# St. Gerard Majella Church

e said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many..."

Mark 14:24 (NAB)

#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, June 6th Michael Lee (30th Anniversary) 4:00PM Sunday, June 7th 8:30AM For the People of the Parish 10:30AM Edward Gorny (1st Anniversary) 6:00PM Carlo Calisi (6th Anniversary) Wednesday, June 10th Marlene Ingemi (Memorial) 9:00AM Thursday, June 11th Michael Curran (Month's Mind) 9:00AM Saturday, June 13th Michael McCormack (3rd Anniversary) 4:00PM Sunday, June 14th 8:30AM For the People of the Parish 10:30AM Jim Gilmore (1st Anniversary) Francesca Romano (Memorial) 6:00PM

# Collection May 30th & 31st

Attendance - 885

Offertory - \$5,558

Offertory July 1st to date: \$374,372

Budget July 1st to date: \$379,798

Unfavorable Variance YTD (\$5,426)

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



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 Eucha-

ristic Adoration, we come before our Lord with humble and contrite hearts opening ourselves to His love and mercy. 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" - JUNE 2015

WEEK OF JUNE 3 – GREATER AWARENESS AND DEVOTION OF DIVINE MERCY

WEEK OF JUNE 10 – MORE VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

WEEK OF JUNE 17 – PARISHIONERS UNDER-GOING MEDICAL PROCEDURES

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



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, Thomas Rose, Kathy, Michael, Kay Smith, PAF, Luci Colee, Deborah Rizzotti, Mary Feeney.



#### **Prayers For Our Service Members**

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

Your daily life is complicated enough! Forget your envelope or your check? Make things easy on yourself! Sign up for automatic offertory Online at: www.parishpay.com or through your Bank

# **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.

# Kids Camp 2015 Counselor Newsletter

Kids Camp 2015 is approaching quickly! Failure to attend a required training day will result in NOT being a counselor. All training will be held at the Church Hall and the schedule is as followed:

#### HEAD COUNSELORS

Anyone interested in being a head counselor must attend one of the meetings listed. Head Counselor forms must be picked up at the Head Counselor Info Meeting and dropped off at the Head Counselor Training. They will not be available online.

Head Counselor Info Meeting Thursday, June 4th OR Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7-8PM

Head Counselor Training Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> OR Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7-9PM

Also must attend Regular Counselor Training Wednesday, June 24th OR Wednesday, July 8th OR Thursday, July 9th @ 7-8:30PM

<u>Plus Kick off Kid's Camp Training</u>: Sunday, July 12th @9:30AM-4PM

# EXPERIENCED REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Does NOT include NEW HIGH SCHOOL Counselors

<u>Counselor Training</u> Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> OR Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>, OR Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7-8:30PM

Plus Kick off Kids Camp Training: Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 AM-4PM

# NEW (HIGH SCHOOL) COUNSELORS

These include former Jr. Counselors, entering Gr. 9 or no prior Kids Camp counselor experience

#### New Counselor Training

Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> OR Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7-8:30PM

Plus Kick off Kids Camp Training: Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30AM-4PM

#### Junior Counselors

Must be 13 years old or entering Gr. 8 in Fall '15 Junior Counselor Training Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> OR Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:45-8:30PM

<u>Plus Kick off Kids Camp Training</u>: Sunday, July 12th @ 3-4PM

All Counselors must attend Kids Camp Mass Sun-

day, July 12th @ 10:30AM

# KIDS CAMP 2015

Get ready for a blast from the past and a look into the future as we celebrate 25 years of camp!! This summer's fun week is scheduled for July 13th—July 17th. Mark your calendars for REGISTRATION in the Church Hall:

<u>Returning families</u>: Sunday, June 7th,7PM

<u>New families</u>: Monday, June 8th, 7PM

Our Kick-off Kids Camp Mass is on Sunday, July 12th at 10:30AM. Camp t-shirts will be distributed before Mass. Returning families should watch your mailbox for registration info. New families will receive their registration forms on Registration night. Counselor sign-up forms will be mailed soon to past counselors and will be available online as well. New counselors may go online for a form. Go to www.saintgerard.org for all forms and upto-date info or call 781-828-3420 and ask for the Kids Camp hotline. Families may also email questions to:

# stgerard.kidscamp@gmail.com

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN !!



#### Kids Camp 25th Anniversary Gala

In celebration of 25 years of success, St.

Gerard's is holding an ADULT event with food, music and memories. The event will be at the Irish Cultural Center, Saturday, July 18th. Save the date and watch for more details to follow.

# 1990—2015

For a walk down memory lane, take a moment to look at the bulletin boards around the sides of the church. We have posted pictures from many of the past 25 years of Kids Camp as we prepare to celebrate this milestone in our parish's history! You've come a long way, baby!!!

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# **Religious Education**

**Registrations for 2015-2016** have been mailed out. Please return your registration forms and check by **Monday**, **June 8th**. If you are a returning family and have a child going into first grade in the fall, please add their name to the form and send in a copy of their baptismal certificate (if they were not baptized at St. Gerard's).

**First grade registration for new families** will be by appointment only. Please contact Donna Andersen at the Rectory (781-828-3240).

# **OUTREACH YARD SALE**

Our Youth Ministry Program, in conjunction with parishioner June Martin, is running a yard sale with the proceeds to go towards this year's summer Outreach trips. **WE NEED YOUR DONATED ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION.** The yard sale will be held at 1818 Washington Street on Sunday, June 7, (weather permitting) from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Parking is available on Old Coach Road.

#### **Operation Lazarus**

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

#### The O'Connor & Falcione 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!** 



MCFL March for Life, Sunday, June 28th Boston Common: Rally 1PM, March 2:30PM. Massachusetts Citizens for Life has sponsored the Walk to

Aid Mothers and Children for almost 30 years. This year we will still raise funds for beneficiary groups but we have expanded the focus to a March for Life. **More than 1.2 million babies in Massachusetts** alone have died through abortion since 1973. <u>We must give witness!</u> Rally speakers include legislators. post-abortive women, clergy, youth, and many others, all led by the music of Lift Ministries. More information, posters, and sponsor sheets: <u>617-242-4199</u>, <u>www.masscitizensforlife.org/</u> <u>march</u>.



#### **Pancake Breakfast**

St. Gerard Majella Parish Pancake Breakfast Sunday, June 14th after the 10:30AM Mass. All are welcome! Please

sign up at the back of Church or downstairs at coffee hour. No charge to attend only donations if you like. To help please call Kevin Donovan at 781-821-0905.

#### 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.

#### Saint John the Evangelist School Limited Openings in Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle School for 2015-2016

Saint John the Evangelist School, 696 Washington Street, Canton, is a NEASC accredited and commended school featuring an excellent academic and faith-filled education for students from preschool (3 Years old) to grade eight.

Saint John the Evangelist School offers a caring, technologically advanced, academically rigorous and faith based educational option for families. Focused on educating the whole child, students take part in sung and instrumental music, art, and a string theater arts program is available, as well.

Our middle school students scored in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile this year on standardized testing and are readily accepted into the finest catholic high schools in the area including Xaverian Brothers High School, Ursuline Academy, Boston College High School and Fontbonne Academy.

For more information or to schedule a personal tour call school secretary Suzanne Sullivan at <u>781-828-2130</u>, email <u>suzanne.sullivan@sjscanton.org</u> or visit us on the web at <u>www.sjscanton.org</u>

#### Invitation to a Centenary Mass at St. Theresa of Avila Church

The Daughters of St. Paul will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Foundation with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM in St. Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre Street, West Roxbury, Mass. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Cardinal Sean O'Malley will be the main celebrant. All are invited to attend the Mass and reception. Please RSVP to 617-522-8911 or email to <u>fspcentenary@gmail.com</u>. The Sisters are known by many for their annual Christmas concerts at their Jamaica Plain residence, for their Pauline Books & Media Center on Route 1 in Dedham, as well as for their many Catholic books, CD's and DVD's.



# Vatican News

#### There but for the grace of God: What Pope Francis thinks of prisoners

By Cindy Wooden <u>Catholic News Service</u>

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis seems to describe his life in the Vatican almost as if he were in prison -- at least as far as his freedom of movement goes. But that is not the first thing he cites when he talks about what he and prisoners have in common.

When visiting a prison, he said, "I think to myself, 'I, too, could be here.' That is, none of us can be sure that we would never commit a crime, something for which we'd be put in prison."

Pope Francis' comment to a reporter from a newspaper in Argentina in mid-May was just the most recent time he has spoken about how everyone makes mistakes, everyone sins, and if one's personal history and circumstances were different, he or she could be that convict.

"They haven't had the opportunities that I have had of not doing something stupid and ending up in prison," he told the newspaper, La Voz del Pueblo. "This makes me cry inside. It is deeply moving."

Continuing a practice he began as archbishop of Buenos Aires, the pope has spent plenty of time behind bars: He celebrated Holy Thursday Mass in a juvenile detention facility in 2013 and at Rome's Rebibbia prison in 2015; he visited the Poggioreale prison outside Naples in March; and in the summer of 2014, visited inmates during trips to both Calabria and Isernia.

Even as pope, he continues to make a phone call every other Saturday to young inmates he used to visit regularly in a Buenos Aires prison.

He was scheduled to spend time May 30 with hundreds of children of Italian inmates, including some children who had lived in jail with their mothers. Italian law encourages house arrest for convicted mothers of small children or confinement with their children in supervised group homes. However, when that is not feasible, the law allows children to live with their mothers in prison until the age of 6.

...His talks about prisons always focus on the need to ensure incarceration is designed not only as punishment, but as a process of education and socialization preparing a person to return to society and function as a law-abiding citizen.

In a wide variety of settings, Pope Francis cites the 25th chapter of Matthew and its judgment day list: Did you feed the hungry, clothe the naked and visit prisoners?

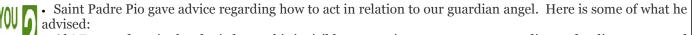
During a general audience talk in 2014, when he was explaining how the church is "a mother who teaches us the works of mercy," the pope said he knew many people feel uncomfortable with the very idea of visiting someone in prison. They think, "It's dangerous! They are bad people," he said.

"Listen up," he told thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square for the audience. "Each one of us is capable of doing the same thing done by that man or woman in jail. All of us are capable of sinning and making the same mistake in life. They are not worse than you and I!"

Showing mercy to those who have strayed can be life changing, he said. "Mercy overcomes every wall, every obstacle" and can instill new life and hope in others.

While it may be easy to recognize a prisoner's need for mercy and conversion, Pope Francis assures the inmates he visits that asking for God's mercy and the strength to convert is the lifelong task of every Christian.

...Some people, he said, are able to "do this in their own homes and in their own professions. Others, like you, do this in a prison. But all of us, all of us -- anyone who says they do not need to go through a process of rehabilitation is a liar."



KNOW

• Oh! For goodness' sake, don't forget this invisible companion, ever present, ever disposed to listen to us and even more ready to console us. Oh, wonderful intimacy! Oh, blessed companionship! If only we could understand it! Keep him always before your mind's eye. Remember this angel's presence often, thank him, pray to

him, always keep up a good relationship. Open yourself up to him and confide your suffering to him. Be always afraid of offending the purity of his gaze. Know this, and keep it well present in your mind. He is easily offended, very sensitive. Turn to him in moments of supreme anguish and you will experience his beneficent help.

• Never say that you are alone in the battle against your enemies; never say that you have no one to whom you can open your heart and confide. It would be a grave injustice to this heavenly messenger.

• May your good guardian angel always watch over you, and be your guide on the rough path of life. May he always keep you in the grace of Jesus and hold you up with his hands so that you may not hurt your foot on a stone. May he protect you under his wings from all the deceits of the world, the devil and the flesh. *Aleteia* 

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No matter who you are, no matter what you do, no matter where you come from, no matter where you are going, no matter how good or bad things may seem, You are always welcome at St. Gerard Majella

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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 RECONCILATION

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

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