



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
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

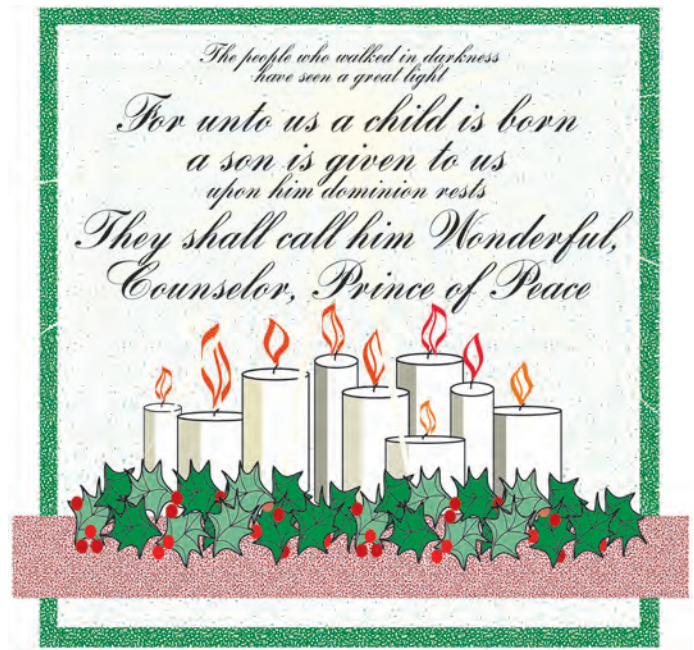
Tuesday: 11:30am-3:00pm
Wednesday: 12:30pm-3:00pm
Thursday: 11:30am-1:30pm & 4:00pm-5:00pm

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, December 25, 2022
The Nativity of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Gerard Majella Parish,

*As we come to the great celebration of our Savior's birth,
let us contemplate the tremendous gift that our God gives us in
coming to us in such a humble way.*

*Taking on our human nature in all things but sin,
Jesus shows us how to live and love.*

Ultimately, He gives His life so that we might inherit eternal life.

*Christmas is the season of giving and receiving gifts.
I am abundantly aware of the great gift I have been given
to serve as your Pastor.*

*Over the past nearly five years, I have come to see the
many ways God is made present in this parish.
From caring for the needs of those in want in our community
to educating our children in the Faith;
From making our public liturgies reverent and joyful
to supporting the daily operations of our parish.
Your spirit of generosity is unending.*

*I am privileged to shepherd such a community, and
I look forward to many more years of collaboration in the
spread of the Gospel and the riches of our Catholic Faith.*

*On behalf of my brother clergy, I wish you all a most
Blessed, Joyful, and Merry Christmas!
May this season bring you deeper peace in the knowledge that
God does indeed come to us in our every need.*

He is Emmanuel!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Fr. Greg

Fr. Francis

Fr. Rolando

Fr. Vitus

Fr. Matthew

Deacon Carlito

Deacon Mike

Deacon Pat

Deacon Ken

Deacon John

Deacon Frank



Christmas Altar Flowers

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Healing for Kellie Menno and the Marinus Family

The Jacob Family



Religious Education

Religious Education Program

On behalf of Miss Jennifer, our devoted catechists and myself...

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas &
a Happy, Healthy & Holy New Year!



Our classes will resume with a “Joseph” week.

Tuesday, January 3rd

At Christmas we celebrate the great mystery that God became flesh and dwelt among us. We call this mystery the Incarnation (the word means “to take on flesh”), and it changes everything. Today’s Gospel reminds us that we can also look upon the Nativity from God’s perspective to better appreciate the significance of the Incarnation. The mystery we proclaim at Christmas is that God, the very God who created all things from nothing and who is light itself, took on our humanity in order to transform us. Through his birth among us, we have seen the face of God and have become nothing less than God’s own children. At this awesome mystery, we adore.

Gather as a family around your Nativity set. Keep this image before you and talk about how familiar we are with this scene. Invite members of the family to recall the details of Jesus’ birth that we hear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Observe that the Gospel of John invites us to consider Jesus’ birth from a different perspective. Read together today’s Gospel, John 1:1-14.

John’s Gospel reminds us that the image we see in our Nativity set is a most remarkable sight: God made himself at home with us by taking on flesh and becoming a

human person. We call this mystery the Incarnation. What are some of the things that John’s Gospel says happened for us because Jesus came to dwell among us? (Light overcame darkness; we see God’s glory in

Jesus; we became children of God.) Together thank God for this mystery of the Incarnation and the salvation that we received because Jesus was born among us. Sing together a Christmas hymn, such as

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” or “Silent Night.”

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Parish Outreach Ministry

“Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.”

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Merry Christmas! Thank you to all of you who adopted families and/or individuals from the giving tree this year. Because of your generosity, we were able to help well over 120 families. Christmas is a time of joy at the coming of our Savior. Thank you for providing the gift of Christmas joy and hope to these families! We are completely in awe, year after year, of your giving, selfless hearts! God bless you and your families this Christmas season and always!

A special thank you to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to organize all the gifts! They are AMAZING!



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: 4:00 – 5:00 PM

St. Gerard Majella Church

Friday: 3:30 – 5:00 PM

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Regular Food Pantry Needs

Shelf Stable Milk
Jelly
Canned Chicken
Granola Bars
Soup
Canned Fruit
Juice
Cereal
Shaving Cream
Feminine Products
Shampoo/Conditioner
Dish Soap
Laundry Detergent

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
Birthright (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

Mass Intentions and Presider Schedule for the Week of December 26 - January 1

Monday, December 26 (St. Stephen)

9:00am Agnes Dell'Aglio

Tuesday, December 27 (St. John)

9:00am Christopher Darcy

Wednesday, December 28 (The Holy Innocents)

9:00am Fr. Donald Babinski, Gregory Crescitelli,
John McGarrell

Thursday, December 29

9:00am Marie Ken

Friday, December 30 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph)

9:00am The Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 31

4:00pm Paul Connolly, Stephanie Woods, Christopher Jiminez,
Candice Ogiejko, Richard Lofredo, Joseph Sarabia

Sunday, January 1 (Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary)

8:00am Jean Ryan

10:00am Peter Karlen

12:00pm Sophia & Joseph Mysliwicz



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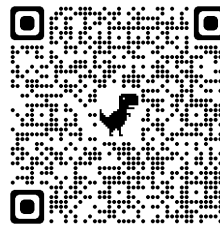
Fr. Greg

Stewardship Report

Last Week's Collection - \$9,268

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, Stephen Melville, Luke John Carusillo, Sandy Barrios, Anthony Divona Jr., Sabrina Glass, LouEllen Klints, Cecilia Nespor, James Spatafora, Ryan Johnson, Gary Santo, Arlene Guma, John Schlauraff, Thomas Palmer, Darren Lund, Genevieve Eannuzzi, Sharon Lombardi, Mary Farese, Nancy & Otto Schmidtman, Mike Heinecke, Jake Corso, Robert DeWitt, Anthony Paletto, Grace & Jimmy McKeever, Paul Csorba, Kellie Menno, Joan Petschauer, Patrick Andersen, Bobby Catell, Vern & Deanna Schram, Charles Ricottone, Carole Zwycewicz, Erin Whitehead, Helen Williams, Teresa Mattera, Baby Fulton, Ellie & Ted Claesen, Scott Brekne, Garrett Duffy, Tomie Poitras, Karin Strahmann, Cole Aaron Weston, Andrew Eichner, Taylor & Baby Hawn, Tammy Partlow, Lucille Schettino, Mick O'Connor, Allison Papiello, Janet Schoeneman, Jack Kennedy, Connie Biscardi, Ronnie Pryor, Jennifer Kirk, Nancy Mulvihill.



Online Weekly Giving

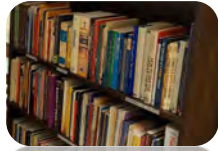
"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Luke 6:38

This is a promise from God that He doesn't need a large amount, but will honor our generosity and obedience. Then, He can do a miracle to multiply and pour out blessings that overflow to our lives and others.



We pray for all recently deceased, may they find eternal rest and joy.

Please stop by our Prayer Corner near Reception to borrow books and CDs on many Catholic topics to deepen your faith formation and spiritual life.



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.

OCIA Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you an adult thinking of becoming part of the Catholic community and completing your sacraments? Contact Deacon Frank at deaconfrank@stgmajella.org or 631-473-2900.



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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?**

January 1, 2023

**The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
Solemnity of Mary**

Lk 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Reflection Questions

- In what ways did Jesus's first visitors point to who Jesus was and what he would do for all mankind?
- The angels brought a message of peace. What kind of peace does Jesus bring on earth? How does this differ from worldly views of peace?
- What did the shepherds do after they found the baby in the manger and what example does this set for those who find Jesus today?



The Christmas Presepio

Good Shepherd Parish
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Come visit this traditional Neapolitan Nativity and enjoy some quiet moments. It is one of the largest of its kind in the world and contains many thousands of figures, buildings, miniatures, and relics.

Open every day from 9am to 9pm until Jan. 15th.
(Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day)

The Christmas Prayer

O sweet Child of Bethlehem,
grant that we may share with all our
hearts in this profound
mystery of Christmas.
Put into the hearts of men and women
this peace for which they
sometimes seek so desperately
and which you alone can give to them.
Help them to know one another better,
and to live as brothers and sisters,
children of the same Father.
Reveal to them also your beauty,
holiness and purity.
Awaken in their hearts love
and gratitude for
your infinite goodness.
Join them all
together in your love.
And give us your heavenly peace.
Amen.

Wishing all of you and your families a very blessed and beautiful Christmas! May the timeless message of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with joy now and throughout the coming year. We are blessed by your giving hearts and your examples of Christ's love in our parish and community!
(The parish office is closed on Monday, Dec. 26th.)



Mass of Farewell
for
Most Reverend
Richard G. Henning

January 8, 2023  11:00 a.m.

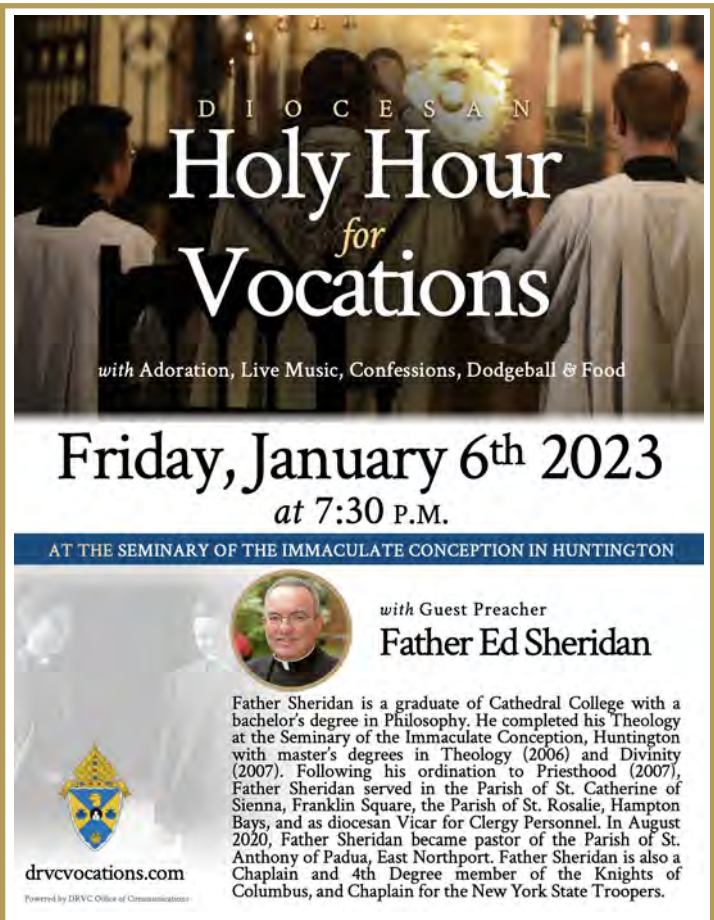


at the Cathedral of
St. Agnes in Rockville Centre
Bishop Barres will be the main celebrant.

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or to watch live on Catholic Faith Network (CFN).

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Father Ed Sheridan

Father Sheridan is a graduate of Cathedral College with a bachelor's degree in Philosophy. He completed his Theology at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington with master's degrees in Theology (2006) and Divinity (2007). Following his ordination to Priesthood (2007), Father Sheridan served in the Parish of St. Catherine of Sienna, Franklin Square, the Parish of St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays, and as diocesan Vicar for Clergy Personnel. In August 2020, Father Sheridan became pastor of the Parish of St. Anthony of Padua, East Northport. Father Sheridan is also a Chaplain and 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and Chaplain for the New York State Troopers.


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for your generous support over the past year.

When you donate your time, talent & merchandise, or shop at our store, you are supporting the charitable works of St. Gerard Majella Church.

For that we are truly grateful.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas
and a happy, healthy New Year!

We look forward to a prosperous 2023!

**The Thrift Shop & Barn Will Be Closed
Friday, December 23 — Monday, January 2**

During this time NO DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Please do not leave any donations outside of the barn or thrift shop,
or anywhere on the property during our holiday closing.

We will reopen for business on Tuesday, January 3

Photos from our Christmas Festival!



Photos taken by parishioner,
Mary Louise Delano

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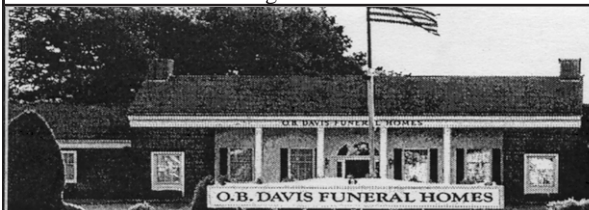
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