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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

Parish Outreach Hours

Food Pantry

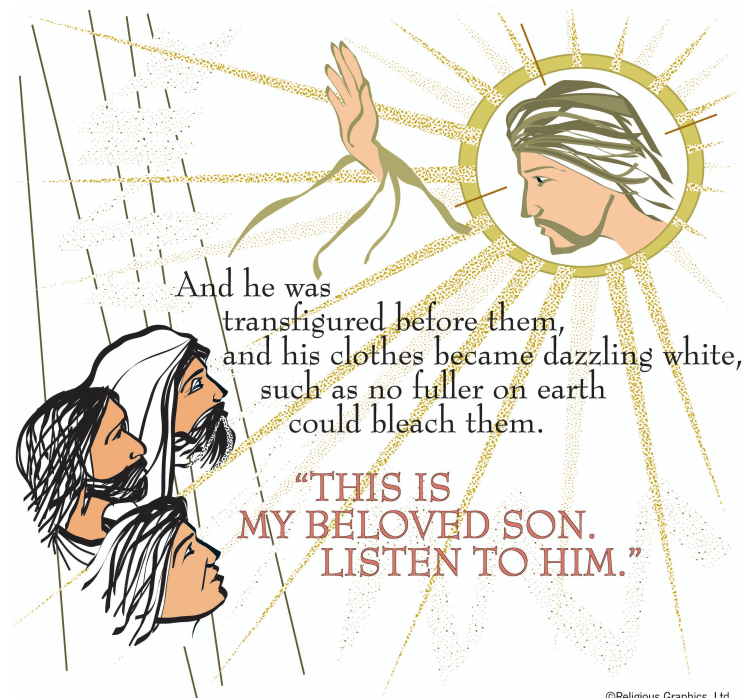
Tuesday: 11:30am-3:00pm
Wednesday: 12:30pm-3:00pm
Thursday: 11:30am-1:30pm & 4:00pm-5:00pm

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 served between 4:30pm and 5:30pm. All are welcome.



And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

“THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM.”

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Sunday, August 6, 2023
The Transfiguration of the Lord

A Message from our Pastor



Dear Friends of St. Gerard's Parish,

Deacon John Grebe has asked me to convey to you the following message on his behalf:

Following a series of tests after my annual physical, last week I learned that I have prostate cancer. Hearing my name and that dreaded word in the same sentence has obviously caused me some measure of stress and dismay. But, thankfully, the course of treatment for such a diagnosis has come a long way over the past few years. I have spoken with my doctors, and we will be planning a timeline for treatment and recuperation in the coming weeks. I feel perfectly fine physically, and I am bolstered by the grace of God and the knowledge of your prayers for me and my family.

I know that I join a large group among us who are now battling, and have battled, this disease. While my prognosis is exceptionally good, I unite whatever discomfort and setbacks I face to those of you in our parish who are on the same journey. May we all entrust ourselves to the intercession of our Blessed Mother and our dear patron, St. Gerard Majella, for healing and strength.

When it comes time for my recuperation, I will likely be away from the parish for about a month. I'm grateful to my brother clergy for their assistance, and I ask for your prayers as well. Thank you for your kindness.

~ Deacon John

Obviously, I know I speak for all of us when I assure our dear friend, Deacon John, of our prayers and support for him and his family.

Your servant in Christ,

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



Three Years of Abundant Grace and Transformation

YEAR OF DIOCESAN REVIVAL

YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL

YEAR OF MISSION

JUNE 2022–JUNE 2023

JUNE 2023–JUNE 2024

JUNE 2024–JUNE 2025

The Holy Spirit is inviting the United States to Eucharistic Revival. In this first year of response, we will:

- ◆ Invite leaders to discern how they will answer Our Lord's call
- ◆ Equip and prepare dioceses to foster the four pillars of the Revival in the upcoming Year of Parish Revival: Reinigorating Worship, Personal Encounters, Robust Formation, and Missionary Sending
- ◆ Stir engaged Catholics to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist



Every parish in the country will experience profound renewal while participating in grassroots efforts inspired by the four pillars of the Revival. Parishes will be equipped with simple, proven tools to invite their community into the following:

REINIGORATED WORSHIP

- ◆ Renew the emphasis on the celebration of the liturgy

PERSONAL ENCOUNTERS

- ◆ Host monthly Encounter Nights, featuring Eucharistic adoration and the Sacrament of Confession

ROBUST FORMATION

- ◆ Implement the "Jesus and the Eucharist" small group initiative

SEND MISSIONARIES

- ◆ Bring lapsed brothers and sisters home with the "Invite One Back" campaign
- ◆ Recommit to serving the poor in your community in a new way

✚ Visit our website at: eucharisticrevival.org

This third year of the Revival will be marked by historic initiatives that will propel our nation into a new chapter of faith and mission.

- ◆ Just as crowds followed Christ throughout his earthly ministry, our nation will process with our Eucharistic Lord from the north, south, east, and west edges of our country in the first-ever **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage**. Thousands will have a powerful opportunity for encounter and healing as Jesus comes to meet them on his way to the National Eucharistic Congress.
- ◆ The **10th National Eucharistic Congress** will be a milestone within the Revival and a historic moment for the Church in the U.S. The reinstitution of this legacy will gather 80,000 Catholics in Indianapolis for a transformative experience that will bear fruit for generations to come.

These pivotal moments will launch the United States into the Year of Mission, sending on-fire Catholics back out into the world to share Christ's love "for the life of the world." We will continue to spread the Revival movement throughout the Church's 2025 Jubilee Year and beyond.

MISSION

To renew the church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

VISION

To inspire a movement of Catholics across the United States who are healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and who are then sent out on mission "for the life of the world."

🔥 **We want to start a FIRE, not a program.**

 **BISHOP ANDREW COZZENS**
Chairman of the Board of the National Eucharistic Congress



You Don't Want to Miss This Moment

We know what happens when two or more are gathered in the Lord's name—but what happens with 80,000?! Join us in Indianapolis as we ask him to revive our love of the Eucharist, breathing his life into our dry bones. Then, we will be sent back to our communities to invite others to know Jesus. Our nation and our world will never be the same.

BE A PART OF HISTORY. SIGN UP NOW!

eucharisticcongress.org

Mass Intentions and Presider Schedule for the Week of August 7 - August 13

Monday, August 7

9:00am Patti Woodward

Tuesday, August 8 (St. Dominic)

9:00am Stephen Soviero

Wednesday, August 9

9:00am Joseph Gadaleta, MaryAnn Gersbeck,
Nancy Hillenberg

Thursday, August 10 (St. Lawrence)

9:00am Blanche & Gene McCabe, Sr.

Friday, August 11 (St. Clare)

9:00am Luigi Cicillini

Saturday, August 12 (Blessed Virgin Mary)

5:00pm Benedetto Zangri, Margaret McGovern, Annis Mae Roberts,
Anthony DeGennaro, the Intentions of John E. Kelly

Sunday, August 13

8:00am Kevin Hauth

10:00am The Living & Deceased Members of
St. Gerard's Knights of Columbus

12:00pm Ralph Montana



Fr. Samuel

Fr. Francis

Fr. Fr. Samuel

Fr. Greg

Stewardship Report

Last Week's Collection - \$8,219.00

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, Luke John Carusillo, Sandy Barrios, Sabrina Glass, LouEllen Klints, Arlene Guma, John Schlauraff, Genevieve Eannuzzi, Kellie Menno, Joan Petschauer, Charles Ricottone, Baby Fulton, Ellie & Ted Claesen, Connie Biscardi, Ronnie Pryor, Vinnie Surwilo, McKinney, Jean Grunwald, Robert Cronemeyer, Mary Jo Re, Joseph Bocket, Thomas Hayes, June Russo, Rick Duros, Ron Gendis, Emilio Negron, Stephen Melville, Tezzenha Sealy, Dolores Andersen, Patrick Wilson, James Mihalik, Erin DeCapua, Maureen Uss, Barbara Klein-Croner, Garrett Duffy, Nicholas Traynor, Hunter Reyes, Ann Gerstein, Mike Napolitano, Maxine Politi, Neisha Alli, Pat Consorte, Lawrence DeMeo, Marie Auld, Marie Brienza, Erin Whitehead, Patricia McLaren, Bill Klein, Jr., Thomas J. DuBritz, Theresa Renz, Sr. Laura, DW, Gail Bean, Barbara Forbes, Trip & Jenna, Sharon Goodman, Harriet Reissmann.

Weekly Memorials

Our Sanctuary Candle has been lovingly donated in memory of :

Thomas Marinus



Our Bread and Wine has been lovingly donated in memory of :

Patricia Whitney




We pray for all recently deceased, remembering especially James Saulter, 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.



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.

 **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.

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?

August 13, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mt 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Reflection Questions

- What might have gone through their minds as the disciples battled the storm?
- The disciples were having a bad night - and then saw a ghost approaching on the sea. Why did they not recognize Jesus?
- Has an apparently bad thing turned out to be a good thing sometimes in your life?
- Why did Peter want to walk on water, like Jesus?
- What does Matthew want us to conclude about Jesus?
- How is Jesus calling us to get out of the boat - that is, to find a new way of following him, away from the familiar ways of being church?



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil- Monday, August 14th at 5pm

Tuesday, August 15th 9am, 12pm, 7pm

This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the Mother of God from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God to reign as Queen of Heaven and earth.

The Parish Office will be closed on Aug. 15th.

Upcoming Bereavement Support Program

Offered at St. Mary, East Islip

Eight Week Group beginning Tuesday, September 12, at 7pm

Support Groups are opened to anyone who has suffered a loss at least three months prior to the start of the group. Loss must have occurred prior to June 12, 2023. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people.

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program for married couples facing difficult

challenges. It is not a marriage retreat, or

counseling. You will not be asked to share the

personal details of your story.

Crafter Ministry

Every Monday at 2pm, the Crafter ministry meets in the Parish Hall to make items that will be sold at our Annual Christmas Festival. All are welcome to join this creative and fun ministry! No experience necessary. For those who cannot attend during the day, another group meets every other Thursday evening at 7pm. If you would like to join, please contact myself at 631- 828-1430/drpart2@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Grace Surwilo, Christmas Festival Chairperson

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). To commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Knock, a Prayer Service will be held at Saint James R.C. Church in Setauket on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 07:00 p.m. in the Church Please join us for this special prayer opportunity! To prepare for the Feast of Our Lady of Knock, please offer the Our Lady of Knock Novena prayers from Sunday, August 13 through Sunday, August 20. More information about Our Lady of Knock and the Novena Prayers are available on-line @ www.knockshrine.ie and knock-shrine.com/NovenaLeaflet.pdf

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Clothing	Shoes & Boots	Vinyl Records/CDs
Home Décor	Small Appliances	Vintage Items
Housewares	Small Furniture	

DUE TO LACK OF STORAGE SPACE, NO CHRISTMAS ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR DONATION UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 2023.

Other Holiday/Seasonal Items Accepted IN-SEASON ONLY

We Are UNABLE To Accept:

Infant furniture or large toys	Mattresses/Box Springs	Formalwear
Pillows	Stuffed Animals	Wedding Gowns
Soft Cover Books	Men's & Women's Suits	VHS Players/Tapes
Textbooks	Fur Coats	Rugs

Donations Accepted: Mon. — Thur. 10— 3 & Fri. 10— 1

WE DO NOT OFFER PICKUP SERVICE FOR DONATIONS

We are UNABLE to accept: Sofas, Cribs, Infant Furniture, Large Hutches/China Cabinets, Entertainment Units, Dining Room Sets, Upholstered Furniture, Beds and/or Bed Frames

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.

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Tickets can be purchased now after all masses from any member of the St. Gerard Majella Knights of Columbus. Raffle proceeds will be used to continue our charitable works in the community.

Outreach Ministry Back to School Drive

The children in our community will require new supplies this Fall. We are asking for donations to be dropped off in the lobby during office hours or before any of the weekend Masses.

*****Donations needed by Sunday, August 13th.*****



Pencils/Pens

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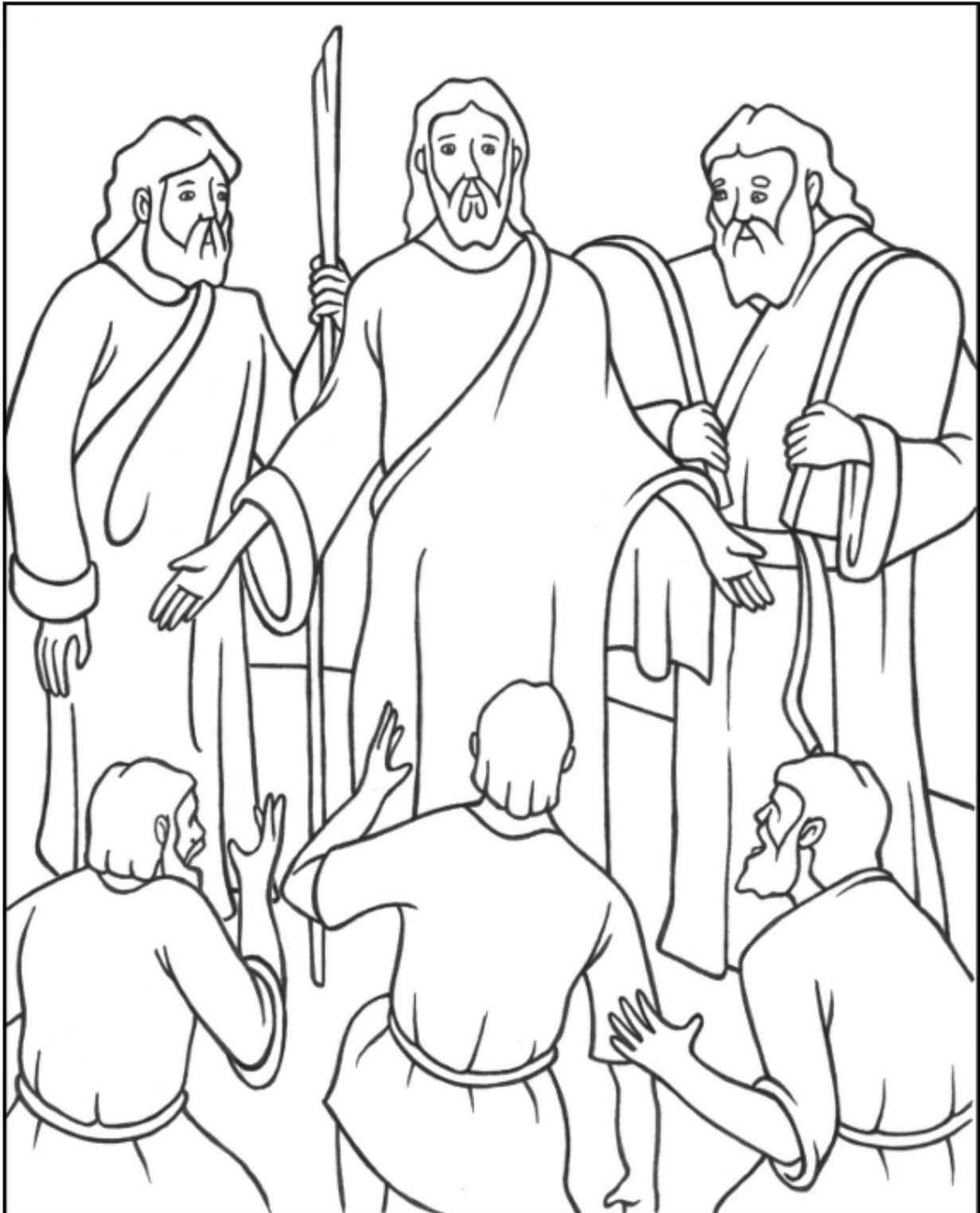
Backpacks



We are also accepting \$10, \$20, and \$25 Gift cards (Wal-Mart, Target, Kohls, Dollar Tree, Staples). Thank you for your generosity!



Sunday Gospel Activities



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