope Francis would not have an argument with any of St. John Paul's Marian piety or discourse.

But there are differences.

The sense of Pope Francis' devotion to Mary is a little more personal, more intimate" than St. John Paul's was, said Redemptorist Father Sabatino Majorano, a professor at Rome's Alphonsianum Institute. Pope Francis expresses "that feeling that exists between a son and his mother, where I think Pope John Paul's was more that of a subject and his queen."

The difference, he believes, comes from their roots: Pope Francis' Latin roots -- not just in Argentina, but also from his Italian family -- and St. John Paul's Slavic, Polish culture.

Retired Pope Benedict XVI spoke and wrote less about Mary than his predecessor and successor, but one now-solid Marian custom began in his pontificate: Whether or not it is a Marian feast day, a statue of Mary is placed prominently near the altar at papal liturgies.

Pope Francis' habit of touching images of Mary is a typical Latin American gesture, one Father Majorano said he saw repeated thousands of times at Brazil's Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida, which is staffed by his brother Redemptorists. "The tactile experience is part of praying. It's a spirituality that takes flesh, becomes concrete; it is not just an idea or a theory."

At Mass and other formal liturgical services, Pope Francis uses incense to bless the Marian images. He notices the images and often comments on them.

In Caserta, Italy, last July, Pope Francis celebrated the feast of St. Anne, Mary's mother. A locally loved statue of St. Anne holding the hand of her little girl, Mary, was placed to the side of the altar.

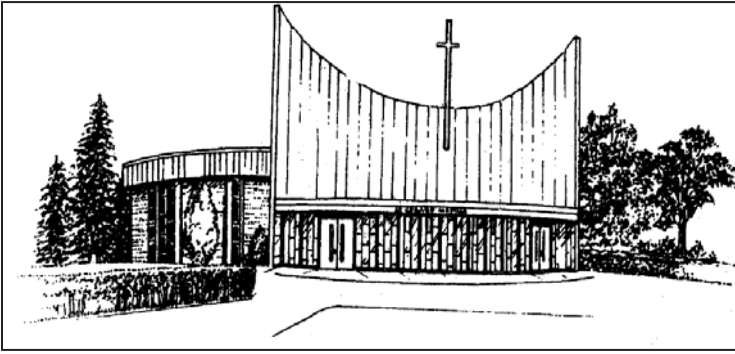
In his homily, the pope said, "When I was using the incense, I noticed something very beautiful: The statue of St. Anne does not have a crown, but her daughter Mary is crowned. St. Anne is the woman who prepared her daughter to become queen, to become queen of heaven and earth. This woman did a great job."

Visiting Naples in March, Pope Francis told priests, nuns and seminarians that one way to make sure Jesus is the center of their lives is to ask "his mother to take you to him. A priest, a brother, a nun who does not love Mary, who does not pray to her -- I would even say one who does not recite the rosary -- well, if you don't love the mother, the mother will not give you the Son."

The women of the Canton Catholic Women's Club will close the 2014-2015 year with their annual luncheon. It will be held at noon on Wednesday, May 20th at the Blue Hill Country Club at 23 Pecunit Street in Canton. Please send your check for \$30 to Linda Devoll, 46 Oakdale Road **NO** by **May 13**. Make the check payable to CCWC and note on the check your entrée choice of chicken or fish. Guests are welcome.

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Contact the Parish Office one month in advance.

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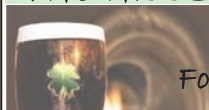
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