



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

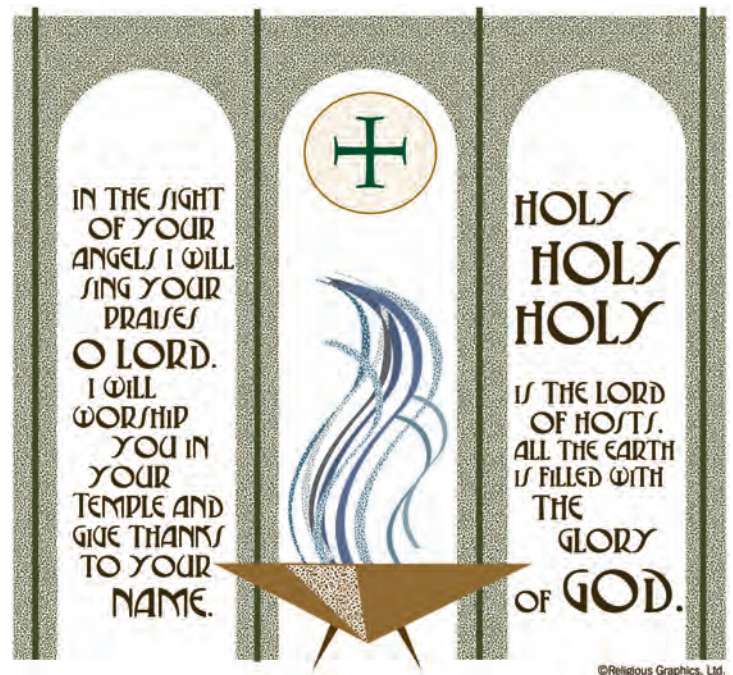
Tuesday: 11:30am-3:00pm
Wednesday: 12:30pm-3:00pm
Thursday: 11:30am-1:30pm & 4:00pm-5:00pm

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.



Sunday, February 6, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we hear a beautiful passage from St. Luke's gospel. Jesus walks along the Sea of Galilee and sees some men fishing. After an interesting exchange between a carpenter-turned-rabbi and these professional fishermen, Jesus declares that, if they follow Him, they will be fishing for men. Despite Peter's feelings of unworthiness, he and his brother, Andrew, as well as another set of brothers, James and John, begin to follow Jesus. It's no overstatement that, because they followed Jesus, we all are here today as Christians.

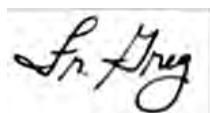
There are many lessons to be learned from this passage, but there is one that I would like to draw to your attention and for you to consider prayerfully: the Priesthood. The Apostles were the first priests in the Christian faith. At the Last Supper, they were commanded by the Lord Jesus, "Do this in memory of me." That command has echoed down the centuries to the present. We have the Eucharist precisely because the Apostles did what they were told, and then they commissioned others to do the same. And they did likewise, and so on, and so on!

The hard truth is this: We need more priests ordained for ministry to the Church. There is no getting around it. We can wring our hands and say: "Oh well! Isn't it a shame!" We can blame it on the challenges of living celibacy or of never earning a six-figure salary. But I don't believe those are the primary reasons why more young men are not considering priesthood. I believe, firmly, that it's because we're not talking enough to our young men about priesthood. And I don't believe we do that intentionally. It just slips from our radar. Thankfully, we do challenge young people to have big dreams, to work hard and to succeed at whatever path they feel called to in life -- to make a positive difference for themselves and their families. But is talk of priesthood something we're used to doing with our sons, our grandsons, our nephews and those other young men around us? If we love our Church, if we love the Eucharist, then it most certainly should be!

I am challenged by this gospel passage. Personally, I know what it feels like to be like St. Peter --to doubt my worthiness or ability to serve faithfully as a priest. But I also know the tremendous joy and fulfillment that being a priest has brought me. I am privileged to see God's grace at work, in significant ways, every day! I wish that more young men could be a "fly on the wall" of my daily routine, because I have no doubt they would desire for themselves to feel the same abiding happiness.

Please, as a parish family, join me in renewing our efforts by being more deliberate in talking about, and praying for, more vocations to the priesthood. Without the priesthood there is no Eucharist. Without the Eucharist, there is no Church. It's just that simple, whether we like it or not.

Yours in Christ,

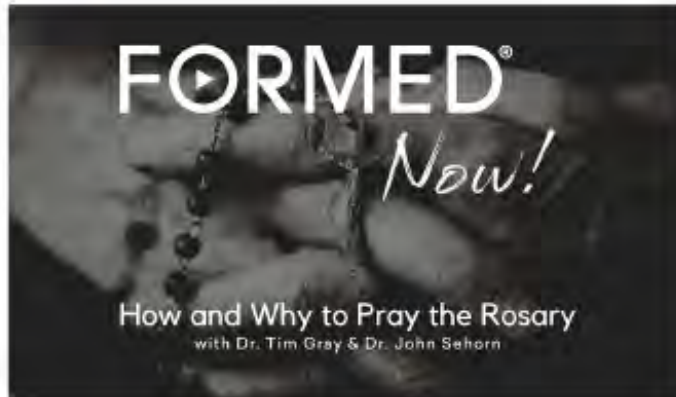
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Greg". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

February 6, 2022

WATCH

BERNADETTE

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.



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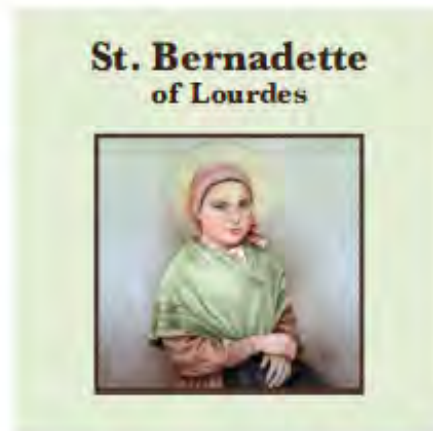
As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes this week, we invite you to learn more about the Rosary! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss how they pray the Rosary and how it has changed their lives!

LEARN

LISTEN

TRUTH TO INSPIRE: ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES

This inspiring story depicts St. Bernadette and her encounters with the Blessed Mother. Learn more about the saint who Mary appeared to eighteen times!



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Religious Education

Level Syllabuses are on the Parish Website

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.

Marks of the Church

The Nicene Creed was written centuries ago to help Christians remember the important beliefs of the faith. In the Nicene Creed we identify the four marks of the Church. The four marks of the Church are not characteristics that the Church creates or develops or learns. They are qualities that Jesus Christ shares with his Church through the Holy Spirit. The four marks of the Church are that it is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

The Church Is One: Just as God is one in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, so also is the Church one. The founder of the Church is Jesus Christ, who brought us back to God and made us into the family of God. The Church is one in the Holy Spirit, who dwells in those who believe.

The Church Is Holy: The Church is holy because the Church lives in union with Jesus Christ, the source of holiness. Through the Holy Spirit the Church leads others to holiness. The holiness of the Church is seen in the love that the members of the Church have toward one another and the many sacrifices they make for the sake of the world.


The Church Is Catholic: Catholic means “universal.” The Church is universal in two ways. First, the Church is catholic because all baptized people are part of the Church and the Church possesses the means of salvation. Second, the mission of the Church is universal because the Church has been sent to proclaim Christ to the entire human race.

The Church Is Apostolic: The Church traces its tradition directly from the apostles; therefore, the Church is considered apostolic. With the Holy Spirit the Church preserves and continues the teaching of the apostles. The pope and bishops are the successors of the apostles.

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Parish Outreach Ministry

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Tuesday 1:00 – 1:30PM
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
390 Patchogue Rd., Port Jefferson Station

Wednesday 5:00 – 6:00PM
First Presbyterian Church
Corner of Main St. and South St., Port Jefferson Village.

Thursday 1:00 – 1:30PM
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
390 Patchogue Rd., Port Jefferson Station
4:00-5:00pm St. Gerard Majella Church

Friday 3:30 – 5:00PM
First Presbyterian Church
Corner of Main St. and South St., Port Jefferson Village

Regular Food Pantry Needs

Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Soup

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

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Mass Intentions for the Week of February 7 - February 13

Monday, February 7

9:00am Connie LiCausi

Tuesday, February 8

9:00am Wilma Amedeo

Wednesday, February 9

9:00am John Kearney, Arthur Adamson,
Robert Gross

Thursday, February 10 (St. Scholastica)

9:00am Mary Soriano

Friday, February 11

9:00am Dennis Quirk

Saturday, February 12 (Blessed Virgin Mary)

5:00pm Dennis Quirk, Esther DeVito, Bill
Bolger, John Kneesy, Rosary Mottola

Sunday, February 13

8:00am Tondy Tedaldi

10:00am The Living and Deceased Members of
St. Gerard's Knights of Columbus,
Candice O'Giejko

12:00pm Joseph Bonaguro

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, Baby Adalynn Chambers, Ann Dellow, Edward Lynch, Margaret Laramore, John Flanagan Alice Fazio, John Duffy Sr., Gerard Malerba. Barbara Forbes, Linda Tesone, Scott Ward, Cecilia Bono & Family, David Reardon, Augie Fernandez, Joanna Freriks, Luke John Carusillo, Sandy Barrios, Jack Lanphear, Thomas Retzlaff, Anthony Divona Jr, Glenn Bosak, Bill Greulich, Billy Cruz, Erin Whitehead, Julie Sandorf, Josephine Farren, Sam Stallone, Brittany Knox, Dolores Andersen, Robert Rondello, Raymond Fradella, Charles Kaiser, Donald Derham, Dante Martorella, Elena & Nick Badami, Baby Nicolo Branchinelli, Sabrina Glass, Stortz Family, Denise Healey, Bob Southard, Darlene Colon, Stephen Melville, Diane Cenzano, Gregory Connors, Ilsi & Ed Doyle, Patsy Topping, Adrian McLaughlin, Arthur Santiago, Leonardo and Christopher Alfuate, Eileen Blaha, Steve Dunne, Lenore Judge, Jennifer Kirk, Maureen DePasquale, Baby Victor Frank Guijarro, Adam Andersen, John Campbell.

Stewardship Report

Last Week's Collection \$4,507



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,
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.

Columbiettes

We are an organization of women from all backgrounds united by our Catholic Faith, the love of family, our country, and our commitment to helping others. We support charities and are involved in community activities as well as working with our brother Knights. If you would like to join, please contact Jennifer at 631-473-2900.

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.

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



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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?

February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lk 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”

Reflection Questions

- To whom did Jesus specifically direct His message?
- What four groups did Jesus single out for receiving a blessing? How did the promised blessings vary to fit the character of each group?
- What response to hardship did Jesus encourage His disciples to have? Who were the disciples to think of as examples during times of suffering?
- In what specific areas of life do Jesus' promised blessings and woes touch you? In what way can you nurture the qualities that Jesus described as blessed?





"The Synod on Synodality is a two-year process of listening and dialogue..."



St. Gerard Majella Handkerchiefs

Only one instance is recorded of St. Gerard curing an expectant mother of her illness while he was alive, but there were many women who claimed that they and their children were granted graces through the prayers of Gerard. The famous "handkerchief story" goes like this: While he was leaving the house of a family he had gone to visit, he dropped his handkerchief. A young woman retrieved it, but as she handed it to him, Gerard told her mysteriously, "Keep it. One day it will be of service to you." Although puzzled, the woman did keep it. And a few years later, she faced life threatening complications as she was about to give birth to her first child. She remembered the mysterious hanky and the promise, and asked that it be brought to her in her travail. She held it to her womb and immediately the pain ceased and she delivered a normal, healthy child.

Are you or someone you know expecting, trying to conceive, or ill? St. Gerard Handkerchiefs and prayer cards are available for pickup at the front office.



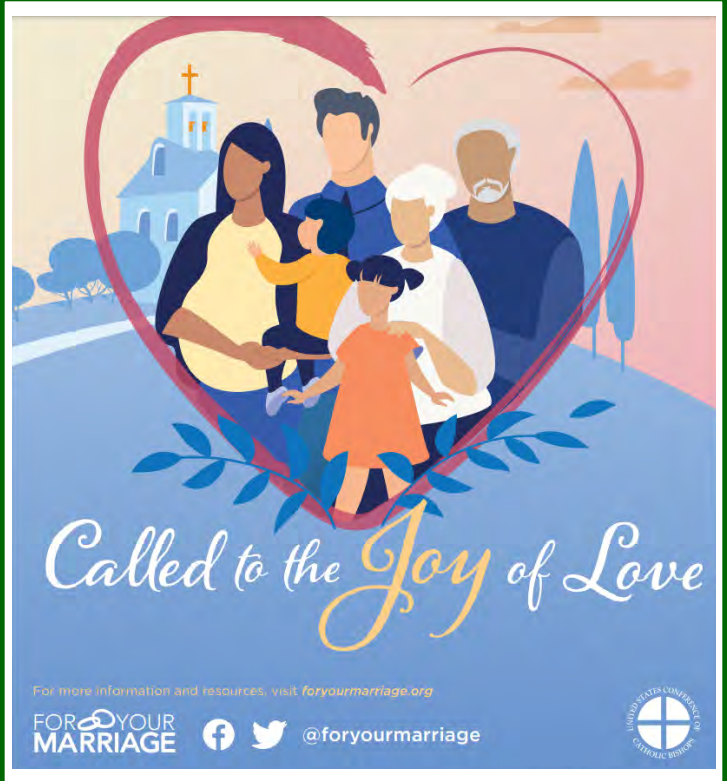
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Al-Anon Meetings

At Al-Anon Family Group meetings, the friends and family members of problem drinkers share their experiences and learn how to apply the principles of the Al-Anon program to your individual situations. Our parish offers meetings every Tuesday from 10am to 11:30am.



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