

# Saint Gerard Majella Church

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West Broadway and Chamberlain Ave.  
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 29, 2017



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**Saturday Masses:**

8:15AM & 5:30PM (English)

**Sunday Masses:**

7:30AM, 9:00AM, & 12:00PM (English)  
10:30AM (English & Italian)  
1:30PM (Spanish)

**Weekday Masses:**

6:30AM and 8:15AM (English)

**Confessions:**

Monday 6:00PM to 7:00PM  
Saturday from 4:00PM to 5:00PM  
Weekdays: By Appointment

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Mondays - 6:00PM

**Baptisms:**

Saturday at 12:00PM  
Contact the Rectory to make arrangements

**Weddings:**

Arrangements should be made at least one year prior to the wedding date. For an appointment please contact Mrs. Gloria Ferreira.



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**Sick calls and Home Visits:**  
Please call the Rectory at any time.

**For immediate need of a Priest, please call:**  
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**New Parishioners are most welcome - Please register at the rectory**  
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# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 28, 2017**

**St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

8:15 AM † Sr. Mary Adalbert

† Anna Carnemolla

**Novena to St. Gerard**

**3:30 PM – 25th Wedding Anniversary Mass for Jorge and Luisa Ortega**

5:30 PM † Alyssa Schmidt

† Eva Schmidt

† Michael DiSimino

† Giovanna Verengia

**Sunday, January 29, 2017**

**OPENING OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK**

7:30 AM For St. Gerard's School students

9:00 AM † Ernie Ventrella

† Biaggio Pelosi

† Fred and Josephine Elia

*Special Intentions for St. Gerard's School Students*

*Birthday Blessings for Fr. Javier Flores*

10:30 AM † Enzo DePaola

† Angelo DePaola

† Rocco Danzi Sr

12:00 Noon † Larry Paragano

† Giuseppe Cifarelli

† Tara Michelle Cifarelli

† Mario Panico

† Pablo Guzman

† Nicanor Barrida

1:30 PM † Isolena Morales

† Jose Emilio Callado

† Flor Fajardo

*Special Intentions for Familia De La Cruz*

*Special Intentions for Proclamadores de la Palabra*

*In Thanksgiving – Matrimonio Feliz Group*

*Salud de Pilar Rodrigues*

*Accion de Gracia por Cumpleanos Milagros Urena*

**Monday, January 30, 2017**

6:30 AM For the unborn

8:15 AM Relatives of the Charles J. Sheridan Family

6:00 PM – Adoration and Confession

**Tuesday, January 31, 2017 – St. John Bosco**

6:30 AM For the homeless

8:15 AM † John Phalon

**Wednesday, February 1, 2017**

6:30 AM † Deceased Parishioners

8:15 AM Friends of the Sheridan families

**Thursday, February 2, 2017 - The Presentation of the Lord and World Day for Consecrated Life**

6:30 AM Special Intentions

For the unborn and Consecrated Life

8:15 AM † Joseph Alvino

7:00 PM – Spanish Prayer Group

**First Friday, February 3, 2017-**

**ST. BLAISE, Bishop and Martyr**

**First Friday, February 3, 2017 – Cont'd.**

6:30 AM For the homebound

8:15 AM † Deceased Staff of Charles J. Sheridan

**5:30 PM – Memorial Mass for Ricardo Penaloza**

7:30 PM – *Matrimonio Feliz - Adoration*

**First Saturday, February 4, 2017**

**Blessings of the Throats After All Masses**

8:15 AM Fr. Emeka's Ordination Anniversary

**Novena to St. Gerard**

5:30 PM † Rose Brino

**Sunday, February 5, 2017**

**Blessings of the Throats After All Masses**

7:30 AM Special Intentions for those serving in the Military

9:00 AM † Biaggio and Antonia Pelosi

† Giovanni Iuliani

10:30 AM † Sr. Antonietta Cioce

† Delia and Domenico Stampone

12:00 Noon † Dorothy Ligieri – 1 Yr. Anniversary

1:30 PM Intencion Especial por la comunidad Hispana

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some years ago New York magazine listed outstanding New Yorkers. There was but one Catholic mentioned. She was Dorothy Day of the Catholic Worker. For fifty years, she practiced the Beatitudes daily in her House of Hospitality in New York City. She fed, clothed, and housed the poor. She practiced the Beatitudes so well that secular editors saluted her. She was our "tainted nature's solitary boast." Why were there not more Catholic New Yorkers on the list? There are a million in New York City. A woman came to Jesus saying, "I can give you nothing but myself." Christ replied, "Then you have given me everything." The Beatitudes are the owner's manual Jesus gave to each of us at Baptism. Note the Beatitudes refer to the world we live in and not the life hereafter. No people had to take a dictionary with them when they went to hear the Beatitudes.

The Beatitudes outlined in today's Gospel were portions of a longer talk of Jesus. The whole talk is called the Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes are called the Charter of Christianity and the Magna Carta for humanity. The Beatitudes were given not to increase our knowledge but change our lives.

Why was Dorothy Day a saint? She was cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful, patient when difficult to be patient, pushed on when she wanted to stand still, kept silent when she wanted to talk, and stayed agreeable when she wanted to be disagreeable. It was quite simple and always will be. To paraphrase GK Chesterton, one cannot argue that the Beatitudes have been tried and found wanting. Rather, they have been found hard and not tried. If you need courage to practice the Beatitudes, think of US Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's words: "We are fools for Christ's sake...We must pray for courage to endure the scorn of the sophisticated world. Jesus is greater than our greatest problem." God bless you!

**Yours in Christ, Fr. Leo Antony, SDV**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
ADORATION & CONFESSION  
MONDAYS: 6:00 to 7:00 PM**

*Thank You*

**Your gifts, blessings and generous donations to our Parish Community were as follows:**

**Jan. 22nd, 2017—\$2696 Total Envelopes: 123**

**Thank you for your continued generous offerings and donations. Please remember to use your parishioner envelopes.**

If you missed Mass, please try to make up your weekly contribution. Thank You.



### Anointing of the Sick

Bring your Sick Brothers and Sisters for the Anointing of the Sick at St. Gerard's Church after the 8:15 AM Mass every third Wednesday of the month. The next anointing will take place:

**Wednesday, February 15, 2017**

### Deceased Parishioners:

Please keep in your prayers those of our parishioners, family or friends who have entered into eternal rest. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the eternal light shine upon them. We pray for **Silvestro Sama**.



## Bible Readings

### 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**1/29/17-Sunday-Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a**

**1/30/17-Monday-Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20**

**1/31/17-Tuesday-Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43**

**2/1/17-Wednesday-Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6**

**2/2/17-ThursdaY-Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;**

**Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32**

**2/3/17-First Friday-Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29**

**2/4/17-First Saturday-Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34**

## PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES



The Holy Rosary will be held for the healing for our loved ones and friends every day at 7:45 a.m. in the Church (Mon. Sat.) and on Sunday at 8:40 a.m. If you wish to add a name to our Holy Rosary or

remove one, please call June at the Rectory (973) 595-8446. The Prayer List is posted on our bulletin board in the back of the Church. **PLEASE INFORM US AT THE RECTORY IF ANYONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL AND NEEDS TO BE VISITED.**






## PADRE PIO DINNER

St. Gerard's Padre Pio Group will be holding their 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance at the Brownstone on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon. Donation: \$75.00 per person. Call Concetta Pascale for tickets at: 973-956-7867



If you know of anyone in the parish who is sick, homebound and needs communion, confession, any sacramental needs or just a visit, please contact *The Rectory* at (973) 595-8446. We will arrange for a Priest to visit them. Visited this week were: Irene Sciro, Jeannette Masiak, Louise Peterson, Ann Contini, Eleanor Verlardi,, and Catherine Gravino

Sanctuary Lamp	Flowers	The Bread and Wine
		
The <i>Sanctuary Lamp</i> burns in loving memory of <b>Milvia Recupido</b>	<i>Flowers</i> are given this week in loving honor of Our <b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	The <i>Bread and Wine</i> is offered in loving memory of <b>Mary Ellen Quagliero</b>

### **LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Weekend of February 4th and 5th**

Time	Mass	<u>Name</u>
5:30 PM	English	John and Joan
7:30 AM	English	Frances and June
9:00 AM	English	Evelyn and Maddie
10:30 AM	Eng/Ital.	Tino and June
12:00 PM	English	Carmella and Ariana
1:30 PM	Spanish	Moniter-Martha

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER LIST**

**Weekend of February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5th**

Time	Mass	<u>Name</u>
5:30 PM	English	Marie, George and Carol
7:30 AM	English	Louis Pastena
9:00 AM	English	Joan
10:30 AM	English	Christine
12:00 PM	English	Lillian and Luis



## **PARAMUS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

### **OPEN HOUSE and LUNCH**

**Thursday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 AM to  
1:00 PM in the Main Chapel**

A small tour and classroom visit will be given  
after lunch for those interested.

RSVP by Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Call Mr. Joseph Wilson at 201-445-4466,  
ext. 116

## **ST. BLAISE**



**Feast Day: February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
BLESSING OF THE THROATS  
AFTER ALL MASSES Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**



## **MATRIMONIO FELIZ VALENTINE CELEBRATION SATURDAY, FEB. 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**7:00 pm-St. Joseph's Hall  
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# Catholic Schools Week

## ST. GERARD'S SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>:** 9:00 AM Liturgy followed by Refreshments in St. Joseph's Center. 10:00 AM to 12 Noon Open House.

**Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>:** Pennies from Heaven. Each class collects as many as possible. **Senior Appreciation:** Students will bring small gifts and cards to members of St. Gerard's Senior Club.

**Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>:** **Jersey Day:** Students wear their favorite team jersey.

**Sports Day:** Relay races in the morning and Volleyball in the afternoon.

**Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>:**

**Vocation/Career Day:** Speakers from various careers. **Grandparents Luncheon:** Grandparents are invited to join their grandchildren for lunch. **Mission Posters:** Illustrating our purpose of reaching out to others in need and dedication to the Corporal Works of Mercy. **Students Who Care:** We will be creating care packages for servicemen and women overseas, elderly people and the homeless. Please send in trial sized toiletries: shampoo, soap, hand sanitize, toothpaste, toothbrushes, wipes, lotion, sunscreen, Chapstick, etc. **Grade 8 Ring Ceremony:** 6:30 PM in the Church.

**Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>:** **STEM DAY:** Grade 8 moderates STEM activities Pre-K to Grade 4. Grades 5, 6 & 7 STEM Challenge.

**International Family Night:** 6:30 PM in St. Joseph's Center.

**Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>:** **Feast of St. Blaise:** 8:15 Liturgy (Blessing of the Throats) Buddy Day and Report Cards Distributed



Altar Servers

Altar Servers are needed at all Masses. Please call the Rectory at 973-595-8446 if you or your child would like to serve.

### KNEELERS and PEW REQUESTS

We are still accepting requests for anyone wishing to dedicate a Pew or Kneeler in memory of family or a loved one. Cost for an entire pew is \$500 and can be paid in installments and \$150 for a kneeler. Call the Rectory at 973-595-8446 with your request.



### St. Gerard's Parish "Fish and Chip Dinner" Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

at St. Joseph's Center

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Donation: \$20.00

*Take Out Orders are Available  
(Chicken also Available)*

For tickets call:

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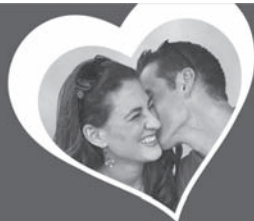
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