



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

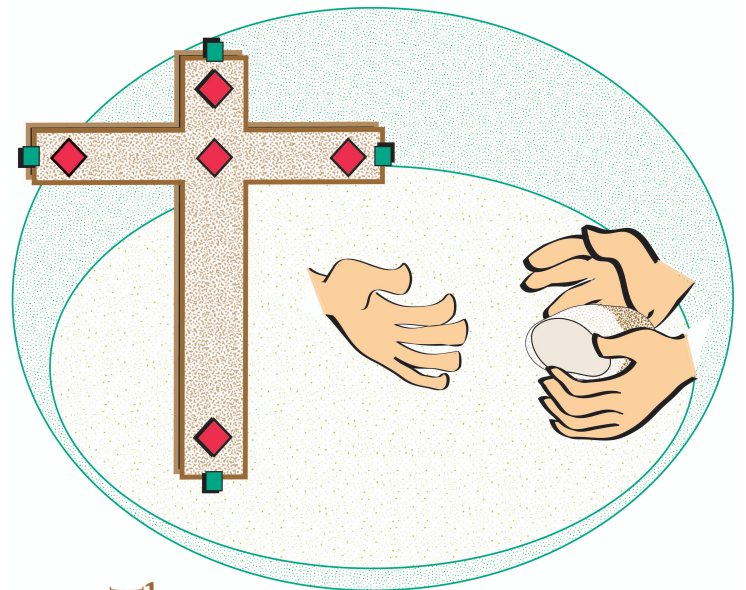
Tuesday: 11:30am-3:00pm
Wednesday: 12:30pm-3:00pm
Thursday: 11:30am-1:30pm & 4:30pm-5:30pm

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.



The greatest among you
must be those who serve the rest.

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Sunday, November 5, 2023
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ways to honor the Holy Souls this November

November is an ideal time to help the Holy Souls through prayer and acts of love and charity.

MAKE A HOLY SOULS RESOLUTION THIS MONTH

It is commonplace to make a resolution for New Year's in January, deciding to give up a vice or adopt a virtue. There is no better time than the month of the Holy Souls to make a resolution that helps our own souls and those we love get a little closer to heaven. An example of a Holy Souls' Month resolution: Resolve to pray the Rosary every day to help strengthen your own soul; and also add the "Eternal Rest" prayer at the end for the Holy Souls in Purgatory:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PRAY FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY WITH ST. GERTRUDE'S PRAYER

Here it is: Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home and in my family. Amen.

VISIT A CEMETERY AND PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

What a wonderful month to go to the cemetery and offer prayers, even for those you didn't know personally. For your departed loved ones, why not plant some mums, ornamental cabbage, or lay a wreath at their headstone and pray while you plant? You could probably say a whole Rosary for them while you till, weed, plant and water. When you're finished, take a walk and continue praying for those buried there.

REQUEST AND OFFER MASSES FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS

We can and should help the souls of the departed after death by requesting Masses for them. Another option: Offer the next Mass you attend for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, offering up your reception of Communion and all your prayers and good works of the day.

REMEMBER YOUR DEPARTED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS AROUND THE DINNER TABLE

This would be very special to do on Thanksgiving ... or any special dinner! At grace before meals, when we proclaim our blessings and share our bounty, let us also recall, by name, those in our family who have died and whose influence we still celebrate and count among our greatest gifts. Pray for their soul and in gratitude for their love. Place photos of your beloved deceased in a place of honor. Serve a food your loved one was known to cook or to enjoy. Tell stories of that loved one, play a song they liked, and most importantly, pass down their wisdom and wit.

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Free Training and Education



Monday, November 6, 2023

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

St. Gerard Majella
300 Terryville Road
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Diabetes 101

A brief introduction to diabetes, prevention & management.

Presented by Alyssa Morando, RD,
Clinical Dietician at St. Charles Hospital

Make a difference!

Learn how you can help save a life by acting quickly to administer hands only CPR. The presentation will provide a basic overview of the skill, including hands on practice.

Hands Only CPR Training

Demonstrated by Winston Lee, RN,
EMS Training & Education Coordinator
at St. Charles Hospital



Parish Outreach Ministry

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



Joy of Giving Outreach Drive

Our Joy of Giving tree is up in the lobby. Help children have a magical Christmas by taking a tag off of the tree, purchasing the gift, and dropping it back unwrapped by Dec. 3rd.

God bless you for your giving hearts!

Santa's Helpers Needed!

Please Help The Outreach Department
Add A Little Sparkle To The Holidays

Because Little Details Make All The Difference,

*We Will Be Collecting **NEW:***

Rolls of Christmas Gift Wrap

Scotch Tape * Bows * Gift Bags

After All Weekend Masses Through December 10th

And in the Lobby During Office Hours

Thank You For Your Generous Support!



Food Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Pasta
Canned Chicken
Canned Pasta
Soup
Pasta
Mac n Cheese
Shelf Stable Milk
Canned Chili
Canned Fruit
Tomato Sauce
Raisins
Toilet Paper

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 November 6 – November 12

Monday, November 6

9:00am Those enrolled in our All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 7

9:00am Those enrolled in our All Souls Novena

Wednesday, 8

9:00am Those enrolled in our All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 9 (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)

9:00am Joyce DiFanzo

Friday, November 10 (St. Leo)

9:00am Mary E. Kelly

Saturday, November 11 (St. Martin of Tours)

5:00pm Esther DeVito, Ashleigh M. D’Andrea
Christopher Jimenez, Salvatore Rizzo,
Joseph Quinn, Jr., the Intentions of
Hillary K. Pryor

Fr. Vitus

Sunday, November 12

8:00am Salvatore Filippi

Fr. Greg

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

Fr. Greg

12:00pm Souls in Purgatory

Fr. Vitus



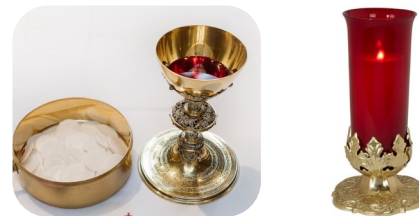
Stewardship Report

Last Week’s Collection - \$ 7,975.34

Weekly Memorials

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

Souls in Purgatory



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, 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, Marie Auld, Marie Brienza, Erin Whitehead, Patricia McLaren, Bill Klein, Jr., Theresa Renz, Sr. Laura, DW, Barbara Forbes, Nicholas Traynor, Claire Reilly, Joan Francavilla, Alba Gosin, Leslie, Alex & Baby Clark Sortz Clark, Jacob Flag, Anthony Paletto, Madore Roit, Jaclyn Lin, Thomas Hayes, Carole Fackina, Dani Floyd, Janet Kolodziejski, Maureen Valentine, Karen Strahmann, Nancy Mulvihill, Linda Tesone, Alexa Mastando, Lew Yedwab, Gary Borthwick, Michael Bruton.



We pray for all recently deceased, remembering Mario Guarino and Raymond Canudo, may they find eternal rest and joy.

Wedding Banns

Our parish is pleased to announce the following wedding:

James Porcelli & Saige Porcelli

11/16/23


Second Banns

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?

November 12, 2023

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mt 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable:
"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Reflection Questions

- What is the kingdom of heaven like? Who do the 10 virgins represent?
- Why were 5 of the virgins considered wise? Why were the other 5 considered foolish? Why didn't the wise virgins share their oil with the foolish virgins?
- What is the most important planning and preparing we can do for the future?
- What is the consequence of being unprepared for Christ's return?
- What will be the reward for being prepared to greet Christ when He does return?



Weekly Memorials Available

Would you like to have a loved one remembered? Give thanks for one of God's many Graces? Or offer up a prayer for someone in need? Please consider a Weekly Memorial. These are Memorials that are dedicated for an entire week, running from Monday to Sunday. Memorials are listed each week in the parish bulletin. Please contact our parish office to reserve a memorial for your intention. Memorials are available for:

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Altar Christmas Flowers Form

Donation made in memory of:

or

For the intention of:

Your Name: _____

Your Phone # _____

Sr. Jude Relics

Monday, November 27, 2023

St. Jude Roman Catholic Church
89 Overlook Drive Mastic Beach, New York

- Public veneration of Saint Jude Relics begins:
1:00 PM
- Special Mass celebrated in Saint Jude's honor:
7:00 PM

Public veneration ends: 10:00 PM

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church
20 Cheshire Pl East Northport, New York
(631) 261-1077

- Public veneration of Saint Jude Relics begins:
1:00 PM
 - Special Mass celebrated in Saint Jude's honor:
7:00 PM
- Public veneration ends: 10:00 PM

Halloween candy

Do you have leftover candy from Halloween? Donate it for our Christmas Festival Chocolate table. You can bring the candy during office hours or at our weekend Mass times.

Thank you so much!



DOORS OPEN 7 PM, BEGINS 7:30 PM | AT THE SEMINARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Thank you Veterans

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

*“Lord, if your people still have
need of my services, I will not
avoid the toil.”*

— St. Martin of Tours

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St. Gerard Majella Parish Outreach Ministry

2023 Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it! Due to the rise in food prices, we expect to get many more families in need. We are requesting your donation of any of the following items that would be included in the Thanksgiving Food Baskets: **potatoes/potato flakes, fried onions, canned vegetables, Corn muffin mix, tea/coffee, canned soup, pasta, canned yams, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, juice, bread, desserts.** Due to the lack of freezer space, we would prefer supermarket gift cards for the purchase of the turkeys. We will be collecting food donations and grocery gift cards after all Masses during the weekend or during our parish office hours. We would like to receive all donations by **November 12th**. In addition, cash donations will also be appreciated; collected money will be used to purchase any needed items to complete the food baskets. We are thankful to all of you who share all year long so that others may be blessed.

You also can adopt a family for Thanksgiving. Reach out to Jennifer at 631-473-2900 or jennifer@stgmajella.org for more details.





Keep Christ in Christmas, Knights of Columbus - Poster Contest

Cash Prizes in each Grade Division (K-2/3-5/6-8)

Poster due no later than November 28th

Drop off with Religious Ed Teacher or at the Reception Desk in Church Lobby

Must be Accompanied by Entry Form #5025 (available from your Teacher or at Reception Desk)

Poster about 11" x 17" using paint, ink, pen, pencil, keep covered if pastel or chalk

Questions? Contact Bill at carrierowj@gmail.com



St. Gerard Majella Church

Christmas Festival

300 Terryville Road, Pt. Jefferson Station

Friday, Dec. 1st - 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturday, Dec. 2nd - 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 3rd - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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- UNIQUE HOLIDAY CRAFTS
 - SPECIALTY VENDORS
 - PHOTOS WITH SANTA & KIDS CRAFTS & GAMES
 - RAFFLES
 - JEWELRY
 - NEW CLOTHING
 - KIDS SHOPPING WITH FREE WRAPPING
 - LITTLE BIT OF CHRISTMAS
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Light Meals and Snacks Served + Desserts & Candy

FOR INFORMATION CALL 631-473-2900

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Pre-order by 11/22

Email orders to @ BSTroop454NY@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to Boy Scout Troop 454

Attention: Troop 454

Mailing address: 60 Pine St. PJS

or Venmo @troop454

Questions text Michele @ 631-312-1800



Balsam Wreaths Decorated double faced wreath	22" 28" \$25.00 \$32.00
Grave half blanket Decorated 24" grave blanket	24" \$38.00
Grave Blanket Decorated 48" grave blanket	48" \$45.00

Purchase on site & pickups will be

@ St.Gerard Majella 300 Terryville Rd. PJS.

SAT 12/2- 10am-7pm or Sun 12/3 - 9am-2pm



Sunday Gospel Activities

Double Puzzle! Unscramble the words and then complete the phrase from the Gospel!

ARCHPE
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NRDSEBU
8 27

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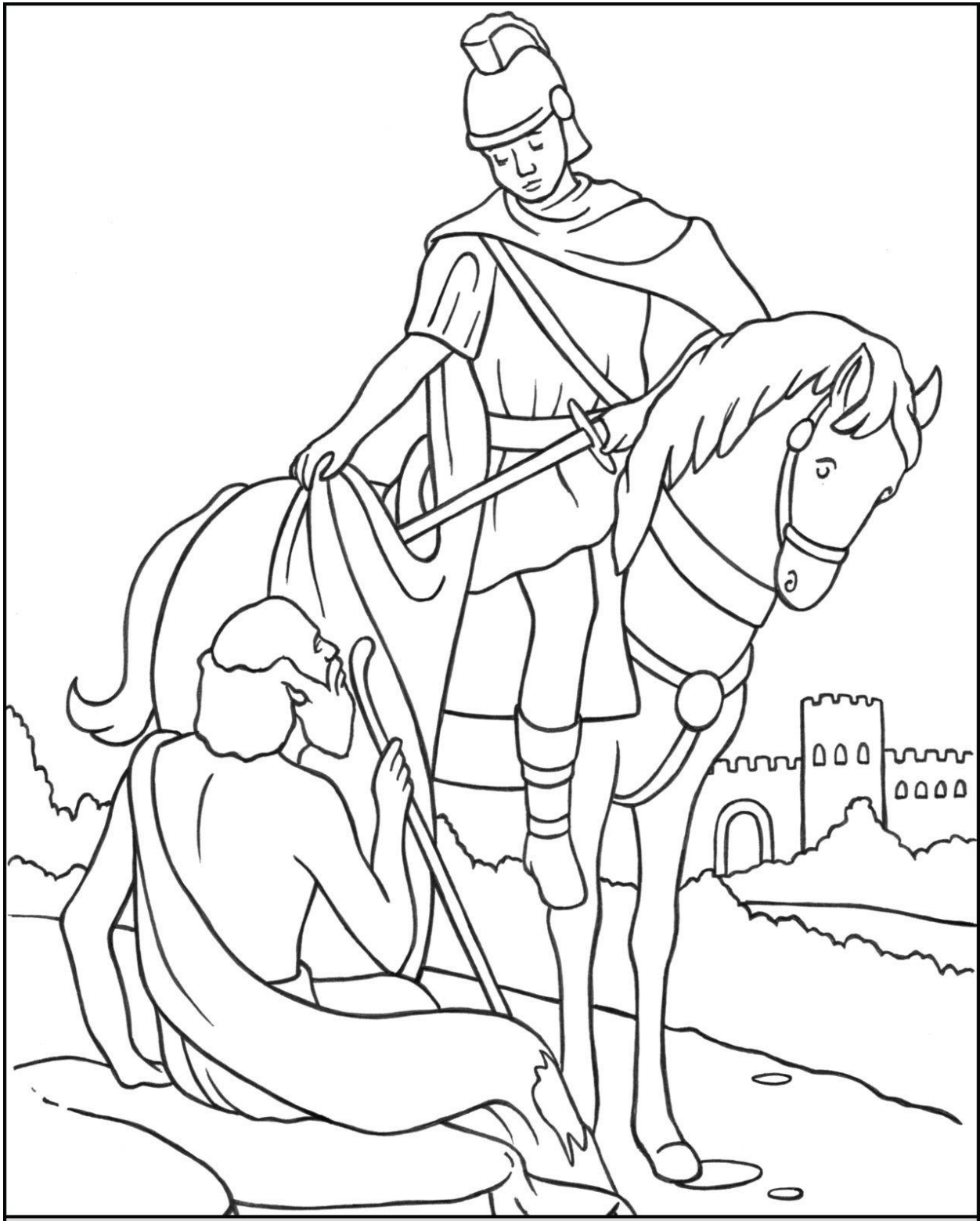
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Sunday Gospel Activities



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