

HE IS RISEN

Hallelujah!



*Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb
first, and he saw and believed.*

John 20:8 (NAB)

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 6th

9:00AM Carmen & Grazia Alvino (Memorial)

Saturday, April 11th

4:00PM Patricia Galvin &
Mary Murphy (Memorial)

Sunday, April 12th

8:30AM For the People of the Parish
10:30AM Ronald & Helen Pasquarosa (Memorial)
6:00PM John "Jack" Walsh (7th Anniversary)

Palm Sunday Collection

Attendance - 1,204

Offertory - \$7,611

Offertory July 1st to date: \$312,590

Budget July 1st to date: \$307,267

Favorable Variance YTD \$5,323

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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!

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Vatican News

Imitate Jesus' humility and service, pope says at Palm Sunday Mass

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service



VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- From modern-day martyrs to those who quietly care for the sick or elderly, Pope Francis remembered all those who "sacrifice themselves daily," following Jesus in serving others and giving witness to the Gospel. In overcoming the daily temptations of power and pride, the pope said at Palm Sunday Mass, Christians can look to those who, "in silence and hiddenness, sacrifice themselves daily to serve others," whether that be a sick relative, an elderly person or someone with special needs.

On a bright, sunny day, about 70,000 people carrying palms and olive branches joined Pope Francis March 29 for the Palm Sunday Mass, the solemn beginning of Holy Week. Dressed in red vestments, the color of the Passion, Pope Francis remembered "our brothers and sisters who are persecuted because they are Christians -- the martyrs of our own time. There are many of them! They refuse to deny Jesus and they endure insult and injury with dignity. They follow him on his way." Some 400 young people led the procession into St. Peter's Square, carrying glossy, deep green palm branches that were taller than the people carrying them. About 80 cardinals and bishops followed, carrying "palmurelli," pale green palm branches that were woven and braided. The heart of the Palm Sunday celebration, the pope said in his homily, is a line from the Letter to the Philippians: "He humbled himself.' Jesus' humiliation." Humility and humiliation, he said, is "God's way and the way of Christians," even though it "constantly amazes and disturbs us. We will never get used to a humble God. "However, the pope said, the entire history of salvation is filled with examples of God humbling himself to walk with his people and save them, even when they have been unfaithful to him."

"This week, Holy Week, which leads us to Easter, we will take this path of Jesus' own humiliation," he said. "Only in this way will this week be holy for us, too." Pope Francis urged Catholics to pay attention to the Bible readings throughout the week, noticing the contempt shown toward Jesus, the betrayal of Judas, Jesus' arrest and condemnation, how the disciples run away and how Peter denies knowing him. "This is God's way, the way of humility," he said. "It is the way of Jesus; there is no other. And there can be no humility without humiliation." The Bible says that in becoming human, Jesus took the form of a slave, the pope noted. Slaves serve others and that is exactly what Jesus did. "The way of the world" sees humble service as ridiculous and, instead, it proposes "the way of vanity, pride and success," he said. "The Evil One proposed this way to Jesus, too, during his 40 days in the desert. But Jesus immediately rejected it."

Pope Francis urged people to draw strength and inspiration for their battle against pride from those who humbly care for others and, especially, from the modern-day martyrs.

Religious Education

2nd Grade Retreat: Sat, Apr 11th from 1-4PM, followed by th 4PM Mass. Retreat forms were due back Thurs, Mar 26th. If you have not returned your child's retreat registration form please do so asap.

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

March 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. **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.

EASTER FLOWERS

Lovely tulips and lilies are for sale after all the masses this weekend. All proceeds benefit our Youth Ministry programs, in particular our summer Outreach trips, to help those in need. Your kind and generous support is most appreciated.

St. John the Evangelist Church

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 12

arrival time 2:45pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm Benediction and
Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 4pm

Please visit www.thedivinemercy.org for more information on the Divine Mercy history and message, as well as for info on the novena.

HELP FOR HAITI

Friday April 10th, 7-12PM

Canton Town Club, 300 Bailey St., Canton, MA
Raffles, DJ, and Pizza

Sponsored by the Levrault Family

Tickets \$35

Please call 781-828-0237 for tickets or more info

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.

BAKE SALE

"Miles For Miracles", Team Jim & Ella, will be running in this year's Boston Marathon to raise awareness for Cranio facial/Cranio synostosis, a condition in which an infant's skull prematurely fuses together. Jim will be running for his little friend, 1 year old parishioner, Ella Dorsey. Their family & friends will be selling baked goods after the 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses on Sunday, April 12th. Your support is appreciated. All proceeds will go to the Children's Hospital Neuro Leadership Fund.



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.

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 Rizzotto.



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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 Feeny, 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.



Wishing Easter Blessings to you & your families from the Coffee and Donuts Ministry!

We will resume coffee and donuts next week.

Catholic Schools Sunday

Sunday April 12, 2015 is Catholic Schools Sunday. At our 9:30 AM mass, a family from Saint John the Evangelist School will be speaking briefly at the end of mass. There will also be an information table set up downstairs where families can meet current students and their parents. St. John the Evangelist School offers an *outstanding and affordable* education for children from Preschool (3 years old) up to middle school.

Catholic schools provide a rigorous academic curriculum to students while emphasizing moral development, service to others, and leadership skills. For more information or to schedule a personal tour call school secretary Suzanne Sullivan at:

781-828-2130 or

email suzanne.sullivan@sjscanton.org

or visit us on the web at www.sjscanton.org

Saint John the Evangelist School

Spring Admissions Open House

6:30-8:00 PM Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Saint John the Evangelist School, 696 Washington Street, Canton, will host a Spring Admissions Open House from 6:30 - 8:00 PM on Tuesday, April 14, for families with school-age children. The school is a NEASC accredited and commended school featuring an excellent academic and faith-filled education for students from preschool (3 years old) up to grade eight.

Meet the faculty and staff, visit the classrooms and tour the building. From our award-winning early childhood program to our outstanding middle school, Saint John the Evangelist School offers a *caring, technologically advanced, academically rigorous and faith-based* educational option for families.

Admissions information and applications for all grades for the 2015-16 academic year will be available. For more information or to schedule a personal tour call school secretary Suzanne Sullivan at

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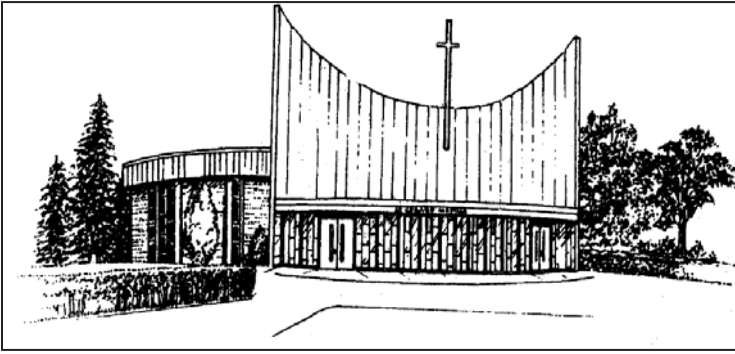
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WELCOME TO SAINT GERARD MAJELLA

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.

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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.

Co-Workers in the Vineyard Conference
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April 10, 2015 9:00-3:30
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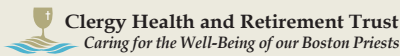
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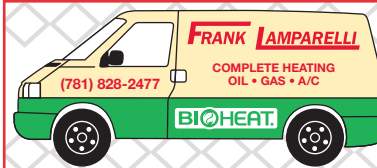


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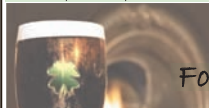
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