



St. Gerard Majella Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours

Monday — Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm
Closed Friday and Saturday

Mass & Devotions

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
Weekdays: 9:00am
Rosary: Monday – Friday: 8:30am
First Saturday: 11:00am Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

Penance

The sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated on Saturdays from 3:45pm-4:45pm. You may call the Parish Office to make an appointment with one of the priests.

Baptism

Baptisms are typically held twice a month at 1:30pm. Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to set a date. Selection of godparents should be made after speaking with one of the priests or deacons.

Marriage

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for your wedding at least six months in advance. No date can be set until the couple meets with a member of the clergy.

Parish Outreach Hours

Food Pantry

Tuesday: 10:00am-12:30pm & 1:30pm-3:30pm
Wednesday: 1:30pm-3:30pm
Thursday: 10:00am-12:30pm

Thrift Shop/Barn

Monday — Thursday: 10:00am-4:00pm
Friday: 10:00am-2:00pm
Donations accepted Monday-Thursday: 10:00am-3:00pm
and Friday: 10:00am-1:00pm. Please refer to our website for a list of items that can be donated.

Stewardship Supper

The Thursday evening dinner is suspended until further notice. However, “to-go meals” are available each Thursday from 4pm-5pm.

I prayed,
and prudence was given to me.
I pleaded,
and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepter and throne
and deemed riches as nothing
compared with her.



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Sunday, October 10, 2021
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS TO HONOR ST. GERARD MAJELLA

*for the Intention of Pregnant Women,
Families Hoping for Children
& Gratitude for Graces Received*



Saturday, October 16th

*Following Mass,
there will be individual
blessings with the
Relic of St. Gerard.*

11:00AM ROSARY FOR LIFE
11:30AM MASS



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WATCH

JOHN XXIII: THE POPE OF PEACE

This movie tells the whole life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as Pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



LEARN

DIVINE MERCY WITH FATHER MICHAEL GAITLEY EPISODE 6: FATIMA

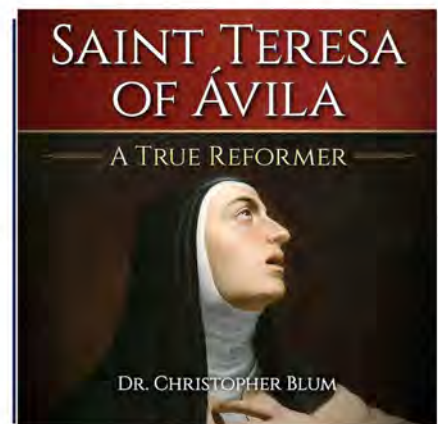


Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy in this 10-part series. Against the backdrop of a world engulfed in war, the prophetic drama surrounding a small town in Portugal captures the minds and hearts of believers and unbelievers alike. In this episode of learn about Pope Benedict XV and the apparitions at Fatima.

LISTEN

SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A TRUE REFORMER BY CHRISTOPHER BLUM

Dr. Christopher Blum unfolds the inspiring life of St. Teresa and her important role in the Catholic Reformation. After having already been a nun for twenty years, she had a radical transformation in her own life and then became one of the most powerful forces for bringing about conversion and positive change in the history of the Church. Listen and learn about this Mystic, Doctor of the Church, and True Reformer.



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
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Religious Education

Classes have started but it's not too late to register!

Level Syllabuses are on the Parish Website

Levels 1-3 – Choose one grade-level class during the “Mary” week

Level 1 meets every other Monday at 4:00 or Wednesday at 5:30

Level 2 meets every other Monday at 5:30 or Tuesday at 4:00

Level 3 meets every other Tuesday at 5:30 or Wednesday at 4:00

Levels 4-6 – Choose one grade-level class during the Joseph week

Level 4 meets every other Monday at 4:00 or Wednesday at 5:30

Level 5 meets every other Monday at 5:30 or Tuesday at 4:00

Level 6 meets every other Tuesday at 5:30 or Wednesday at 4:00

Confirmation Preparation Program will return to our pre-COVID format. Confirmation classes meet every week. Class begins and ends in the parish hall. Classes will be seated together with their catechist. After opening prayer, classes will gather separately in our upstairs meeting rooms.

Level 7 meets EVERY TUESDAY from 7:00-8:15. Level 8 meets EVERY WEDNESDAY from 7:00-8:15.

Registration Forms are available on our church website and at the parish office. Overall class choice is first come-first served. However, this format offers us tremendous flexibility. After over a year of restrictions, we want to accommodate you to the absolute best of our ability!

In a just few short weeks, many of our young parishioners will be receiving their First Holy Communion.

They have been preparing for many months throughout this pandemic, and we are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and joyfulness in learning about this important Sacrament. God bless them! Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



 Prayer for a Child's First Communion

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.





Parish Outreach Ministry

“Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.”
—St. Louise de Marillac

Thanksgiving Food Basket Program

Time is certainly going fast these days...Thanksgiving is just around the corner! Our outreach ministry is expecting a large number of families in need this holiday season. If you like to adopt a family for Thanksgiving, please call(631-473-2900) or email Jennifer at Jennifer@stgmajella.org. What does adopting a family involve? Based on the family size, you would supply all of the items that they would need to cook a Thanksgiving dinner (stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, potatoes, a gift card for a turkey, etc.) If you are unable to adopt a whole family, we will also have our annual Thanksgiving food drive, where you can donate an item or two. Details will be posted in future bulletins. We are grateful for all your support throughout the year! If you know of anyone in need of Thanksgiving help, please reach out to our ministry.



New Food Pantry Hours Starting October 19th

Tuesdays: 11:30am-3pm

Wednesdays: 12:30pm-3pm

Thursdays: 11:30am-1:30pm, 4pm-5pm

Our Outreach ministry is in need of reusable bags for our Thanksgiving food drive. If you have a bag or two to spare, please drop them off to the church during office hours or during weekend Masses.

Thank you!

Regular Food Pantry Needs

Shelf Stable Milk

Soup

Canned Chicken

Canned Fruit

Granola Bars

Cereal

Pork n Beans

Peanut Butter

Soap

Shampoo/conditioner

Laundry Detergent

Thank you for your generosity!

Helpful Phone Numbers:

L.I. Women's Coalition: 631-666-8833

Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk: 631-360-3606

Child Abuse: 631-439-0480

Brighter Tomorrow: 631-395-1800

The Retreat (Hotline for Domestic Violence): 631-329-2200

Birthright: 631-821-9727 or 1-800-550-4900

Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): 631-789-9546

Fidelis (Family Health Plus): 1-888-343-3547

Good Shepherd Hospice: 631-376-3758

Hope House Ministries: 631-473-6030

Alcoholics Anonymous 24-Hour Hotline: 631-669-1124

Suicide Prevention: 1-800-SUICIDE

Women's Help Line: 631-698-2074

Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262

RESPONSE: 631-751-7500

Gambler's Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542

American Red Cross L. I.- (516) 747-3500

Mass Intentions for the Week of October 11 - October 17

Monday, October 11

9:00am Marie Kearney

Tuesday, October 12

9:00am Elizabeth Dell'Aglio

Wednesday, October 13

9:00am Msgr. John Martin, John Crescitelli, Irene Schillinger

Thursday, October 14

9:00am Edwin Kiernan, Jr.

Friday, October 15 (St. Teresa of Jesus)

9:00am The Intentions of Gilberte Fouche

Saturday, October 16 (Blessed Virgin Mary)

5:00pm Carole Anzini, Anthony Bonura, John Devaney, Paul Giarmoleo, William Ferris, Eileen Frankenbush, the Intentions of Kenneth & Crystal Ullrich

Sunday, October 17

8:00am Rose Antoniello

10:00am Francis Handley

12:00pm Harry Gonzalez

Prayers for the Sick

All the sick and residents of Atria, St Joseph's Village Woodhaven Adult Home & Nursing Home & Jefferson's Ferry, Frank Perugini, Alice Fazio, Thomas Marinus, Angela Perdomo, Edward Mussini, Andrew Allves, Judy Grob, Joleen Rivera Melendez, Dr. Kenneth Nuss, Len Lambert, Baby Adalynn Chambers, Rita Tepe, Ann Dellow, John Hewitt, Chuck Croner, Edward Lynch, Margaret Laramore, John Flanagan, Valentina Castaneda, Alice Fazio, John Duffy Sr., Gerard Malerba, Barbara Forbes, Linda Tesone, Scott Ward, Cecilia Bono & Family, David Reardon, Augie Fernandez, Ines Diaz, Fernan Nevenschwander, Joanna Freriks, Luke John Carusillo, Sandy Barrios, Jack Lanphear, Thomas Retzlaff, Anthony Divona Jr., Glenn Bosak, Bill Greulich, Billy Cruz, Erin Whitehead, Julie Sandorfi, Josephine Farren, Sam Stallone, Brittany Knox, Dolores Andersen, Charles Kaiser, Robert Rondello, Raymond Fradella, Charles Kaiser, Donald Derham, Dante Martorella, Elena & Nick Badami, Baby Nicolo Branchinelli, Sabrina Glass, Stortz Family.

Stewardship Report

Last Week's Collection \$7,885.00



Please continue your weekly offertory support, whether sending your envelopes via mail to our parish office or making an online donation through Online Giving.

If you haven't set up your offerings to be given online you can go to our website:

www.stgmajella.org

Under "Stewardship" menu item

You may schedule a one time payment or recurring payments. If you are now donating through our online system and no longer wish to receive envelopes, please contact our parish office so that we may stop mailing your envelopes.

Thank you for your continued support!



We pray for all recently deceased, remembering especially, Roger Sirangelo, may they find eternal rest and joy.



Lobby Bookcase

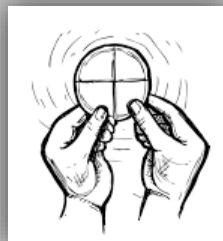
We have a lending book area in the lobby. Please stop by and borrow a book to take home and read.

Knights of Columbus

A wonderful Catholic organization that helps support charitable causes throughout the year in our church as well as the community. To learn more please call Kevin Coco at 631-839-6333.

Columbiettes

A Catholic women's organization that helps support the Knights and our Church community. Meetings are once a month. We volunteer and host fundraisers. If you would like to join, please contact Jennifer at 631-473-2900 or email: jennifer@stgmajella.org.



Low-Gluten Hosts

Yes, we have low-gluten hosts. If you are in need of these please see the sacristan or Priest before Mass.

Our Parish Mission Statement: Formed by God's word and nourished at the Eucharist, we strive to be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ by handing on the Catholic faith to our families and community and serving those in need.

RCIA Christian Initiation of Adults



Are you an adult thinking of becoming part of the Catholic community and completing your sacraments? Call Joe Kimmerling 631-736-6121



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WE INVITE YOU TO REGISTER YOUR FAMILY WITH OUR PARISH

Are you new to our parish? Have you been participating in our parish but never registered? Do you need to update your contact information or add a family member?

Both registration or family update forms are available in our church office 631-473-2900 or on our website: www.stgmajella.org



Breaking Open the Word

Reflecting on next Sunday's Gospel before you come to Mass can bring so much more meaning to your experience of the Liturgy. Here's the Gospel for next Sunday. How does this Gospel touch your life?

October 17, 2021

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mk 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Reflection Questions

- Why did Jesus say that James and John didn't really understand what they were asking? What were they missing? Why were the rest of the disciples indignant with James and John?
- To what does Jesus refer when he mentions the cup He must drink and baptism He must undergo, and why must James & John be willing to endure the same things if they were to receive what they requested?
- Can you see yourself asking the same type of question that James & John asked? What trouble would you be in now if Jesus "did whatever you asked of Him" during the last 12 months (i.e. did you ask for things that seemed good and right at the time but ended up being bad or unwise)?

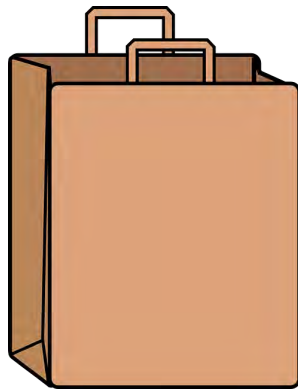


OCTOBER IS RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH

There will be a donation box in the lobby, each weekend, during the month of October for:

NEW BABY CLOTHES, DIAPERS, and TOILETRIES

Any questions contact Joan at (631) 514-9089



Our thrift shop is in need of paper shopping bags. If you have a few that you can spare, we would be grateful if you could drop them off at the church or the thrift shop.

Thank you!

Columbus Day



Our parish office will be closed on Monday, October 11th in observance of this holiday. However, the thrift shop and barn will be open. Stop on by for some great finds at low prices!

Queen of the Holy Rosary

Wednesday, Oct. 13th at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, 258 Eastport Manor Road, Manorville

10:30am Enthronement of the statue

11am Rosary

11:30am Mass followed by a procession with the statue

1:30pm Conference

3pm Solemn Blessing



Retrouvaille Weekend

You Can Help Heal Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships. Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriages counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, November 5, 2021, please visit our website www.helpourmarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help. Location: Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY 440 West Neck Road Huntington, NY 11743



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Council 7006

First Annual Pumpkin Patch @ St Gerard Majella Church

October 24th 11AM to 2PM

Come Join the Fun



\$5 per child or \$10 for the family (one pumpkin per child).

**We'll have pumpkins to decorate, sweets for the kids,
potato sack and spoon races**

Remodeling Sale!

The Thrift Shop & Barn @ St. Gerard Majella Church is currently offering for sale 75 Church/Auditorium chairs.

Chairs feature an interlocking design and under-seat shelf accessed from the rear of the chair.

These chairs come from our worship space that is currently under renovation.

The chairs are in good condition, some have minor staining as shown but are 100-percent functional and attractive.



Pricing: \$7 each; 2/\$12; 4/\$20

Additional chairs available @ \$3 each

(frames in good condition but in need of reupholstering.)

All inquiries should be directed to the thrift shop manager, Denise, at 631-473-2900 or email thrift@stgmajella.org

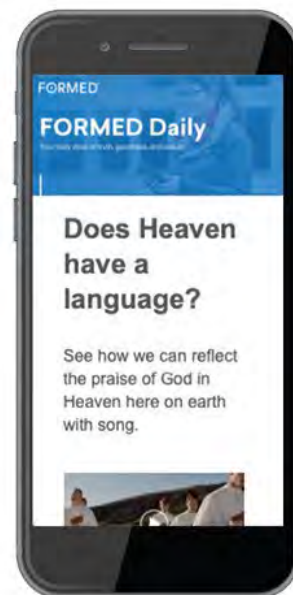
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St. Gerard Majella Parish Outreach Ministry

2021 Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it! Due to the continuation of the pandemic, we expect to get many more families in need. We are requesting your donation of any of the following items that would be included in the

Thanksgiving Food Baskets: potatoes, vegetables, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, juice, bread, desserts. Due to the lack of freezer space, we would prefer supermarket gift cards for the purchase of the turkeys. We will be collecting food donations and grocery gift cards after all Masses during the weekend or during our parish office hours. We would like to receive all donations by **November 14th**. In addition, cash donations will also be appreciated; collected money will be used to purchase any needed items to complete the food baskets. We are thankful to all of you who share your time, talent, and treasure all year long so that others may be blessed.



“But many who are first will be last
and the last first.”

Trace the words.



first

last

Circle the first person in line.



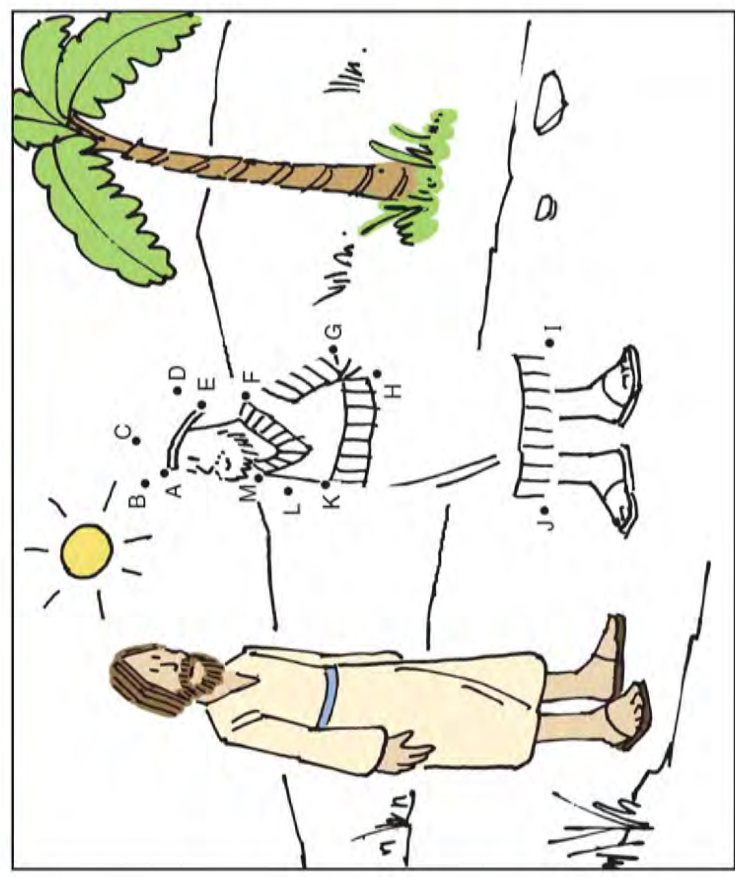
Circle the last person in line.



The Rich Young Man

A rich young man asked Jesus,
“How can I live forever?”

Connect the dots. A B C D E F G H I J K L M

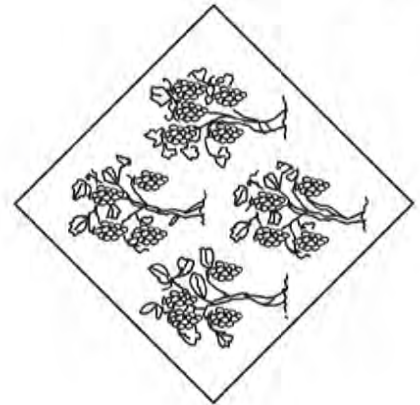
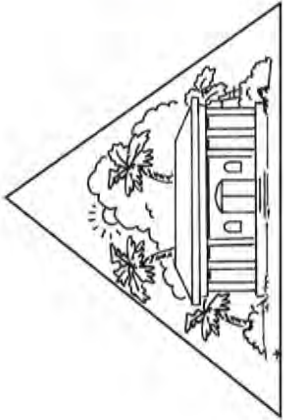
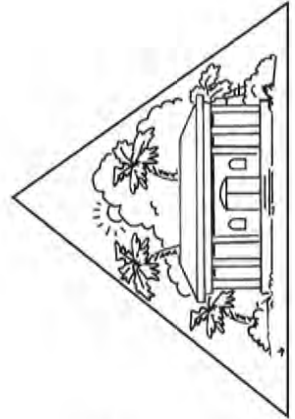
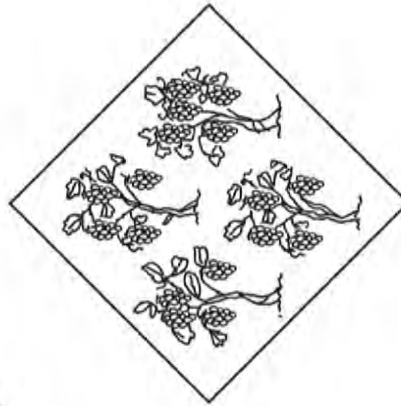


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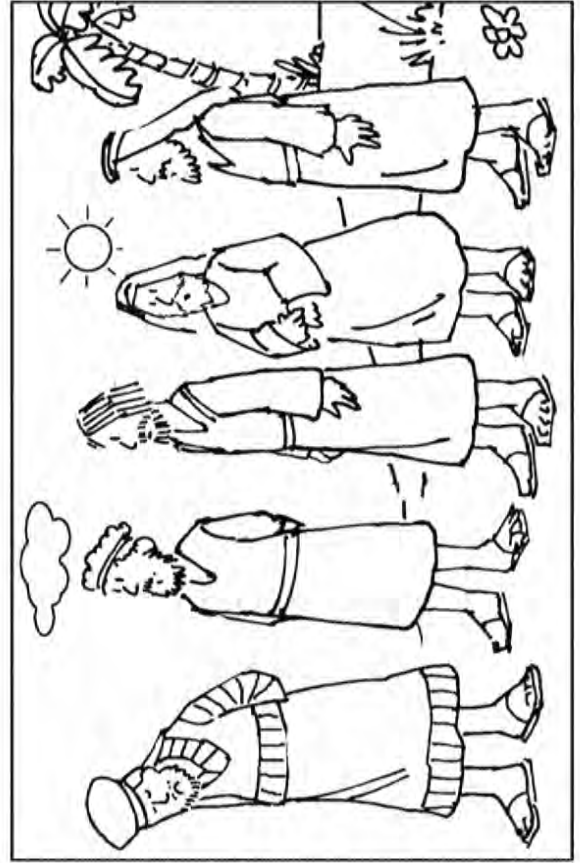
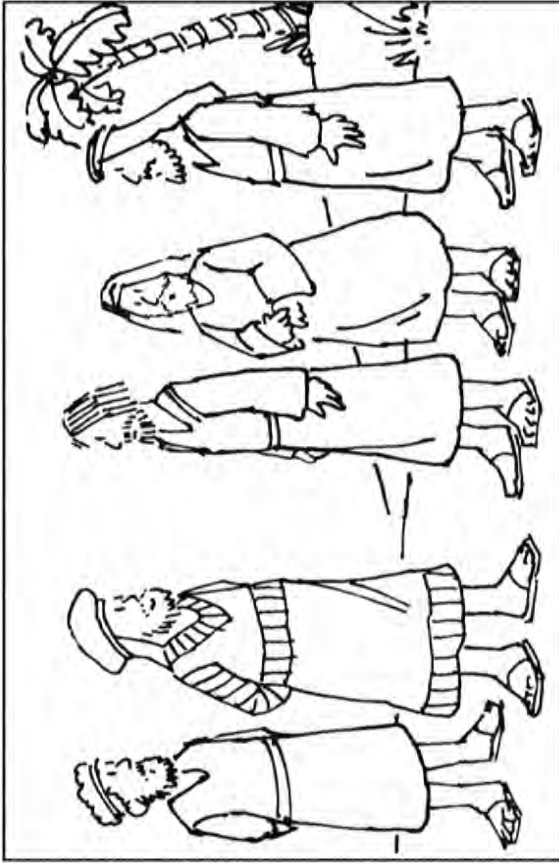
Jesus told him to sell all he had and give the money to the poor.

Match the shapes.



The man did not want to do that. He went away sad.

Circle 6 differences in the bottom picture.



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