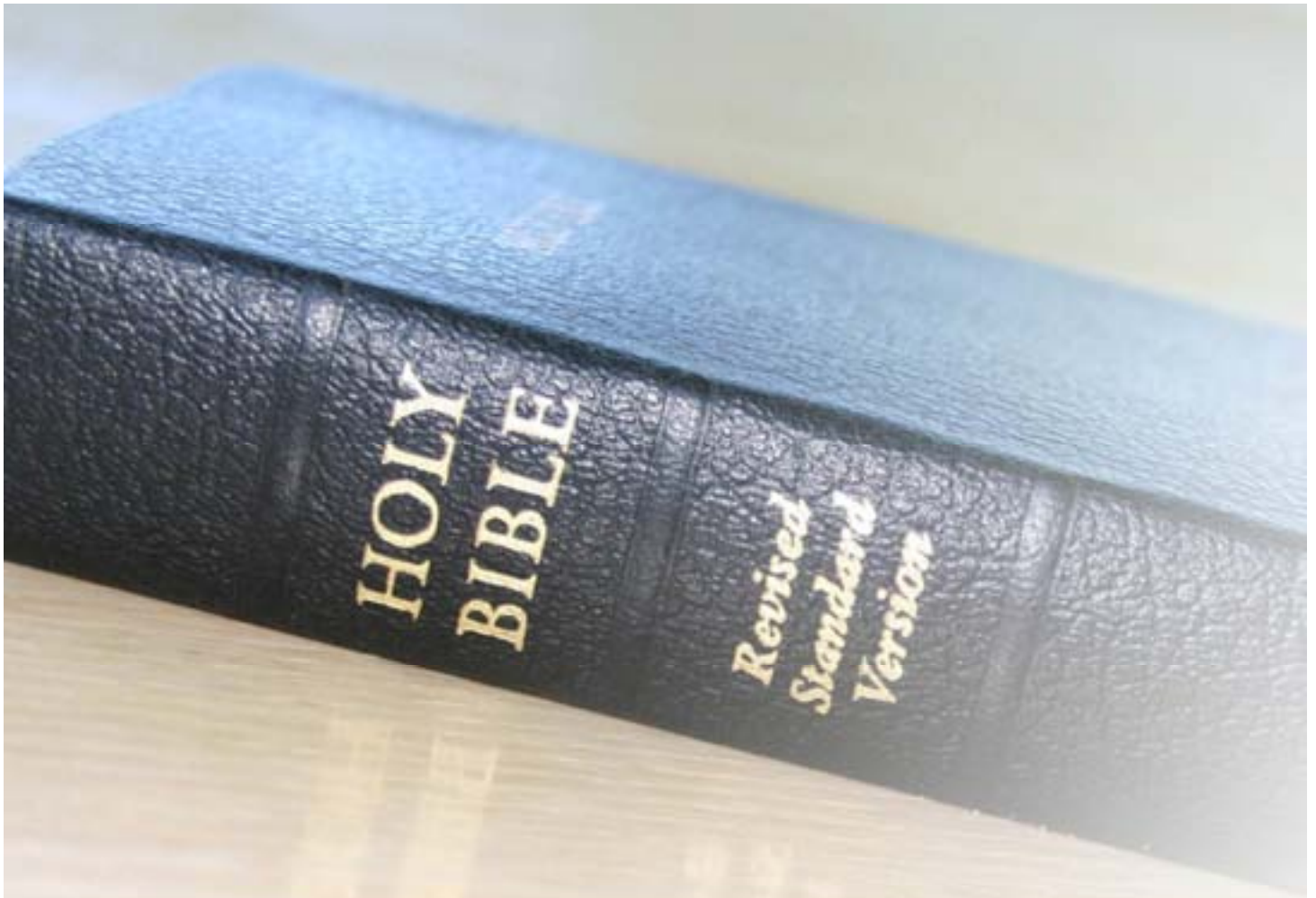


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*Consecrate them in the truth.
Your word is truth. As you sent
me into the world, so I sent them
into the world.*

John 17:17-18 (NAB)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 16th

4:00PM Marilyn Mutch (1st Anniversary)

Sunday, May 17th

8:30AM Carmela Ferrara (Anniversary)

10:30AM Mary Wade (Memorial)

6:00PM For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, May 20th

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

Saturday, May 23rd

4:00PM James & Winifred Sullivan (Anniversary)

Sunday, May 24th

8:30AM Mario & Amalia Farlo (Memorial)

10:30AM Theresa L. Mahoney (Memorial)

6:00PM For the People of the Parish

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 Panicci, 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.

Collection May 9th & 10th

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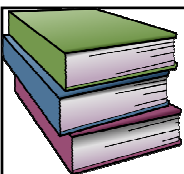
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A month's mind Mass will be celebrated for Rev. Mike McLellan, at St. John the Evangelist Church, on Tuesday, May 26th at 7PM. Light refreshments will be served, immediately following Mass, in the lower church hall.

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.



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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"SPECIAL INTENTIONS" - MAY 2015

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

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

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Operation Lazarus

April 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!**

Kids Camp

25th Anniversary Gala

In celebration of 25 years of success, St. Gerard's is holding an event with food, music and memories. Irish Cultural Center, July 18th. Save the date and watch for more details to follow.

Senior Bingo

Our next Senior Bingo evening will be held on Sunday, May 31st from 4-6PM. We love new faces! Come for a night of free Bingo with lots of prizes, laughs and refreshments. If you need transportation please call Judie at 781-828-4061.



• The Pope recently spoke out on sports. Following are some of his comments.

• Paraphrasing a 4th-century philosopher, Sallustius, the Pope said: "With harmony, small things grow; with discord, great things decay."

• "Every sport has its worth -- not just in physical and social benefits, but also morally in the ways it can offer people, especially kids, a chance to experience a more balanced life, "self-control, sacrifice and loyalty toward others," he said, especially today when it seems "betrayal" is on the rise. "The Bible teaches that the human person is both body and soul," he said.

• "Sometimes it happens that a boy or girl forgets about Mass, catechism because of work-outs and competition. This is not a good sign" because it means they do not have their priorities right, he said. Never let practice and competition get in the way of going to Mass, studying for school, being with friends and helping the poor, Pope Francis told an Italian sports association. *Catholic News Service*

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.



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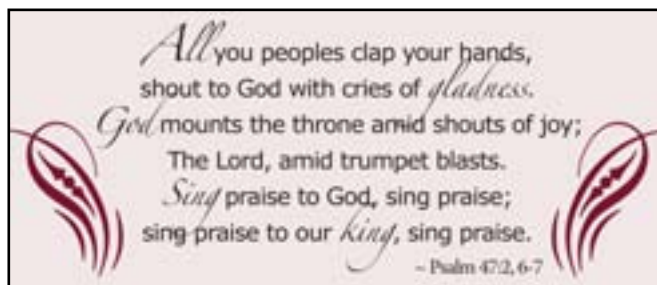
Next Saturday, May 23rd St. Gerard's will be serving dinner at the homeless shelter in Brockton. We are in need of donations since we are serving record numbers of homeless people. Please drop off uncooked meat loaves, mashed potatoes, frozen vegetables, salad ingredients, and desserts to the Church 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. Your 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.

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.

Prayers For Our Service Members

Please remember our military in your prayers. To add a name call the Parish Office 781-828-3420.





Vatican News

Pope: Marriage is brave promise to love like Jesus, not showy ceremony

By Carol Glatz Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- A Christian marriage isn't just a big ceremony held in a church with nice flowers and everyone wearing fancy clothes and taking lots of pictures, Pope Francis said.

Marriage is an act of faith between a man and woman who are both fragile and limited, but courageous enough to follow Christ and seek to love each other as he loves them, the pope said May 6 during his general audience in St. Peter's Square.

"Men and women, courageous enough to carry this treasure in the 'earthen vessels' of our humanity, are an essential resource for the church and for the whole world," he said. "May God bless them a thousand times for this!"

The pope continued a series of talks about the family by focusing on the beauty of Christian marriage as a sacrament that builds up the church and the world.

A Christian marriage "is not simply a ceremony that you have in church with flowers, the dress, photos. Christian marriage is a sacrament that takes place in the church and is also something the church does, ushering in a new domestic community," he said.

All Christians "are called to love each other like Christ loves them," and to be at the service of each other, he said. But the love between husband and wife is given greater, even "unthinkable," dignity when St. Paul says the love between a husband and wife reflects the love between Christ and his church, the pope said.

Just as Christ loves his church, every husband, too, must love his wife and give himself completely for her, he said.

Looking up from his text, the pope asked all of the married men in the crowd if they fully grasped what was being asked of them. Such responsibility and a commitment to offer so much love and dignity to a woman "is no joke, you know; it's serious," he said to applause.

While the analogy between husband-wife and Christ-church may be imperfect, he said, its spiritual significance is "revolutionary, and simple at the same time, and within the means of every man and woman who trust in God's grace."

This love has been inscribed by God in the human creature, "and with Christ's grace, countless Christian couples, even with their limits, their sins, have achieved" it, the pope said.

The selfless, reciprocal, fruitful and indissoluble union between a man and a woman is part of God's original plan and "the sacrament of marriage is a great act of faith and of love," he said.

Marriage "gives witness to the courage to believe in the beauty of the creative act of God and to live that love that drives one to always go beyond, beyond oneself and beyond one's own family," he said.

"The Christian vocation to love without reserve and without measure is what, with Christ's grace, is at the foundation of the free consent that constitutes marriage," the pope said.

The pope said the church is intimately bound up in every Christian marriage and it is edified with each union's "successes" and suffers with every failure.

"But we must ask ourselves in all seriousness: Do we fully accept -- we as faithful and pastors, too -- this indissoluble connection between the relationship of Christ and the church with the relationship of marriage and the human family? Are we willing to seriously take on this responsibility? That is, that every marriage takes the path of the love Christ has for the church? This is something huge."

Such a path takes courage, and that is why whenever "I greet newlyweds, I say, 'Look, the courageous ones!' Because you need courage to love each other as Christ loves the church," he said to applause.

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Holy Days: As announced

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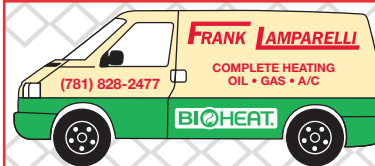


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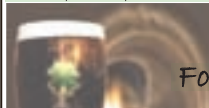
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