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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

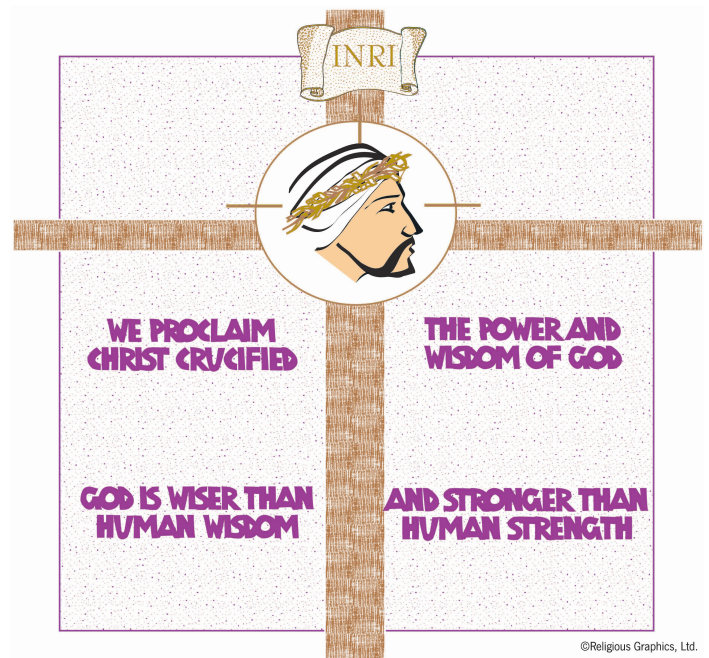
Tuesday: 11:30am-3:00pm
Wednesday: 12:30pm-3:00pm
Thursday: 11:30am-1:30pm & 4:30pm-5:30pm

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, March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent

A Message from our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Have you ever had the experience of starting a project, or maybe a trip somewhere, only to have your best laid plans go awry? Maybe you had planned sufficient time to drive somewhere only to get on the highway and get stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic that made you late. Or, maybe, you began a home improvement project with a carefully determined budget and timeline and had it end up costing far more than you anticipated and that took weeks or even months more than you anticipated. These or similar situations can be very disheartening. In some cases, you may have even abandoned the trip or project altogether.

This Wednesday will mark the halfway point of your Lenten journey. It's a good time for you to ask yourself how you are spending this sacred time in preparation for the most important mysteries of your Faith. Perhaps this Lent has been a particularly uplifting one and is bearing fruit in your life already. On the other hand, maybe your Lent never really started, and you're still trying to figure out what, if anything, you may do to mark this time. There may have been instances where you failed in your resolutions to abstain from certain delights – you had a glass of wine, a bite of a cookie, checked in on social media, or had some bacon on Friday. When that happens, you have a choice of reaction. You can either redouble your efforts or abandon the whole project.

Odd as it may sound, I think faltering during Lent is actually an important part of the journey. That is, Lent is a reminder to us of our absolute dependence on God and our inability to do it all ourselves. We need God. We need to turn to Him in those moments when we're not the best versions of ourselves and ask for His mercy, grace, and strength. Do not grow discouraged if you've slipped up this Lent. Now is the perfect time to reset your plans to draw closer to God – pick up the Rosary, go to Mass during the week, offer up a random sacrifice one day, like not using your cellphone, or going to Confession.

How will you spend the next three weeks of Lent? There is still plenty of time to make this a consequential season that deepens your relationship with God and those around you. Don't abandon the project because of mistakes or complacency. The whole purpose of Lent is to remind us of the journey of our lives both with its smooth roads and its rough patches. What makes all the difference is not growing despondent if things aren't going so well. With the determination that can only come from the Holy Spirit, you are able to overcome any challenge or setback.

May you continue to have a meaningful Lent... no matter how your journey has been thus far!

Sincerely yours,

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

ST. GERARD'S LENTEN MISSION 2024

GIVEN BY FATHER LACHLAN CAMERON

Fr. Lachlan Cameron was born in Scotland and raised in Bellrose, Queens. After graduating from Chaminade High School, he attended St. John's University and then the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. A priest for 15 years, some of Fr. Cameron's previous assignments include serving at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Massapequa and as Catholic Chaplain at Stony Brook University. He has also been the Director of the Office of Worship, Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, and Secretary to the Bishop. Fr. Cameron is currently the Vicar for Clergy and resides at St. Agnes Cathedral Parish.



FR. CAMERON WILL PREACH AT ALL MASSES

MARCH 2ND/3RD

PREACHED HOLY HOUR—

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH & THURSDAY MARCH 7TH

7:15PM IN THE CHURCH

BE REFRESHED!

BE RENEWED!

DRAW CLOSER TO GOD!

Religious Education

Religious Education Class Masses

Sunday, March 10	10:00	Level 5
	12:00	Level 8
Sunday, March 17	10:00	Level 7
	12:00	Level 2 & Sacrament Prep

The Road to Lent Leads to Easter

The word *Lent* comes from an Old English word, which means "to lengthen." For those living in the Northern Hemisphere, the season coincides with spring, a time in which the days lengthen. The increased light causes trees to bud and flowers to blossom. New life emerges all around us.

Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's Death and Resurrection at Easter. Lasting for forty days—from Ash Wednesday to the evening of Holy Thursday—the season draws us towards the light of Christ. The Church invites us to stretch ourselves towards that light through three traditional practices: prayer, penance, and almsgiving. Each one has both a personal and communal context. In our individual lives, we craft a Lenten routine that draws us

into a desert of simplicity through daily acts of meditation, self-restraint, and generosity. As members of the faith community, we join together to celebrate the Eucharist during the six Sundays of Lent, and to take part in other sacramental and seasonal rituals, such as Ash Wednesday, the Stations of the Cross, and communal celebrations of Penance and Reconciliation.

The road through Lent leads us towards the promise of Christ's new and abundant life. Each step along the way brings us closer to the Paschal Mystery and to the light that emanates from an empty tomb and gives rise to a garden of grace. Our "alleluias," stilled for a time during Lent's forty days, arise anew as we proclaim our faith: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Directions
Lent is a time to prepare for the celebration of Easter and the new life that Jesus brings us. We follow Jesus through the forty days of Lent by praying, doing good things for others, and helping the poor. Complete the steps on the road to Lent by filling in a way to pray, do good, or help others. Some ideas are already in place. Then put your ideas into practice!

The Road to Lent

Ask Jesus to help you walk the road through Lent.

Name one thing you could "give up" for Lent.

Draw a picture of Jesus praying in the desert.

Design a Lenten prayer space.

Act out a story about Jesus healing someone.

Write a prayer asking Jesus to help those in need.

Write a prayer thanking Jesus for the new life he gives us.

Write a prayer for the people in your parish.

Give away one of your toys or games.

Write a card to someone who is sick or sad.

Try not to complain about anything today.

EASTER

Look back on your road through Lent. Tell how it brought you closer to Jesus.

Sadlier Religion

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

First Presbyterian Church
Corner of Main St. and South St., Port Jeff Village

God Sighting- A former Religious Education student donated a container of brand new socks to our Outreach Ministry. This was from a leadership project he did at his High School. We are very grateful for his kindness and proud of his academic accomplishments!!



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 March 4 – March 10

Monday, March 4

9:00am The Intentions of John Foley

Tuesday, March 5

9:00am Jason Montalvo

Wednesday, March 6

9:00am Fr. Piotr Rozek, Kenneth Schilling, Maria DiPrimo

Thursday, March 7

9:00am Bruce Link

Friday, March 8

9:00am Wilma Amedeo

Saturday, March 9

5:00pm Paul Szabo, Irene Sica, Alan Zehner, Marguerite Mayer,
David Sullivan, the Intentions of Jim Shields

Sunday, March 10

8:00am Josephine Eichner

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

12:00pm Anita & Philip Scimeca



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Stewardship Report

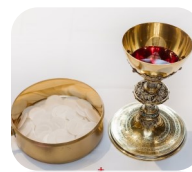
Last Week's Collection - \$7,456.00

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, Kellie Menno, Charles Ricottone, Baby Fulton, Ted Claesen, Connie Biscardi, Ronnie Pryor, Vinnie Surwilo, Maureen Uss, Barbara Klein-Croner, Garrett Duffy, Nicholas Traynor, Hunter Reyes, Ann Gerstein, Mike Napolitano, Maxine Politi, Neisha Alli, Pat Consorte, Marie Auld, Erin Whitehead, Patricia McLaren, Bill Klein, Jr., Barbara Forbes, Nicholas Traynor, Claire Reilly, Joan Francavilla, Alba Gosin, Jacob Flag, Anthony Paletto, Madore Roit, Jaclyn Lin, Thomas Hayes, Carole Fackina, Dani Floyd, Maureen Valentine, Karen Strahmann, Nancy Mulvihill, Linda Tesone, Alexa Mastando, Lew Yedwab, Michael Bruton, Jack Grob, Gerard Healy, Donna DiBiagio, Denise Shaw, Thomas Foley, Richard Zwyczewicz Jr., Brenda Fort, Guiliana Roccisano, Jeff Gultz, Robert Mutschler, Barbara Riley, Kathy Dailey, Genevieve Eannuzzi, Alexa Mastando, Debbie Esposito Arpino, Leonardo Alfuate.

Weekly Memorials

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



Our Sanctuary Candle has been lovingly donated in memory of :

Souls in Purgatory



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.



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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. If you would like to join, please contact Jennifer at 631-473-2900.

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?

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jn 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Reflection Questions

- What "snake" is Jesus referring to in John 3:14? Why did God tell him to make it?
- What he made is an image of whom? Why would God do that for us?
- In what manner did God love the world?
- Will God judge you by your standard or by His standard?
- What does "everlasting life" (John 3:16) mean? Who has "everlasting life"?
- Are there sins in your life, your love for which is keeping you away from Jesus?
- How do you think Nicodemus felt as he left Jesus that night?
- Was Nicodemus a missed opportunity for Jesus' ministry?



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:
Bread & Wine (\$30) Sanctuary Candle(\$20)

2023 Yearly Contribution Statements

If you are in need of your statement for tax purposes, please contact Deacon Carlito at 631-473-2900 x 225 or deaconcarlito@stgmajella.org.



Blood Drive Thank you!

38 pints of blood were collected at our recent drive. Thank you so very much for giving the gift of life!



Were You There?

The Stations of the Cross
Through the Eyes of Today

Presented at St. Louis DeMontfort Church
March 22nd at 6:30PM

This multi-media presentation is given in the Church, including scripture readings, reflections, and quiet Meditation.

Narrator: Deacon Sonny Pagnotta
Music: Chris Catalano

Stations will be followed by a Pasta Dinner downstairs, including Salad & Italian bread Supplied by,

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TENEBRAE SERVICE

THIS BEAUTIFUL EVENING OF SCRIPTURE AND SONG
WILL BE HELD AT INFANT JESUS CHAPEL ON MONDAY,
MARCH 18TH AT 7PM. IT WILL FEATURE BOTH THE
INFANT JESUS AND ST.GERARD CHOIRS.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



This Lent

GIVE UP STUFF!

Sales from merchandise donated to the thrift shop and barn directly affect the Parish's ability to provide outreach services to the clients we serve. Thank you for your continued support of the charitable endeavors of St. Gerard Majella Church and the role our thrift shop and barn play in making these services possible.



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[Instagram.com/SGMthriftshop](https://www.instagram.com/SGMthriftshop)

Visit Our Website At: [Stgmajella.org/parish-life/thrift-shop](https://www.stgmajella.org/parish-life/thrift-shop)

The Thrift Shop & Barn
@ St. Gerard Majella Church
316 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station

Store Hours:

Monday through Thursday 10 am — 4 pm; Friday 10 am — 2 pm



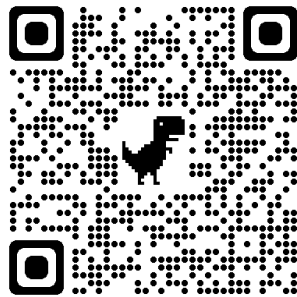
Easter Outreach Drive

HELP FAMILIES HAVE A JOYFUL EASTER!

We will be collecting donations of canned hams, canned potatoes, canned green beans, apple sauce, juice, canned yams, cans of coffee, tea bags, baking mixes, frosting, candy, cream of mushroom soup, French crispy onions, biscuit mixes, plastic eggs, baking pans, plastic tablecloths, napkins, and grocery store gift cards. God bless you for your generosity! We would not be able to help so many families if it wasn't for YOU!

**ALL DONATIONS ARE
DUE BY SUNDAY,
MARCH 10TH**

[Amazon Wish List](#)





Eucharist



Body of Christ, Broken for the World

The Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life” (*Lumen Gentium* [*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*], no. 11). In the Eucharistic Liturgy and our prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, we encounter God’s presence in personal and profound ways. But the Eucharist is also social, as Pope Benedict XVI reminds us in *Deus Caritas Est* (*God Is Love*): “A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented” (no. 14). The Eucharist, celebrated as a community, teaches us about human dignity, calls us to right relationship with God, ourselves, and others. As the Body of Christ, it sends us on mission to help transform our communities, neighborhoods, and world. Church teaching, rooted in both Scripture and Tradition, emphasizes both the personal and social natures of the Eucharist. This guide highlights the writings of Popes St. Paul VI, St. John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis about the social nature of the Eucharist. Their words challenge and move us to encounter Christ in the Eucharist in ways both personal and social.

We experience the Eucharist as a community.

The Eucharist draws each of us closer to Christ as individuals, but also as a community. As Catholics, we never really worship alone. At the Eucharistic Liturgy, we gather with the young and old, the rich and poor, as well as millions around the world and the saints in heaven, to celebrate Christ’s sacrifice. This powerful reality reminds us, in the words of St. John Paul II: “A truly Eucharistic community cannot be closed in upon itself” (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia* [*On the Eucharist*], no. 39); rather the Eucharist challenges us to recognize our place within a community and the human family.

The Eucharist awakens us to our own dignity and to that of others.

The Eucharist is a sign of our incomparable dignity as human persons. This dignity, given to all equally, regardless of our social or economic status or where we come from (Jas 2: 1-9), causes us to recognize “what value each person, our brother or sister, has in God’s eyes, if Christ offers Himself equally to each one. . . . If our Eucharistic worship is authentic, it must make us grow in awareness of the dignity of each person,” St. John Paul II writes (*Dominicae Cenae* [*On the Mystery and Worship of the Eucharist*], no. 6).

The Eucharist unifies and heals divisions.

St. Paul taught that the celebration of the Eucharist is insincere if there are divisions

within the community based on class (1 Cor 11), status, or privilege (Rom 12), or if there are factions within the community (1 Cor 1). Partaking in the Sacrament as equals in the Body of Christ challenges us to unity as one family.

The Eucharist sensitizes us to those who suffer.

As we meditate on the Eucharist, we experience Christ’s love for us—and for others. In the depth of prayer, we become so moved and sensitized to his love for those who suffer that the words of St. Augustine become a reality for us: “The pain of one, even the smallest member, is the pain of all” (*Sermo Denis*). When we receive the Eucharist but “turn a blind eye to the poor and suffering, or consent to various forms of division, contempt and inequality, the Eucharist is received unworthily” (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* [*The Joy of Love*], no. 186).

The Eucharist moves us and inspires us to respond.

In the Eucharist, the boundlessness of the Father’s love “springs up within us a lively response” that causes us to “begin to love” (*Dominicae Cenae*, no. 5). Contemplating Christ’s sacrifice for the world in need, we are compelled to follow his example. Drawn “into the very dynamic of his self-giving” we are moved to self-giving action in solidarity with the members of our human family who face injustice (*Deus Caritas Est*, no. 13). St. John Chrysostom’s words in the fourth century become real for us as we reflect on Matthew

25:31-46: Do you wish to honor the Body of Christ? Do not ignore him when he is naked.

Eucharist-inspired love allows us to live out our Christian vocation.

St. John Paul II writes that our ability to go and do likewise in imitation of Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet is the "criterion by which the authenticity of our Eucharistic celebrations is judged" (*Mane Nobiscum Domine* [*Stay with us, Lord*], no. 28). "Eucharistic worship," he says, is the expression of "the love that springs up within us from the Eucharist"—that love which is "the authentic and deepest characteristic of the Christian vocation" (*Dominicae Cenaes*, no. 5). Pope Francis reminds us: "It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation"; therefore, "the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation" (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* [*On Care for Our Common Home*], no. 236).

The Eucharist challenges us to recognize and confront structures of sin.

The Risen Christ in the Eucharist acts as "a compelling force for inner renewal, an inspiration to change the structures of sin in which individuals, communities and at times entire peoples are entangled" (St. John Paul II, *Dies Domini* [*On Keeping the Lord's Day Holy*], no. 73). These structures include racism, violence, injustice, poverty, exploitation, and all other systemic degradation of human life or dignity. As Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, our "fraternal communion" in the Eucharist leads to "a determination to transform unjust structures and to restore respect for the dignity of all men and women, created in God's image and likeness" (Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis* [*Sacrament of Charity*], no. 89).

The Eucharist prepares us for mission.

In the face of the sin and injustice we see present in our communities and in our world, the Eucharist "plants a seed of living hope in our daily commitment

to the work before us," challenging us to live "Eucharistic" lives. It affirms our role as citizens and as men and women in various professions at different levels of society in "contributing with the light of the Gospel to the building of a more human world, a world fully in harmony with God's plan" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, no. 20).

The Eucharist propels us forth to transform the world.

The Eucharist "increases, rather than lessens, our sense of responsibility for the world today." Christ in the Eucharist calls us to build "a more human world, a world fully in harmony with God's plan" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, no. 20). Filled with awe for all we have received in Christ's self-gift, we respond with service and works of charity. We act to transform unjust structures, policies, and laws that degrade human life and dignity.

See also: *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*, USCCB

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QUESTIONS FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION BEFORE THE EUCHARIST

1. Spend some time reflecting on the passages from papal writings that are included in this handout.
 - Which do you find inspiring?
 - Which do you find challenging?
 - How might God be speaking to you?
2. What issues affecting your community and the world today weigh deeply on your heart? Spend some time bringing these concerns before the Blessed Sacrament.
3. During your time before Christ in the Eucharist, can you sense his compassion? Love? Desire to transform all that opposes human life and dignity?
4. What gifts has God, the Father, given you? How might he be asking you to use these gifts in the service of others?
5. How does the Eucharistic meal compel you to care for those who are hungry?
6. How might the Holy Spirit be moving you to join with others to respond to problems in your family, neighborhood, or community?



Sunday Gospel Activities



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