



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

Parish Outreach Hours

Food Pantry

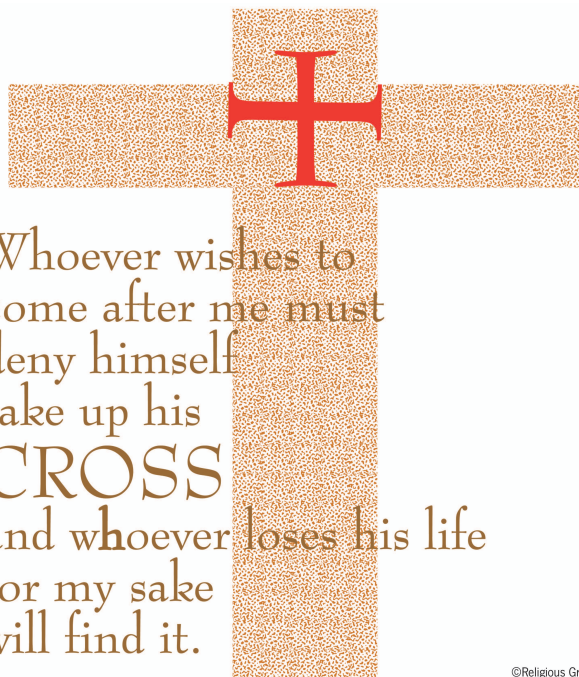
Tuesday: 11:30am-3:00pm
Wednesday: 12:30pm-3:00pm
Thursday: 11:30am-1:30pm & 4:30pm-5:30pm

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



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Sunday, September 3, 2023
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



A Prayer For Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask for Your guidance and hope for everyone seeking employment. We ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of all of us.

Amen.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, And I shall give you rest."

Matthew 11:28-30



The Parish Office and Thrift Shop will be closed on Monday, September 4th.

We hope all of you have a wonderful day with your friends and family!

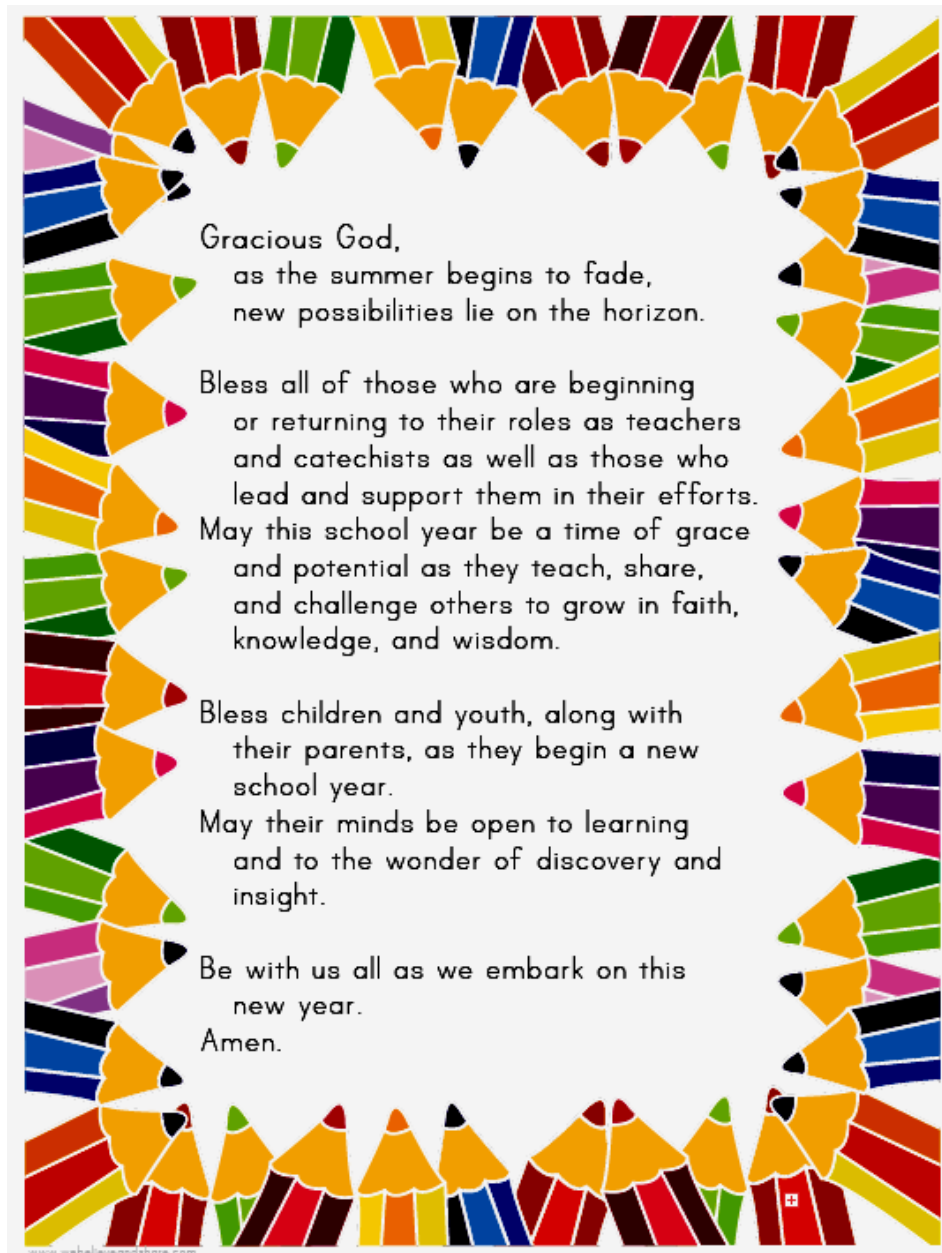
Religious Education

*****2023-2024 Religious Education Registration Deadline was August 1st-Still time to Register*****

Registration forms, health history forms, and a registration letter are on our church website and printed copies in the lobby. 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 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



Parish Outreach Ministry

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

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 – 5:30 PM

Doors Open at 4pm Sit Down Only between
4:30pm and 5:30pm

St. Gerard Majella Church

Friday: 3:30 – 5:00 PM

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Corner of Main St. and South St., Port Jeff Village

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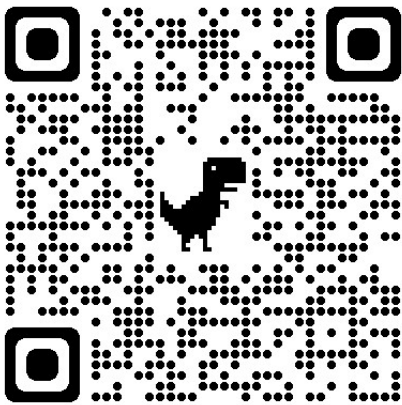
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Our Mental Health Helpline provides essential information and referrals to anyone facing a mental health issue or living with a friend or family member with mental illness. You may access a list of health professionals and resources via our website or by calling us directly.

<http://mhaw.org/programs/mental-health-helpline/>

Our trained staff will conduct a brief assessment of your needs and help link you to the most appropriate community resources and services including professional behavioral health and social service providers, self-help groups, informational websites and more.

We have created an Amazon Wish List for our pantry! All you have to do is scan this QR code with your phone, pick out an item or two and have it shipped to the church. Super simple! Thank you so much for your giving hearts!



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
- Conexión Linea de Crisis (M-F: 5-10 PM) 631-751-7423V
- Victims Information Bureau (Advocacy, Counseling): 631-360-3606
- Women’s Services (Town of Brookhaven): 631-698-2074

Mass Intentions and Presider Schedule for the Week of September 4 - September 10

Monday, September 4

9:00am Constance Fredrick

Tuesday, September 5

9:00am James Witt

Wednesday, September 6

9:00am John E. Kearney, Pat Ricci,
the Intentions of Marie Morgan

Thursday, September 7

9:00am James Dooley

Friday, September 8 (Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

9:00am Judy Grob

Saturday, September 9 (St. Peter Claver)

5:00pm Anne McCarthy, Richard Mills, Peter Williams,
Daniel O'Hara, Linda Cavallaro, Michael Salera

Sunday, September 10

8:00am Julius & Rosemarie Miano

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

12:00pm William Tucker



Fr. Matthew

Fr. Matthew

Fr. Vitus

Fr. Vitus

Stewardship Report

Last Week's Collection - \$7,459.00

Weekly Memorials

Our Sanctuary Candle and Bread & Wine has been lovingly donated in thanksgiving to:
God, the eternal Father, for many graces and blessings received.



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, Arline Guma, John Schlauraff, Genevieve Eannuzzi, Kellie Menno, Charles Ricottone, Baby Fulton, Ted Claesen, Connie Biscardi, Ronnie Pryor, Vinnie Surwilo, McKinney, 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, Barbara Forbes, Trip & Jenna, Sharon Goodman, Harriet Reissmann, Nicholas Traynor, Claire Reilly, Joan Francavilla, Alba Gosin, Leslie, Alex & Baby Sortz Clark, Jacob Flag




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.



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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 YouTube Channel-St. Gerard Majella Parish

SAINT GERARD MAJELLA
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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?

September 10, 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mt 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Reflection Questions

- What are the steps Jesus laid out for settling disputes between Christians?
- When should you mention the sin of your brother to others? What should you do if the brother refuses to hear you and your witnesses?
- Jesus gave authority to His disciples. What would be done for them if they agreed concerning anything ?
- Why is it important for you to pray with others ?
- Prayer is also an important part of handling conflict. Jesus promises that he will guide the decisions of those who pray to him. When we have a problem with another person, we pray that God will help bring peace to the situation and that God will be with us as we work toward this peace. Pray this week for the support needed to handle conflicts in a Christian manner.



St. James Church in Setauket is hosting this trip....

Join us for Mass,
Eucharistic Procession
and Benediction with
Fr. Mike Schmitz and Cardinal Dolan.
Fr. Robert will lead our group.
St. Patrick's Cathedral
Tuesday October 10th 2 — 9 pm



For more information contact:

Margo Arceri 516-398-7936 marceri@aol.com or
Barbara Jaeckel 516-313-4029 bjaeckel31@gmail.com

To register, see Carol in the Parish Office

Cost — \$50 per person - Cash or Check payable to St James Church

Snacks and water will be provided on the bus

2:00 pm Bus leaves St. James Church — arrive by 1:45 in the parking lot
4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's with Fr. Mike Schmitz
5:15 pm Procession through Manhattan
6:00 pm Procession ends at St. Patrick's Cathedral
6:10 pm Benediction with Cardinal Dolan
6:30 pm Event concludes
7:15 pm Bus returns to St. James Church

Many may be familiar with the RCIA program, which was renamed OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). OCIA enables those who were never baptized or have no formal faith background, those who were baptized in another Christian church who would like to become Catholic, and Catholics who never received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Communion and Confirmation) to receive sacraments and be fully initiated into the Catholic faith. It is the work of the Holy Spirit that brings people to OCIA, but often the Holy Spirit works through the encouragement of a friend or family member. If you know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith or in completing their Sacraments please have them reach out to Deacon Frank (deaconfrank@stgmajella.org).

THANK YOU!

41 pints of blood were donated at our recent blood drive. WOW!

Thank you to all who gave and for all the volunteers!



Save the Date

Our Parish will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, September 29th. This will be a fun night for the whole family so mark your calendar. More details to follow!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Because of your generosity, we were able to provide school supplies, gift cards, and backpacks to 145 children in the community! As the families came to pick up, their children were so excited to look inside the bags. You made that happiness happen! We are incredibly grateful to each and every one of you! God bless all the children and teachers returning to school. A word of gratitude to our outreach volunteers for all their hard work in organizing the drive.



Annual Seminary Communion Breakfast

Sunday
September 24th
2023



Mass
Seminary Chapel
10 AM

Rev. Matthew Browne

Director, Office of Evangelization & Catechesis

Mass followed by Brunch and Fr. Browne's Presentation in Refectory

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Information — bmalone@icseminary.edu ♦ (631) 423-0483 x 102

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Decorative, Indoor Ceramic Plant Pots Needed!

If you have any new or gently used ceramic pots you are able to donate, please consider donating them to our thrift shop. They can be brought directly to the store during business hours (Monday-Thursday 10-3:30; Friday 10-2) or dropped off after mass next weekend. In addition, we would appreciate donations of small bags of indoor potting soil.

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Contact Principal, Ms. Anderson at danderson@sspjschool



St. Teresa of Calcutta
Feast Day, September 5th

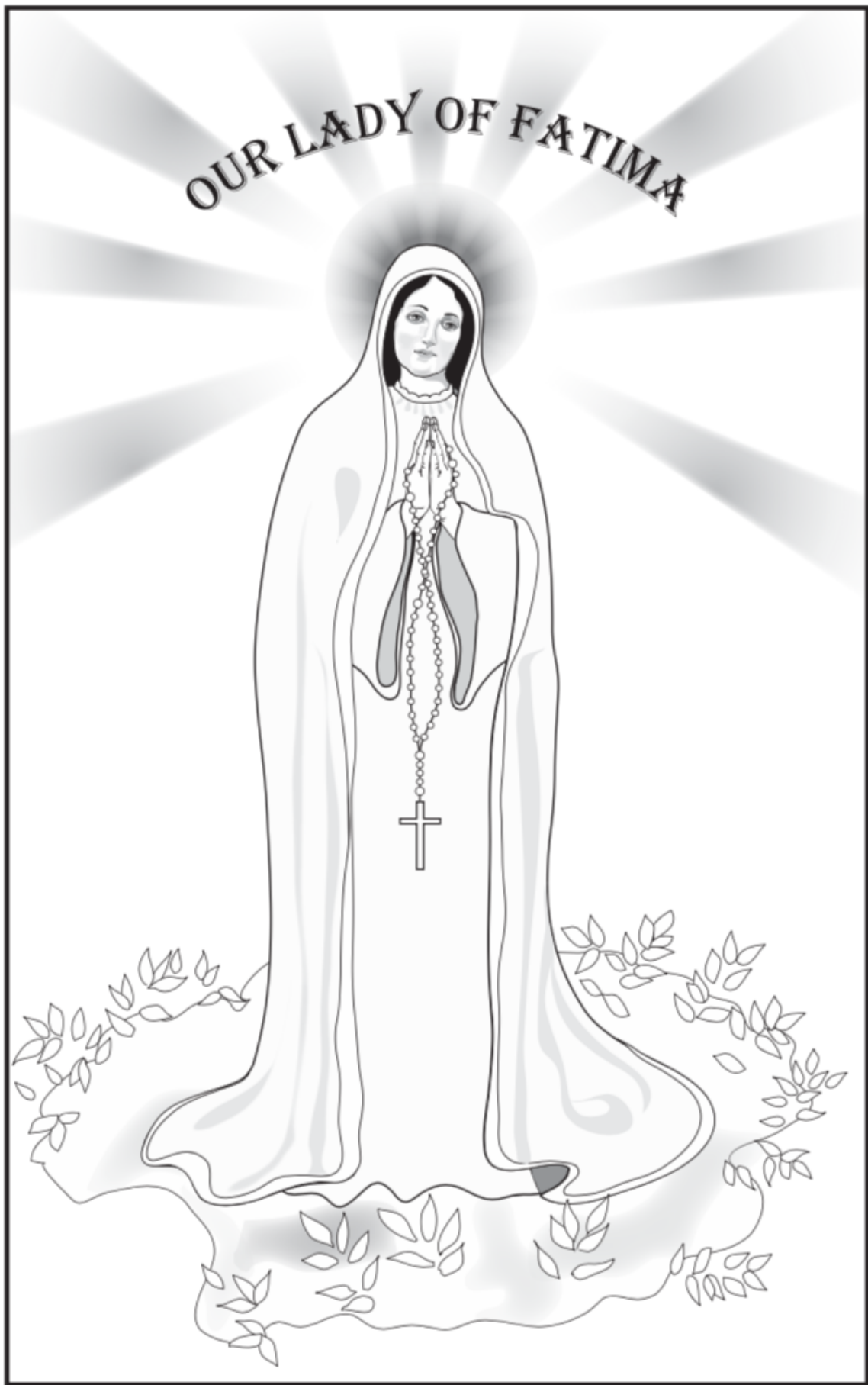
*"We must remember
that life begins at
home and we must
also remember that
the future of
humanity passes
through the family."*

- St. Teresa of Calcutta



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