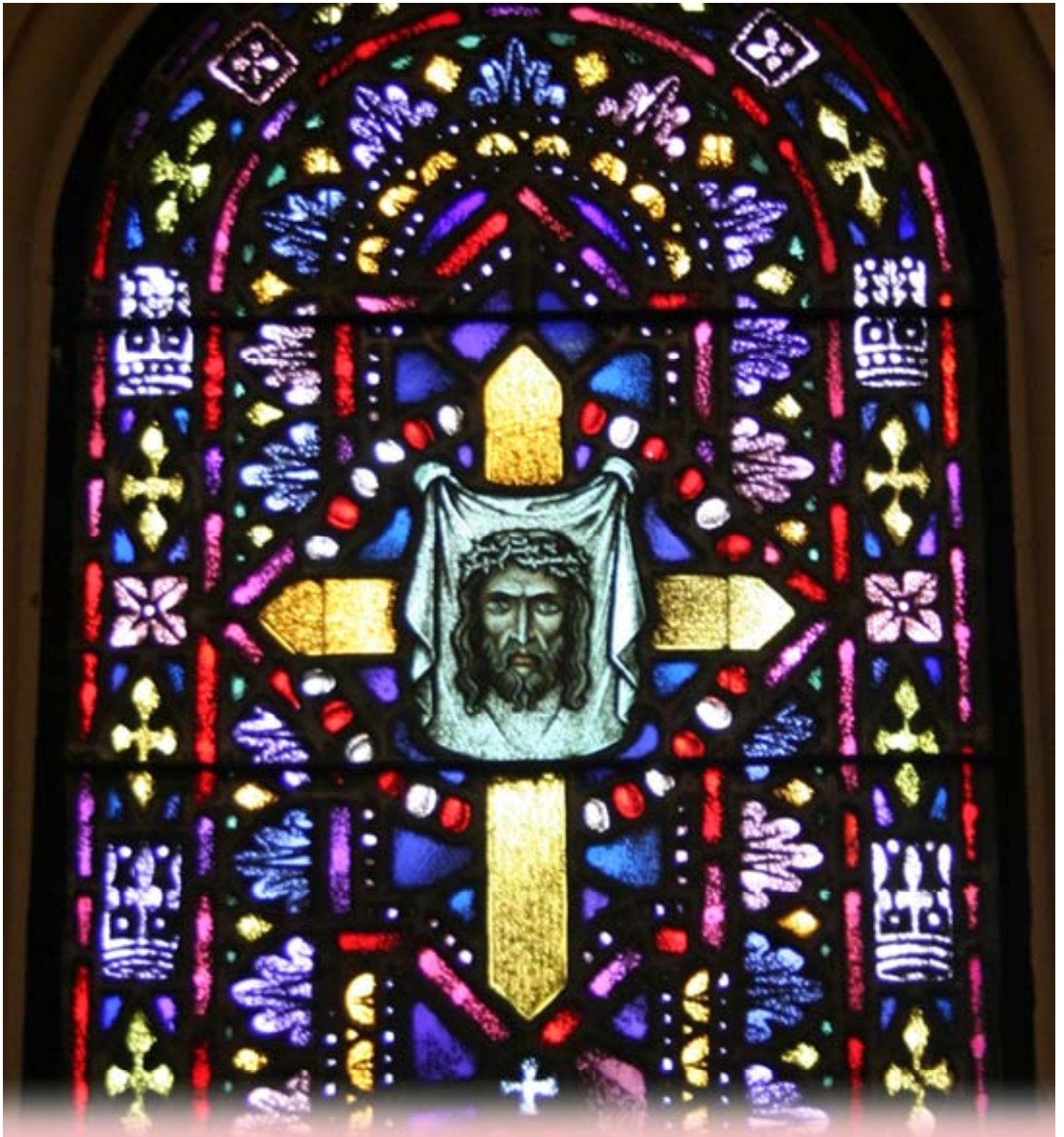


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This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:12-13 (NAB)

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, May 11th

9:00AM Noemia DeVito & Ciro Tropeano (Memorial)

Tuesday, May 12th

9:00AM Special Intention

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

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.

**The Ascension of the Lord Masses
Thursday, May 14th - 9AM & 7PM**

Collection May 2nd & 3rd

Attendance - 859

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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.

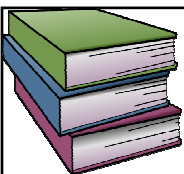
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**St. Gerard's Opens
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Just in time for your summer reading, our new Catholic library offers interesting titles on the Blessed Mother, saints, popes, apologetics and other Catholic topics. Located 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.



Prayers For Our Service Members

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

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.

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 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 by May 13. Make the check payable to CCWC and note on the check your entrée choice of chicken or fish. Guests are welcome.



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.

JR CYO SEMI FORMAL

All middle schools students are cordially invited to attend our annual semi-formal dance to be held on Friday evening, May 15, 2015. Dance to DJ Dustin's musical tunes and join in his hilarious games! Admission is \$5.00. No backpacks or sweatshirts allowed! And please, NO Dates or Limousines! Semi Formal attire will be appropriate for the evening.

Trips

American West September 18-24 \$1999/ppdo Tour includes air, 6 nights/6 breakfasts/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. Call Janet Walrod, 781-575-1491.

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: _____

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Vatican News

World without mothers would be inhumane, lacking tenderness, pope says



Pope Francis greets a baby while meeting newly married couples during his general audience in Paul VI hall at the Vatican Jan. 7. (CNS/Paul Haring)

By Carol Glatz Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Mothers are indispensable to society and the church, showing the world what it means to generously give oneself for others, to respect life and to display tenderness and moral strength even in times of trouble, Pope Francis said.

...Tying the theme of the family to the church's celebration of the feast of Mary, Mother of God, Jan. 1, and the Epiphany Jan. 6, the pope looked specifically at Mary's role in the Gospel accounts of Christmas.

"She gives us Jesus, she shows us Jesus, she lets us see Jesus," the pope said.

Even though mothers are often "exalted" with praise and poetry, he said, they often get very little concrete help and appreciation. In fact, he said, "the willingness of mothers to sacrifice themselves for their children is often taken advantage of in order to 'save' on social spending."

"One should better understand their daily struggle to be efficient at work and attentive and loving in their family; it is necessary to better understand what they are striving for in order to express the best and most authentic fruits of their liberation," he said.

Pope Francis recalled his own upbringing as one of five children, and spoke of how much work and how many problems, but also how much happiness, come with motherhood.

"Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of selfish individualism," he said.

A world without mothers would be "inhumane," he said, "because mothers always know how to give witness -- even in the worst of times -- to tenderness, dedication and moral strength."

"Being a mother does not mean just bringing a child into the world, but it is also a life choice. What does a mother choose?" he asked. "It is the choice to give life and this is great, this is beautiful."

If societies do not do justice to the contributions and sacrifices of mothers, the church is not always better, he said. "Perhaps mothers, who are ready to make many sacrifices for their children and often also for others" should find greater reception and attention in the church, he said.

It is often the mother who passes on "the deepest sense of religious practice" as she plants and cultivates the seed of faith in a child by sharing prayers and devotional practices, he said. "Without mothers, not only would there be no new people of faith, but the faith would lose a good portion of its simple and profound warmth."

Mothers are the biggest enemies of war, "which kills their children," he said, admitting he has thought many times of those women who receive the dreaded letter notifying them of the loss of their children in their defense of the nation. "Poor women. How much a mother suffers," he said solemnly.

Mothers are martyrs, the pope said quoting a homily by Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was shot and killed in 1980 as he celebrated Mass.

Presiding over the funeral Mass of a priest who had been assassinated by the country's death squads, the late archbishop had said that giving one's life does not just mean being killed for the faith, it is also offering oneself "in that silence of daily life," bit by bit, "like a mother, who, without fear and with the simplicity of maternal martyrdom, conceives a child in her womb, brings it into the world, nurses it, raises it and lovingly cares" for the child.



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 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

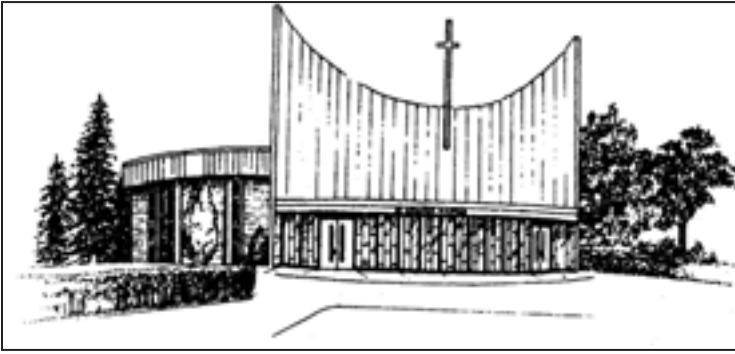
WEEK OF MAY 31 – GREATER DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

DID YOU KNOW ?

- Abortion advocacy, support for euthanasia and applause for excommunicated and “ordained” women priests—such were the highlights of last week’s “dialogue” with radical feminists Gloria Steinem and Bell Hooks on the Catholic campus of St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis.
- The event was held in the College’s campus theater on April 21, despite initial exposure by the Cardinal Newman Society last October, public protest by Bishop David Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay in January, and assurances from the College that Steinem was invited only to headline a “discussion of the history of the women’s movement, especially as it may be understood in the context of domestic violence.”
- A video of their dialogue indicates that Steinem and Hooks barely touched on the subject of domestic violence but focused instead on “reproductive rights” and societal ills caused by the patriarchy.

Ever living God, help us to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of our Lord and to express in our lives the love we celebrate. – Roman Rite

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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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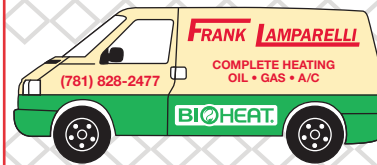


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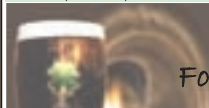
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