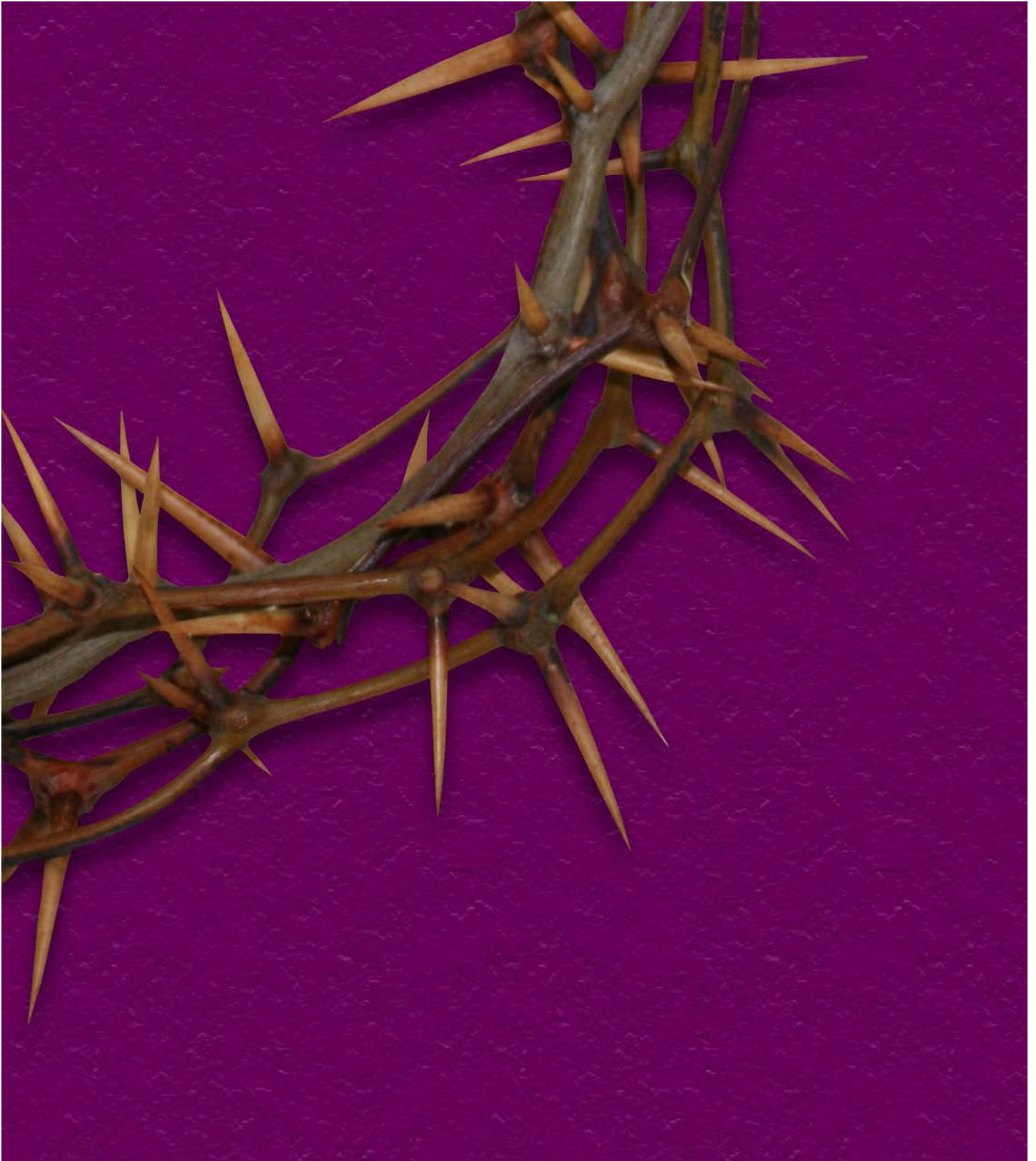


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Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 14th

4:00PM Richard G. Tynan (3rd Anniversary)

Sunday, March 15th

8:30AM Denise M. Cogliano (Memorial)

10:30AM O'Shea Family (Memorial)

6:00PM For the People of the Parish

Monday, March 16th

9:00AM Hester Family (Memorial)

Wednesday, March 18th

9:00AM Linehan Family (Memorial)

Thursday, March 19th

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

Saturday, March 21st

4:00PM Joseph Romanelli &
Laura E. Hagen (Memorial)

Sunday, March 22nd

8:30AM For the People of the Parish

10:30AM Kathleen Curry (2nd Anniversary)



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, John Raftery, Joan Reardon, 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.

**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
Holy Week Sign-Up**

April 2 - Holy Thursday - 7:30PM

April 4 - Holy Saturday - 7:30PM

April 5 - Easter Sunday - 8:30AM & 10:30AM

**Sign-up sheets for these Masses are in the
Sacristy**

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday of Holy Week

7:30PM The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration to follow until 10:00PM

Good Friday

3:00PM Stations of the Cross
7:30PM The Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Re-enactment of the Passion by the
Jr.CYO Youth

Saturday

7:30PM The Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Masses

8:30AM & 10:30AM

Note: No evening Mass at 6:00PM

Collection February March 7th & 8th

Attendance - 944

Offertory - \$7,129

Offertory July 1st to date: \$283,491

Budget July 1st to date: \$283,090

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Snow Emergency Collection

St. Gerard's has been hit hard with costs for snow removal and reduced offertory income during the recent blizzards. For the first time in our history we had to shovel off the roof to prevent a collapse. The cost for this emergency was a staggering \$5,100.00! For this weekend of March 14th & 15th there will be a second collection to help us pay for snow removal. Please help our Parish get back on its financial feet.



**The Light is On For
You** – On all the
Wednesdays of Lent
from 6:30-8:00PM
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all the parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for individual confession. The Archdiocese has set up a website, www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org, to help you prepare. It has videos on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, sheets on how to make a good confession, answers to frequently-asked questions and more. Please make plans to come on Lenten Wednesdays and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.

Religious Education

Grade 2 First Reconciliation on Saturday, March 21st in the Upper Church at 1:00PM.

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

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

***The Conroy Family
& In Memory of Al Meda (anonymous)***

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. **LENT** is a season of almsgiving and a perfect time to give to those who are suffering and so much less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you.

Youth Ministry

Grade 10 Men's Confirmation Retreat: Saturday/Sunday, March 21/22.

Father Bill's: Next trip to Quincy is Saturday, March 21. Call Masha @ 617-640-9181 if you like to help feed the homeless at this shelter.

*For more info on all activities:
www.saintgerard.org*



MANDATORY MEETING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN SUMMER 2015 OUTREACH TRIPS

Sunday, April 12th, 6PM Mass
followed by meeting
Church Hall 7:00 – 8:00PM

Soup and Stations

Please join us during this Lenten season as we walk together with Jesus on his way to Golgotha. During this Lenten season, let us join together as Jesus' faithful followers and participate in the great Catholic tradition – The Stations of the Cross.

This year, we will host "Soup and Stations" every Friday evening at St. Gerard's beginning with a simple Lenten meal of soup, bread, and water at 6:30PM followed by The Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM. This is a wonderful way to come together in prayer and fellowship with each other and with Christ.

Week 5 Friday, March 20, 6:30PM – Soup
7:00 PM – Stations of the Cross
Week 6 Friday, March 27, 6:30PM – Soup
7:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

**Good Friday, April 3rd
Stations of the Cross at 3:00PM**



Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate an Easter flower in memory of a loved one, there are envelopes at the entrances of the church for your donation. Please return your donation by Sunday, March 29th. We will display the names in the bulletin.

The Parish Pastoral Council is setting up a Catholic Library and is in need of a Bookcase. Call the Parish Office at 781-828-3420, if you would like to donate shelving.

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.



Vatican News

Pope: Putting trust in world, not God, blinds people to needs of others

By Carol Glatz Catholic News Service



(CNS/Paul Haring)

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- When people trust in the world more than in God, their heart becomes numb and their eyes blind to those in need, Pope Francis said.

"Worldliness transforms souls, it makes (people) lose touch with reality: They live in a fake world they have made," he said March 5 in his homily at a morning Mass in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where he lives.

The pope's homily was based on the day's Gospel reading from St. Luke in which Jesus tells the Pharisees the story of a rich man who was unaware that lying at his door was "a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table."

The pope said there was nothing in the passage to suggest that the rich man was bad; on the contrary, the pope said, "perhaps he was a religious man, in his own way. Perhaps he prayed," went to the temple to offer sacrifices, "and gave big contributions to the priests and, with their clerical cowardliness, they thanked him and let him sit at a place of honor."

The problem was that when the rich man left his home, he never noticed the person in need at his door, the pope said, according to Vatican Radio.

"Perhaps the car he used had dark tinted windows to not see out. Maybe, I don't know," the pope teased.

What was certain, however, was that "his soul, the eyes of his soul were darkened," so that "he only saw inside his own life and he wasn't aware of things going on" outside, he said.

The rich man "wasn't bad," Pope Francis said, "he was ill, ill with worldliness," which "numbs the soul" and is difficult to heal.

So many people with difficulties or in need "live next to us," the pope said. "But if my heart is worldly, I will never understand this. With a worldly heart, you cannot understand the necessities, the needs of others" even if you go to church faithfully and pray.

Pope Francis said that is why at the Last Supper, Jesus prayed to God that the disciples not fall victim to "the evil one" and worldly concerns because to do so "is a subtle sin, it is more than a sin, it is the soul in a state of in."

In fact, the rich man ends up in hell after he dies, and he sees Lazarus in paradise with Abraham, showing how there are two forms of judgment: "damnation for the person who trusts in the world and blessings for the one who trusts in the Lord," the pope said.

Jesus clearly pointed the way to eternal life, he added. The consolation, the pope said, is "we are not orphans. Up until the end, the very end, there is the certainty that we have a Father who waits for us. Let us trust in him."

WELCOME TO SAINT GERARD MAJELLA PARISH

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: _____

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Pope Francis is expected to canonize Blessed Louis and Zelig Martin, the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux, during the world Synod of Bishops on the family in October...The couple was beatified in 2008. They are believed to be the first parents of a saint to be beatified, highlighting the important role parents play in their children's human and spiritual upbringing. *Catholic News Service*
- San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone has been working vigorously to protect and promote the Catholic identity of schools in the archdiocese, but some Catholic high school teachers recently signed a letter requesting morality clauses be removed from the revised faculty handbook... Criticism lobbied against the archbishop's decision to prohibit teachers from publicly acting against Catholic teaching now includes more than 350 teachers signing the recent letter according to *CBS San Francisco*. Organizers of the letter claimed that the signatures amounted to 80 percent of faculty and staff at the schools that are subject to the handbook. *Cardinalnewmansociety.org*
- The United Kingdom is poised to become a world leader in manufacturing. The product: genetically engineered babies and human clones. That's the trajectory of votes this month, first in the House of Commons and just this week in the House of Lords. Approval of the concept by the British Parliament paves the way for clinics to create babies who will have DNA contribution from two mums and a dad. *National Catholic Register*

Read more: <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/uk-to-become-leading-manufacturer-of-babies/#ixzz3Tsw4BgoW>

Come to the CCWC Lenten Program

Our March program is Wednesday, March 18 which is in the third week of Lent. We will have an excellent program for the middle of Lent. After the 9:00AM Mass there will be coffee and a short meeting. Deacon Dan Nelson (from St. Gerard's) will join us. In conjunction with the video for the Paschal Mystery from the Symbolon series, he will speak on this core doctrine of the Church. Everyone is invited! Members, please bring your new or gently used items for our April 15 Bouquet to this event.

Women's Retreats: "My One Wild & Precious Life," March 20-22, Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center, Putnam, CT. For more information contact Peggy Patenaude at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net.

A Mass and Healing Service will be held at The Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Walpole on Sunday, March 29th at 2:00PM with Fr. Joseph P. McDermott.



On Sunday, March 22nd from 9:00AM-3:00PM Canton Police Department will be hosting a Bloodmobile at the Canton Police Station.

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.

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Got the winter blues???

Mark your calendar for **March 21**, to bid "*arrivederci*" to winter, and "*ciao*" to spring!

Tickets go on sale at St. John's rectory, beginning March 3, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 9AM until 3PM, and the weekends of March 8, and March 15, after most Masses. Tickets will be limited.



Adults \$12 Children \$6 Family Max \$36

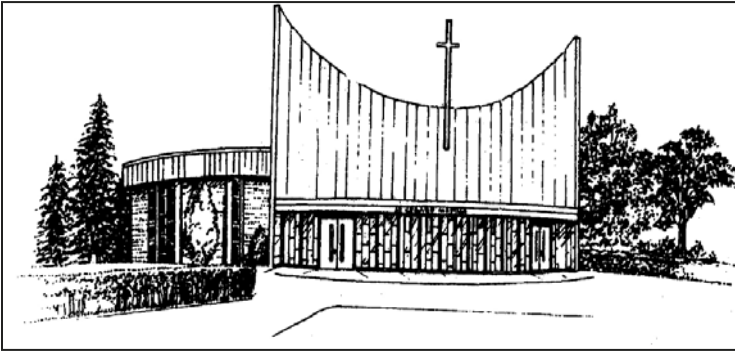
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MASS SCHEDULE

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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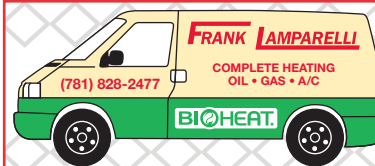
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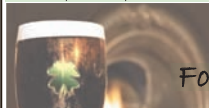
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