



# St. Gerard Majella Roman Catholic Church

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## Pastoral Staff

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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  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Monday - Friday: 9:30 am  
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.



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Sunday, August 21, 2022  
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Monday, August 29**  
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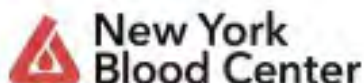
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August 21, 2022

### WATCH

#### INTO THE BREACH – EPISODE 3: LEADERSHIP

Among many other things, Pope St. Gregory the Great is known for his incredible pastoral presence and servant leadership. In honor of this magnanimous Saint, enjoy this episode of Into the Breach! Although primarily targeted at men, this video and its emphasis on service will be fruitful to anyone who desires sanctity and self-mastery!



### LEARN

#### FORMED NOW: THE FEAST OF SAINT MONICA



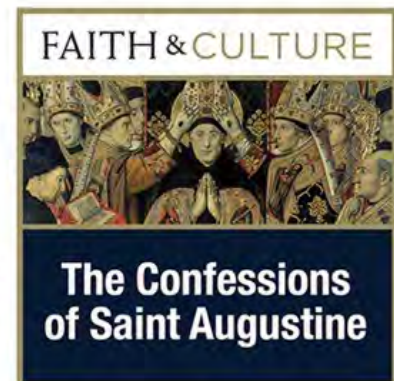
Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son.

In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss more about this great Saint.

### LISTEN

#### THE FAITH AND CULTURE PODCAST: THE CONFESSIONS OF ST. AUGUSTINE

In this episode of the Faith and Culture podcast, Joseph Pearce and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the most towering Church Father of the West, St. Augustine. Together, Pearce and Sehorn describe the purpose of Augustine's Confessions, the relatability of this Saint, and his impact on the world in his own time and culture. Finally, they discuss what we can learn from Augustine today.



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## *Religious Education*

### **2022-2023 Religious Education Registration**

**\*\*\*Still Have Time To Register\*\*\***

To Current and New Families,

Registration forms, health history forms, and a registration letter are available on our church website. Students must register EVERY YEAR. Tuition can be paid by cash or check by mail or in person. Credit card payments can only be made online at [www.stgmajella.org](http://www.stgmajella.org) Be sure to include the child's full name in the information box. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Wishing you all a happy, healthy and holy Summer!

God bless,

Patty Longo, Director

631-473-2900 x-229

[patty@stgmajella.org](mailto:patty@stgmajella.org)

### **Why does Mary have a special role in helping us?**

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved.

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed."<sup>33</sup> The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf. (USCCB)



## Parish Outreach Ministry

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

**Call Us:**  
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**After Hours:**  
631-656-9783  
Option 2

**FREE HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE**

Application Assistance is now available to help you, or someone you know, apply for Medicaid programs available for adults and children who are blind or disabled and anyone over the age of 65.

We can be reached Monday through Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM at **631-435-3000**.

After hours, please call 631-656-9783, press option 2, and leave a message. Someone will contact you the next business day.

Some programs offered through NYS with which we can assist:

- Community Medicaid
- Medicaid for home care services
- Medicaid for nursing home care or other services in an inpatient setting
- Medicaid for adults and children in need of waiver services
- Medicare Savings Program for those with Medicare that need help paying Part A, Part B, and/or prescription drugs

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### Welcome Friends Free Curbside Meal Program

**Monday: 5:00 – 6:00 PM**

Christ Episcopal Church  
127 Barnum Avenue, Port Jeff Village

**Tuesday: 1:00 – 1:30 PM**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
390 Patchogue Rd. (Rt. 112), Port Jeff Station

**Wednesday: 5:00 – 6:00 PM**

First Presbyterian Church  
Corner of Main St. and South St., Port Jeff Village

**Thursday: 1:00 – 1:30 PM**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
390 Patchogue Rd. (Rt. 112), Port Jeff Station

**Thursday: 4:00 – 5:00 PM**

St. Gerard Majella Church

**Friday: 3:30 – 5:00 PM**

First Presbyterian Church  
Corner of Main St. and South St., Port Jeff Village

### Regular Food Pantry Needs

*Pasta*

*Shelf stable milk*

*Pancake mix/syrup*

*Jelly*

*Granola Bars*

*Tuna Fish*

*Juice*

*Shampoo/Conditioner*

*Soap*

*Toothpaste/Toothbrushes*

*Diapers*

*Baby Wipes*

*Feminine Care Products*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### Helpful Phone Numbers:

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

Al-Anon Suffolk County: 631-669-2827

American Red Cross - LI: 516-747-3500

Birthingright (Pregnancy Support): 631-821-9727 or 1-800-550-4900

Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence): 631-395-1800

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

Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse): 631-439-0480

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

Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542

Good Shepherd Hospice: 631-376-3758

Hope House Ministries: 631-473-6030

L.I. Women's Coalition (Domestic Violence): 631-666-8833

Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-SUICIDE

Response Crisis Center: 631-751-7500 (Suicide Hotline)

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

Conexión Linea de Crisis (M-F: 5-10 PM) 631-751-7423

## *Mass Intentions and Presider Schedule for the Week of August 22 - August 28*

**Monday, August 22 (Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

9:00am Hilda Bello

**Tuesday, August 23**

9:00am Rose Lombardo

**Wednesday, August 24 (St. Bartholomew)**

9:00am Debra Bollbach, Barbara Patton, the Intentions of John E. Kelly

**Thursday, August 25**

9:00am Louisa Masucci

**Friday, August 26**

9:00am Dominic Serafin

**Saturday, August 27 (St. Monica)**

5:00pm Dante Martorella, Peter Tremblay

**Sunday, August 28**

8:00am The Intentions of Lucy DiPrima

10:00am Thomas Pelio

12:00pm The Intentions of Leonor & Bill Hunter-Mixer



*Fr. Tunney*

*Fr. Vitus/Fr. Tunney  
Fr. Samuel/Fr. Tunney  
Fr. Tunney*

### ***Stewardship Report***

Last Week's Collection - Not available at time of  
bulletin's publication

### ***Prayers for the Sick***

All the sick and residents of Atria, St Joseph's Village Woodhaven Adult Home & Nursing Home & Jefferson's Ferry, Ann Dellow, Edward Lynch, Joanna Freriks, Luke John Carusillo, Sandy Barrios, Jack Lanphear, Thomas Retzlaff, Anthony Divona Jr., Glenn Bosak, Bill Greulich, Billy Cruz, Erin Whitehead, Julie Sandorfi, Robert Rondello, Raymond Fradella, Donald Derham, Elena & Nick Badami, Baby, Sabrina Glass, Stortz Family, Darlene Colon, Stephen Melville, Diane Cenzano, Gregory Conners, Ilsi & Ed Doyle, Arthur Santiago, Leonardo and Christopher Alfuate, Eileen Blaha, Steve Dunne, Lenore Judge, Jennifer Kirk, Adam Andersen, John Campbell, Dr. Jennifer Arnold, Baby Leo Pastore, LouEllen Klints, Cecilia Nesper, James Spatafora, Ryan Johnson, Gary Santo, Angie Kelson, Arlene Guma, John Schlauraff, Thomas Palmer, Darren Lund, Genevieve Eannuzzi, Chuck Croner, Bill Klein, Donna Tesone DiBiagio, Sharon Lombardi, Mary Farese, Nancy & Otto Schmidtman, Mike Heinecke, Jake Corso, Robert DeWitt, Anthony Paletto, Grace & Jimmy McKeever, Paul Csorba

### ***Wedding Banns***



Our parish family is happy to announce the  
following upcoming weddings:

**September 8, 2022**

Keith Vagle & Corrine Lajoie  
(St. Anthony) (St. Gerard Majella)

First Time

**September 10, 2022**

Harry Potter & Jeanette Martino  
(St. Sylvester) (St. Gerard Majella)

First Time



We pray for all recently deceased,  
remembering especially Margaret  
Lanze, Robert Challenor, and Anthony  
DeGennaro, 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

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.

### 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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[YouTube Channel-St. Gerard Majella Parish](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

## SAINT GERARD MAJELLA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



### 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](http://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?**

**August 28, 2022**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Lk 14:1, 7-14**

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

## Reflection Questions

- What influences you when you choose a place to sit at a social gathering of some kind (e.g., a meal, a lecture, church)? What similarities do you see between yourself and the guests in the story? What differences do you see? What insights does this comparison give you?
- What makes it different from a typical parable? What is being compared to guests at a wedding banquet?
- How do you think we need to understand what Jesus is telling his host at this meal, and what Jesus is telling all of us?





Have you ever seen any statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary quite like this one? Our Lady of Knock, as

she is known from this unusual apparition depicted above, was seen by residents of Knock, a small town beset by poverty in County Mayo, Ireland on August 21, 1879, outside of the Church of St. John the Baptist ([www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)).

To commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Knock, a Prayer Service will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at St. James Church in Setauket 429 Route 25A

Please join for this special prayer opportunity!

More information about Our Lady of Knock and the Novena Prayers are available on-line at: [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

**Save the Dates!**

Our beloved Christmas Festival is returning this year, during the weekend of Dec. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Make sure to mark your calendars! Keep a lookout for more details in future bulletins.



**OUR COLUMBIETTES NEED YOUR HELP!**

We are creating a unique cookbook, looking for special recipes that have been handed down in your family, or recipes that you have created or modified. We will also have a Chapter titled, "Hints and Tips." These books will make great Christmas/holiday gifts. Please help us with this fundraiser, since we have been unable to have in-person fundraisers during the pandemic. Please type or legibly write your recipes and take them to the Church in an envelope marked Columbiettes' Cookbook or e-mail your recipes and hints to me at [Vmpitrelli@aol.com](mailto:Vmpitrelli@aol.com) by Aug. 31st. Please include your name (or the name of the recipe's creator), which we will publish, and your telephone number, which we will not publish. We'll call you only if we have to clarify something in your entry.

Thank you! Vicki Pitrelli 631-331-3104



Do you want to be a part of an exciting new ministry at St. Gerard's? The hospitality committee is looking for volunteers to serve at a hospitality breakfast our church will be hosting for our parishioners after the 10am Mass the 2nd Sunday of every month. If you are interested in providing baked goods, working with our children or being a member of the set-up/clean-up crew, please contact Nicolette Florio at [NDFlorio@outlook.com](mailto:NDFlorio@outlook.com) or call the parish office.

Serving One Another

Hospitality  
Ministry





# Come Join Our Team!

Due To Changes In A Few Of Our Volunteers' Availability This Fall, We Have An Immediate Need To Fill A Few Key Spots At Our Thrift Shop & Barn



## Shifts Available:

Monday 1-4pm

Tuesday 1-4pm

Friday 12-2pm

**Meet New People! Make New Friends!**

**Have Fun While Serving Others!**

Our thrift shop and barn generate much-needed funds for the charitable works of our Parish while providing low-cost, high-quality clothing and household items for those in need. Thank you for your continued support.

If interested in donating a few hours of your time, please contact Denise at [thrift@stgmajella.org](mailto:thrift@stgmajella.org) or call the Parish office at 473-2900

**The Thrift Shop & Barn @ St. Gerard Majella Church**

**316 Terryville Road, PJS 11776**

**M-TH 10-4; F 10-2**

*St. Gerard Majella Adult Enrichment Series*

# The Early Church Fathers

*with Deacon Frank Dell'Aglio*



Monday Evenings 7:15pm-9:00pm in the Parish Hall\*

(\*Zoom option available)

6 Sessions - Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>



*"To be deep in history is to cease to be Protestant."- John Henry Cardinal Newman*

*"This course will tell their story. As heirs to the Apostles, the Fathers of the Church were intensely concerned with preserving the unity and integrity of those that believed even as the number of believers grew from a small band of several thousand to encompass millions of people speaking dozens of languages and dispersed throughout the Roman Empire."*

*Registration Form - Complete and Return to the Parish Office*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Please include a donation of \$20 for materials

I will be attending: *check one*     in person

via Zoom link

Make checks payable to St. Gerard Majella R.C. Church.

Please mail or return form to the church office in a sealed envelope marked Church Course.

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## Building a Community of Faith, Hope, and Love

*“Let us pray for seminarians, that they may listen to the voice of the Lord and follow it with courage and joy.”*

-Pope Francis

**Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal help to build a community of Faith by supporting the education of our seminarians as they prepare to become priests in our diocese. Meet Seminarian Hurley Mendez.**

“I feel very blessed to be able to answer my call in the Diocese of Rockville Center. The CMA has supported me by providing the necessary resources to access formation programs where I can receive the knowledge and skills to experience and encounter Christ and serve and support the needs of our Diocese. I thank all those who join this noble campaign because they help not only in the formation of seminarians but also in programs that support the most vulnerable, giving fruits of charity and love, and thus, promote the mission of saving all the People of God.”



“As a seminarian, my call is to mold my heart to the heart of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who gave His life for his sheep. To be a seminarian is to be a friend of Christ and follow His Footsteps, carry on what He began, and spread it in every place, always, and to the entire world.”

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Telephone number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.**

Thank You!

“We urge everyone to intensify their prayer and fasting that the final decision of the Court will bring about the reversal of Roe and Casey.”

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, News Release, May 4, 2022



# Rosary for Life



JOIN the OFFICE of HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY and BIOETHICS in PRAYER

*Every Friday - 3:00 PM*

**Via Zoom**

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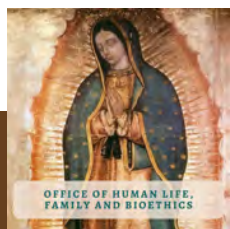
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if you would like the link sent to you each month.



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# Sunday Gospel Activities



Saint Monica - [TheCatholicKid.com](http://TheCatholicKid.com)



# Sunday Gospel Activities



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