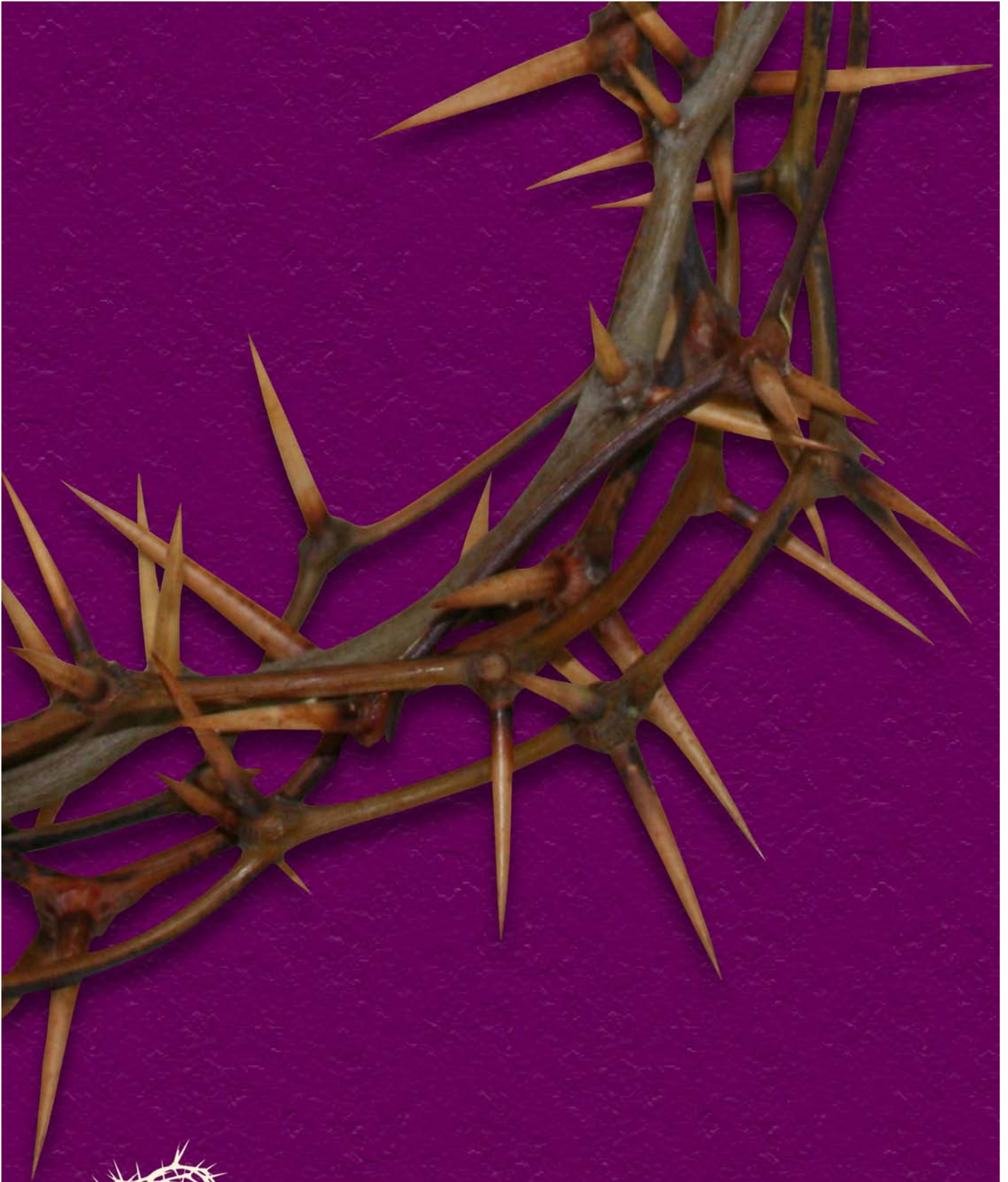


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Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

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)

Saturday, March 28th

4:00PM Margaret Welby Raymond (Anniversary)

Sunday, March 29th

8:30AM For the People of the Parish
10:30AM Claire Taylor (3rd Anniversary)

Your prayers are requested for Christopher Thoener who was buried from St. Gerard's 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:

John Mariani, Emily Lewis, Tom Lordon, Carol Bradley, Bernice Panucci, 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 Rizzotto.

**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 14th & 15th

Attendance - 1,164

Offertory - \$7,705

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Lectors

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The Light is On For You – On all the **Wednesdays of Lent** from **6:30-8:00PM**

St. Gerard Majella and 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.

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.

Summer Position

We are currently accepting applications for 2 full time college intern positions. Candidates will work from mid May thru mid August, coordinating and managing our Summer Kids Camp and Outreach Programs. Applications and full job descriptions are available online @ www.saintgerard.org. go to the KIDS CAMP tab or you can pick up the forms at the Parish Office. Candidates will be chosen the 1st week in April. For any other questions you may call Kathy Donahoe at the Parish Office @ 781-828-3420. Thank you.

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 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**

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.

Mainspring

Saturday, March 28th St. Gerard's will be serving dinner at the homeless shelter in Brockton. Anyone interested in donating food please drop off uncooked meatloaves, mashed potatoes, frozen vegetables, salad ingredients and desserts to St. Gerard's Church hall kitchen. These items can be dropped off before 5:00PM on Friday, March 27th and between 12:00-2:15PM on Saturday, March 28th. Volunteers will pick up the food and prepare a hot meal for about 130 men & women. Thank you all for helping out each and every month.

Trips

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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.

High School CYO Ski Trip, Killington Vermont, March 14, 2015



**MANDATORY MEETING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN
SUMMER 2015 OUTREACH TRIPS
Sunday, April 12th - 6PM Mass
followed by meeting
Church Hall from 7:00 – 8:00PM**



EWTN PRESENTS ALL NEW SERIES: Beginning in March, check out all of our newest programs! Be inspired by the strong Catholic faith of athletes and the role it plays in their lives on "Fields & Faith", the important role "Grandparents" play in their children and grandchildren's faith lives, and how God speaks to us through Scripture in "The Voice of the Bridegroom: A Christological Key to Reading the Whole Bible". Discover these new shows, and find out more about new episodes of returning classic series by visiting www.ewtn.com/series. Find EWTN television in your area at www.ewtn.com/channelfinder or watch at www.ewtn.com.

"Being a Blessing," a *Spirituality for Everyday Living* mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out* will be held on Wednesday, April 8 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00AM -12:30PM. Cost is \$20. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net.

"Soul Sisters," a women's retreat led by internationally known speaker and author, Edwina Gateley will be held August 10-15, 2015 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA. For more information, contact Peggy Patenaude at timeoutretreats@comcast.net or 508-548-9149.



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Lovely Ladies 2015 Spring Social

Please join us on Monday, April 13th from 6-9PM for our 9th Annual Lovely Ladies Spring Social to support My Brother's Keeper. With our new venue and new format, our 2015 Spring Social promises to be festive and filled with many activities for our guests to enjoy! The evening will include open seating, food stations, silent auction and more! Our guest speaker Maureen Feeney, City Clerk of the City of Boston and former President of the Boston City Council, will share her thoughts on "Balancing Faith, Family, and the Demands of Life." Tickets are \$100 and may be purchased online at <http://www.mybrotherskeeper.org>. Please RSVP by Monday April 6.

All proceeds benefit My Brother's Keeper, a Christian charity that delivers furniture and food to local families in need in nearly 80 cities and towns in Massachusetts with no prerequisite for service.

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.

*I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts,
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know
the Lord. All, from the least to the greatest, shall know me, says the Lord.
- Jeremiah 31:33-34*

*God of love, source of all blessings, help us to pass from our old life of sin
to the new life of grace. Prepare us for the glory of your kingdom.*

LENTEN MORNING PRAYER

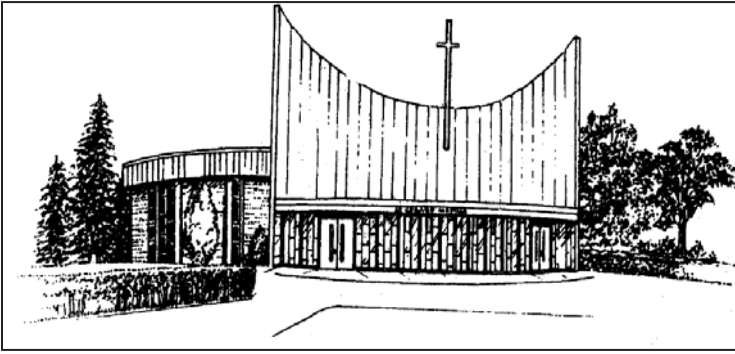
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If you have recently moved into our parish and would like to register as a parishioner, please fill out the form below. You may return it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory. If you have any questions about our parish, please call the Rectory at 828-3420.

NAME: _____

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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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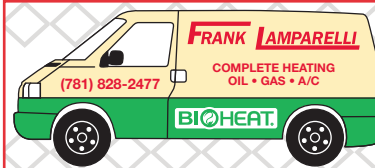
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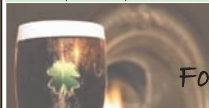
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