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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.



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Sunday, November 19, 2023
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



O, come let us adore Him,

Christ the Lord!

In the Spirit of Thanksgiving,

please join us for a

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Tuesday, November 21st, at 7pm in the Church.

Our time together will include

Sermon by Fr. Greg — Prayerful Meditation
Song — Benediction

Come! Let us gather for this special time of gratitude for our invitation to be in relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist!

*“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment,
there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host.
It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.”*

~ Pope Benedict XVI

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
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@ St.Gerard Majella 300 Terryville Rd. PJS.

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

Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IMPORTANT DATES

Level 3-6 Parent/Guardian Meeting: 7pm Mon., 11/27 @ St. Gerard's OR 11am Sat., 12/2 @ Infant Jesus

Sunday, December 3	10:00	Level 2 & Sacrament Prep Group
	12:00	Level 7
Sunday, December 10	10:00	Level 1 – Fellowship Sunday
	12:00	Level 8

Saturday, December 16 @ 11:00 – Level 1 Family Advent Retreat

Reflection Gratitude

*“The root of joy is gratefulness . . .
It is not joy that makes us grateful;
it is gratitude that makes us joyful.”*

David Steindl-Rast

Picture a joyful person. How does gratitude contribute to her or his joy? Consider one thing you want to learn from such people to incorporate into your life.

*“Piglet noticed that even
though he had a Very Small
Heart, it could hold a rather
large amount of Gratitude.”*

A.A. Milne

Give thanks for something or someone that seems, at first glance, to be a burden or annoyance. Take note of how doing so enlarges your heart.

*“ . . . I . . . do not cease
giving thanks for you,
remembering you in my
prayer . . . ”*

Ephesian 1:16

Watch for someone who, through an act of service, gives you reason to be thankful. Bring that person into your prayers today.

*“If the only prayer you said was thank
you, that would be enough.”*

Meister Eckhart

Take five minutes and let your heart fill with gratitude for all that God is and does and brings forth. Rest in the knowledge that God's love is all you need.

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 20 – November 26

Monday, November 20

9:00am The Intentions of Edward Sorvillo

Tuesday, November 21 (Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

9:00am Mary Soriano

Wednesday, November 22 (St. Cecilia)

9:00am Patricia Habacker, Henry Strahmann,
the Intentions of Ester Quinn

Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving Day)

9:00am All the Families of Our Parish

Friday, November 24 (St. Dung-Lac)

9:00am Trooper Thomas Consorte

Saturday, November 25 (Blessed Virgin Mary)

5:00pm Ann Gail Bean, Robert Thomsen, Josephine Eichner, Fr. Long
Nancy Domenico, John G. Joseph, John Fetherston

Sunday, November 26 (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

8:00am John & Marie Kearney Fr. Vitus
10:00am Emilio Ortiz Fr. Francis
12:00pm Benedetto Zangri Fr. Francis



Stewardship Report

Last Week's Collection - \$8,299 .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, 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, Michael Bruton, Jack Grob,, Josephine Cocchiara.

Weekly Memorials



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

Joan Walsh

Our Sanctuary Candle has been lovingly donated in memory of :

Richard Walsh



We pray for all recently deceased, remembering Kenneth Schilling, Leon Melloni, and Michael Flaherty, may they find eternal

Wedding Banns

Our parish is pleased to announce the following wedding:

Christian Cardio & Ashley Evans
(St. Gerard Majella) (St. Margaret of Scotland)
12/1/23
Second Banns

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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](https://YouTube.com/St.GerardMajellaParish)

**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 26, 2023

The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mt 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Reflection Questions

- What will the Son of Man do when He comes? Who do the sheep represent and where do they go?
- Who do the goats represent and where do they go? Why were the "sheep" blessed and the "goats" cursed?
- What do we learn from this passage about important things we should be doing while awaiting for His return?
- How are these things different from the worldly perspective of what is important?
- What can you do to ensure that you are a sheep and not a goat?



The Holy Spirit

A Scriptural Presentation

Beginning Monday, January 22, 2024

7:00 pm - ?

Classroom across from the chapel
at St Louis de Montfort Church, Sound Beach, NY.

(Please us the chapel door

located on the northwest side of the Church
building)

Please email Tom Adkins at chirhnew@aol.com
with "Spirit" in the subject field if you would like to
attend.

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...God our Father, graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit.

Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you. We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Please join us for Mass on Thanksgiving day at 9am!



ALTAR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Would you like to make a donation towards our Altar Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one or for a special intention? Please fill out the form below and drop it off in the office with Jackie or in the collection box along with your offering. The names will be printed in the Christmas bulletin, so please print clearly.

Altar Christmas Flowers Form

Donation made in memory of:

or

For the intention of:

Your Name: _____

Your Phone # _____

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th

(A holy day of obligation to attend Mass)

December 7th - 5:00pm

December 8th - 9:00am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm





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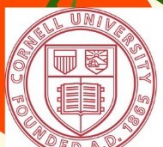
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Keep Christ in Christmas, Knights of Columbus - Poster Contest

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



CALLING ALL TEENS

COME AND LAY YOUR BURDENS DOWN

ARE YOU HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME?

Does the load you are carrying seem too heavy?

Do you have a friend or family member who needs prayers?

Young people are carrying a lot...

GOD IS GREATER THAN THE BURDENS YOU ARE CARRYING.

Cast you burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you.

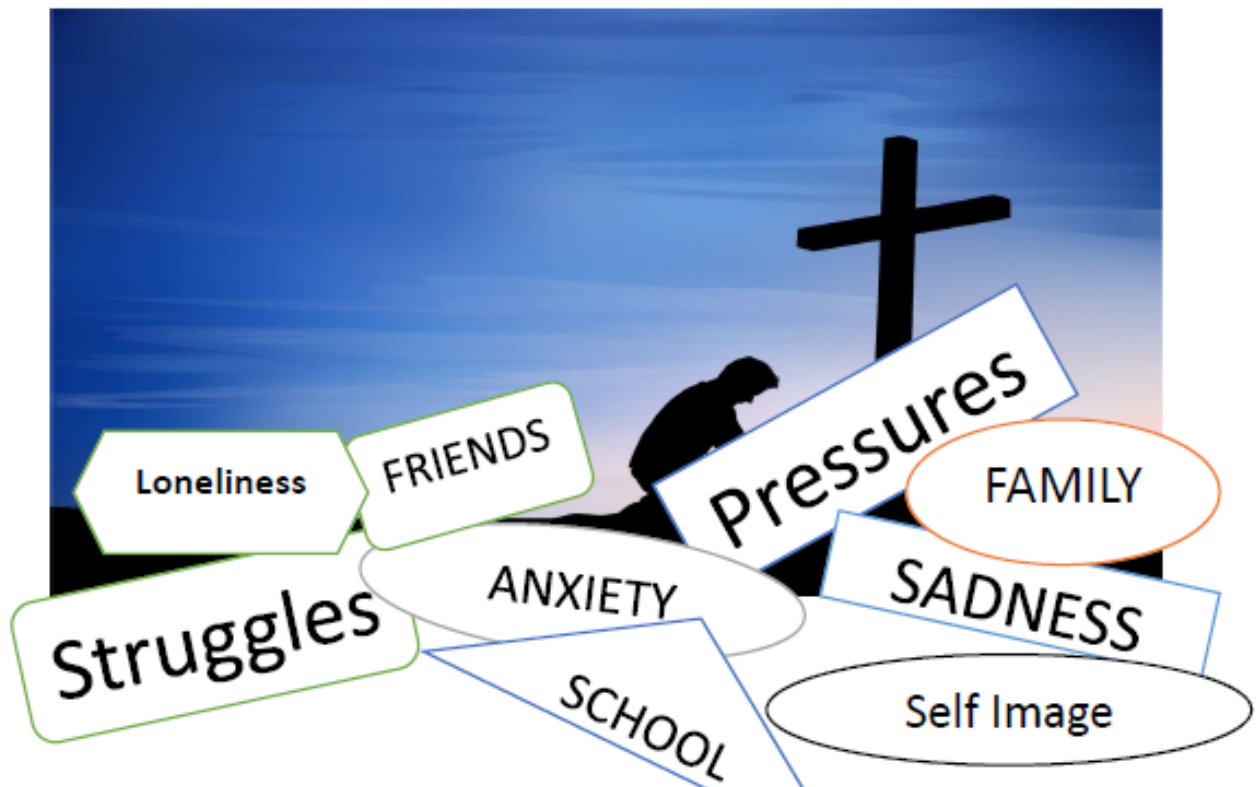
Psalm 55:22

calling all teens, young people, and parents to pray for each other!

Monday, December 4, 2023

Infant Jesus RC Church

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Sunday Gospel Activities



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Sunday Gospel Activities



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