

# Saint Gerard Majella Church

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West Broadway and Chamberlain Ave.  
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 22, 2017



**RECTORY**  
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**Administrator:** Rev. Leo Antony, S.D.V.

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(973) 595-8446

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Rev. Benny Chittilappilly, S.D.V.  
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Miss Christine Zisa  
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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 21, 2017

8:15 AM For the protection of all Firefighters

### Novena to St. Gerard

5:30 PM † Charles and Grace DeFeo

## Sunday, January 22, 2017

7:30 AM For the unemployed

9:00 AM † Teresa Manzo

Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Jimson

10:30 AM † Alessandro Sapio

† Felice and Angela Zisa

† Francesco and Concetta DePaola

12:00 Noon † Michael Tesauro Sr.– 1-Yr. Anniversary

† Ennio Batelli

1:30 PM † Eloy and Luis Reyes, Celeste A.

Pichardo

† Adolfo Pequero

† Osvaldo Vazquez-3-Yr. Anniversary

*Birthday Blessings for Taty Corazon and Milagros Urena*

*Accion de Gracias Virgen de la Guadalupe*

*Mass in honor of our Lady of Altigracia*

## Monday, January 23, 2017 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

6:30 AM For the unborn

† Rev. Charles Parr

8:15 AM † Franky Lora

6:00 PM – Adoration and Confession

## Tuesday, January 24, 2017

### Saint Frances de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30 AM For the homeless

8:15 AM † Fay Rusconi

† Ancestors of Charles Joseph Sheridan

## Wednesday, January 25, 2017

### The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

6:30 AM † Deceased Parishioners

8:15 AM † Deacon Edward Whelan Jr.

*Birthday Blessing for Sean Ochiagha*

## 6:00 PM–Memorial Mass for Marcellino Ceballos Benavides

## Thursday, January 26, 2017

### Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

6:30 AM For the unborn

8:15 AM † Fr. Evan Greco

† Anna Carnemolla

7:00 PM – Spanish Prayer Group-Adoration & Mass

## Friday, January 27, 2017

### Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

6:30 AM † Peggy Malyuk

8:15 AM † Florence Mongiello

† Anna Carnemolla

7:00 PM – Padre Pio Group

## Saturday, January 28, 2017

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

8:15 AM † Sr. Mary Adalbert

† Anna Carnemolla

## Saturday, January 28, 2017 – Cont'd.

8:15 AM 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

† Biagio Pelosi

*thday 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

1:30 PM † Isolena Morales

*Special Intentions for Proclamadores de la Palabra*

**The people  
in darkness  
have seen  
a great light**



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Johnny and Jimmy were friends. Their families lived about half a mile apart out in the country. Often they played together after

school. One afternoon they played later than usual. It was already getting dark and a storm was blowing up. Suddenly it began to rain, to thunder and lightning. There was no one to take Jimmy home. He stood there shivering, afraid to start out alone. Then a light appeared down the road. It turned into the farm where Jimmy was. His big brother Bill with a flashlight and their dog Rex had come to light Jimmy home.

Christ is our Big Brother who came to show us the way home to heaven. In today's Gospel we hear, "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the shadow of death light has dawned." Christ came like a great light, to pierce the darkness, and shine in the hearts of men. He was the Light. We recite always in the Creed: "We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God... God from God, Light from Light."

How is Christ a Light to you and me? Jesus declared: "I am the light of the world. He who follows me does not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life." Christ brings the interior light to us by healing our souls, but also brings the exterior light by healing our bodies. Who of us does not have problems in health, finance, personality, injustice, loneliness, ingratitude, love unreturned? In the bright light of Jesus, we have to see our way through these perplexing problems. If we truly follow Jesus, we do not walk in darkness, but in the light. That light is renewed, rekindled in every Holy Eucharist. May we renew our love for the Light of the world – Jesus Christ. God bless you.

**Yours in Christ-Fr. Leo, 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. 15th, 2017—\$3024 Total Envelopes:131**

**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 **Jacquelyn Gruppo**.



### Bible Readings

#### 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1/22/17-Sunday-Is 8:23—9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

1/23/17-Monday-Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

1/24/17-Tuesday-Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

1/25/17-Wednesday-Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

1/26/17-Thursday-2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25

1/27/17-Friday-Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

1/28/17-Saturday-Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

### 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.**






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, Honey Emond, and Catherine Gravino

### OFFERTORY GIFTS



If you are having a Mass for a loved one, please let the ushers know so you can present the offertory gifts to the priest and receive a blessing.

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

### **LECTOR SCHEDULE**

Weekend of January 28<sup>TH</sup> and 29th

Time	Mass	<u>Name</u>
7:30 AM	English	Joan and Frances
9:00 AM	English	SCHOOL CHILDREN
10:30 AM	English	Concetta and June
12:00 PM	English	Regina and Carmella
1:30 PM	Spanish	Carmen Regalado and Manuel Exebio

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER LIST**

Weekend of January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29th

Time	Mass	<u>Name</u>
5:30 PM	English	Gerri, Marie, George and Carol
7:30 AM	English	Louis Pastena
9:00 AM	English	Irene
10:30 AM	English	Christine
12:00 PM	English	Claudia and Wdsbing



**PASCHAL CANDLE.** We would like to thank the family of Diany Ortiz for their generosity in donating the 2017 Paschal Candle in memory of their loved ones. The Paschal Candle is lit during the Easter Season and at all baptisms and funerals throughout the year.



# 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 & & 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**



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*Benefitting St. Gerard Majella Church*  
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**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:  
Ann Tintle – 973-563-1302  
Concetta Pascale – 973-956-7867  
Joan Kirwan – 973-956-7042  
Nedeshka Cantre – 862-414-6216



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

7:00 pm-St. Joseph's Hall  
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The 1:30 PM Spanish Mass is in need of Altar Servers. Please call Diany Ortiz at 862-263-8198 if you can participate.

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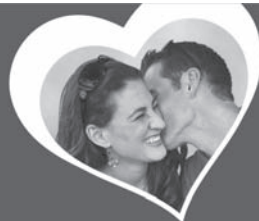
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