



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.



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Sunday, August 4, 2024
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Staff Member Spotlight

*As the song says... "Getting to know you, getting to know all about you!"
We thought it would be wonderful for the parish community to learn more about our staff!*

Patty Longo-Director of Religious Education

What is your favorite season of the year? *I appreciate the unique qualities of each season and embrace them all! If I must choose, I love summer the best. Beautiful, long days with sunshine well into the evening!*

What is a hobby of yours? *I enjoy swimming all year!*

Where is the best place you have ever visited? *I have been blessed with the opportunity to travel to several beautiful destinations. However, the best place to be is at the dining room table surrounded by family and friends!*

What brings you joy? *Making others happy! Nothing beats sharing a good belly-laugh with a dear friend!*

What time of day do you like to pray? *Prayer time changes, but I always start the day thanking God for another one!*

What is a special prayer that is your go to? *I like to pray the Rosary while driving.*

What is your Confirmation name? *Maureen. I wish I had a beautiful story to accompany this choice. I honestly don't remember why I chose it.*

How did it come to be that you have this position in our church? *By the Grace of the Holy Spirit!*

Is there a Catholic speaker or author who fills you spiritually? *I am spiritually filled by the insightful, truthful, and thought-provoking homilies shared right here at St. Gerard's. I do enjoy listening to Fr. Mike Schmitz and Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Sheen's discussion on Mother Mary at the Wedding Feast at Cana is a particular favorite.*

Is there a holy day or liturgical season that deepens your relationship with Jesus? *The season of Lent cumulating with the Triduum always fills my heart with joy as we are immersed in the unconditional and sacrificial love of Jesus Christ! It is truly a love story!*



Our Parishioner's Journey to the National Eucharistic Congress! Part 1

What is it like to be sent out as a Eucharistic missionary? Well let me tell you!

Some of you know me, but for those that don't, my name is Fran, but that doesn't matter. What does matter is how I became a Eucharistic missionary. So, let's start from the beginning.

The first time I walked into St. Gerard Majella Parish was a rainy Easter Sunday. I had my daughter, Cassie, with me who was a year and a half, the parking lot was practically empty. That's odd for an Easter Sunday but I decided to go in.

I found out why the parking lot was empty when we stepped inside the Church. It was literally pouring rain inside the Church. Not a dry ugly orange chair in the house. There was only a hand full of people there for Mass.

I thought to myself 'this is the last time I will go to Mass here!' Not that going to Mass was part of my Sunday routine, but at least I tried. Right! Wrong!!!

St. Gerard Majella Parish was the catalyst to a life of radical change and the continuation of a relationship with Jesus Christ, that I thought was to broken, to ever be renewed. God is so good! (Cont...)

I am now a catechetical leader at Mary Immaculate and this is where my incredible journey to being a Eucharistic missionary begins. As a Catechetical Leader you get to know a lot about what is going on around the Diocese. So, I heard about the Eucharistic Revival 2 years ago. I made a copy of the flyer, and it is tacked on to the bulletin board in my Office. The 1st year was all about the diocese and how they were going to implement a plan to reintroduce Catholics to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Believe it or not there are some Catholics that don't believe this!

The 2nd year was the year of Parish Revival. Parishes participated in Holy Hours and talks about the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. A big shout out to Father Greg, Deacon Frank and Deacon John for your great talks on the importance of relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. It is great to come to Adoration and be in the presence of our Lord every 1st Thursday of the month as a Parish family.

The one thing that always stood out in my mind about the 2nd year of the Revival was the National Eucharistic Congress (NEC). I must admit that my curiosity did get the better of me. What is it going to be like? Who is going to be there? Should I go?

I subscribed to get emails and pray for the pilgrims attending the NEC. The Thursday morning emails from Sister Alicia Torres, one of the Managing Editors of the NEC made my week.

Practical questions came flooding into my head. Maybe I can go? How much will it cost? How would I get there? Where would I stay? Reality would creep in and say, "You can't afford that! Where can you stay for 4 nights at a price you can afford? Just watch it on television, it's always better on television anyway." The enemy was doing everything in its power to keep me from going to the NEC.

At the end of May I was at my mother's house and she handed me an envelope. I said, "What's this for?"

She said, "I gave your sister money to buy a gold bracelet so I'm giving you the same amount for your birthday."

I opened the envelope and there was a substantial amount of money in it. I started to think maybe I can go the NEC. If not for all 5 days at least 2 or 3 days.

I looked up the price of the Day Passes and found a 3 day pass, so I bought it. That's taken care of what else do I need. How am I going to get there? I looked up the drive time and the route and decided that I will drive there. So now I needed parking passes while in Indianapolis. So, I went to NEC website and booked the parking passes.

When I told my husband Gabe that I got a 3-day pass, he asked me why I didn't get the Full Pass for 5 days. Why didn't I get the Full Pass? I really wanted to go for all 5 days. My husband said don't worry about money, just go, it sounds like it will be an experience of a lifetime.

Well now there were no more excuses. I called the NEC and asked if I could get the full Congress pass and it was done. I got parking passes for the extra 2 days. The car went to the shop to be sure that it was in good condition and praise God it was.

The last thing was a place to stay. I looked at the places that were available around Lucas Oil Stadium and the Indiana Convention Center and they were very expensive. So, I looked at places a little further out and found a place that was about 15 minutes away from the Stadium and the Convention Center. The price was right, and I only needed a bed and a shower for the 4 nights.

So, I was ready for Indianapolis, or was I? Over the next few weeks, I will let you in on the experiences, the people and the overall feelings of this life-changing trip! Stay tuned, you won't want to miss this!

Religious Education

Registration Forms for the 2024/2025 Year are available on our website and in the Parish Office

****Please either mail or drop off the completed forms to our office. Do not email them.****

Students must register EVERY YEAR. Religious Education Registration Form for 2024-2025 Page 2 must be signed. Health History Form-A new form is required 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 patty@stgmajella.org

Photos of our VBS Counselor Reunion...lots of fun, food, and faith sharing!!



Parish Outreach Ministry

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



St. Gerard’s Food Pantry needs your support. In conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, we will host a “Grocery Bag” Food and School Supplies Drive. As you leave mass the weekend of August 10th and 11th, you will be handed a grocery bag with list of suggested food and School supplies inside. Please consider returning the bag the following weekend, August 17th and 18th with the listed items – HOWEVER, anything that you return would be very much appreciated.

Thank You in advance for your support!



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Food Pantry Needs

- Peanut Butter
- Juice
- Diapers
- Wipes
- Canned Fruit
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Shaving cream
- Razors
- Canned Chicken
- Soup
- Pasta Sauce

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 August 5 – August 11

Monday, August 5

9:00am The Intentions of Fr. Samuel Aseleku

Tuesday, August 6 (Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord)

9:00am The Intentions of Fr. Douglas Arcoleo

Wednesday, August 7

9:00am Christian Benitez, Matthew Carroll,
Sal Capizzi

Thursday, August 8

9:00am Patti Woodward

Friday, August 9

9:00am The Intentions of the Divaris Family

Saturday, August 10 (Feast of St. Lawrence)

5:00pm Fr. Gerald Fitzsimmons, SMM, Kathleen Sheer, Donato Surace,
Mauricio Diaz, James Michael Wett, the Intentions of
Vice-President Kamala Harris

Sunday, August 11

8:00am Deacon David Vallone

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

12:00pm Robert Rabbitt



Fr. Greg

Fr. Vitus

Fr. Samuel

Fr. Greg

Stewardship Report

Last Week's Collection - \$8,615.00

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, Ted Claesen, Connie Biscardi, Ronnie Pryor, Vinnie Surwilo, Barbara Klein-Croner, Garrett Duffy, Hunter Reyes, Barbara & Pat Consorte, Marie Auld, Erin Whitehead, Bill Klein, Barbara Forbes, Thomas Hayes, Linda Tesone, Alexa Mastando, Michael Bruton, Jack Grob, Gerard Healy, Donna DiBiagio, Denise Shaw, Thomas Foley, Richard Zwyczewicz Jr., Brenda Fort, Guiliana Roccisano, Robert Mutschler, Barbara Riley, Kathy Dailey, Genevieve Eannuzzi, Alexa Mastando, Debbie Esposito Arpino, Leonardo Alfuentes, Bonnie Forbes, Jeanette Prossi, Cody Family, Philip Spucci, Debra Hamera, Dennis Myles, Baby Camden Miller, Nilda Menendez, Drew Flynn, Baby Julianni, Samantha Brandt, Katie Ankner, Joan Francavilla, Anthony Paletto, Jaclyn Lin, Michael Fucito, Nancy Mulvihill, Angel Rivera, Roger Russell, Paul Csorba

Weekly Memorials



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

Eileen Fox-Herbert

Our Sanctuary Candle has been lovingly
donated in memory of:

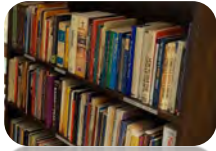
John and Dolores Swenning



We pray for all recently deceased,
remembering Guy Poitras,
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?

August 11, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jn 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They shall all be taught by God.

Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Reflection Questions

- Why were the Jews grumbling that Jesus said He came down out of heaven?
- Why wouldn't Jesus just tell them that Joseph was his step-father and that Mary was a virgin at the time He was born?
- What can we learn about the possible consequences of presumption from these verses?
- Why can't they come to Jesus and be saved?
- Who does Jesus say taught the people who come to believe in Him?
- Is Jesus saying that those who eat the "bread of life" "which comes down from heaven" will "not die" ?
- What gift is given to those who eat this bread?
- What does Jesus tell us about the bread that he will give?
- When we offer our gifts at the Mass, we see bread and wine. But Jesus helps us see beyond these appearances. Our faith in Jesus leads us to believe that the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus, given to us so that we may have eternal life. Pray this week that you will continue to grow in your understanding and faith in the Eucharist.





*L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry
Invites You
To our Annual Retreat
At
St. Joseph Villa
Hampton Bays, N.Y.
October 11, 12 & 13TH, 2024*

Guest Speaker - Eileen Benthall

My journey through Ash Wednesday, Easter Triduum and Pentecost, flew by! Now we are in Ordinary Time. However, our journey should never stop there. I ventured through these days in good times and bad, with joy and sadness, in pain, in prayer and self-emptying, all with the knowledge that Jesus is with me every day. If you have the desire, God will give you the strength!

God enables us through the Power of the Holy Spirit to move towards holiness. If you have the desire, God will show you the way! "*Johanna was the Lord's answer to my prayers for holiness for our entire family,*" says Eileen, "*before she was conceived, I told the Lord to do whatever He needed to do to make us holy.*" What better way to experience one thriving towards holiness then to have Eileen Benthall share her journey through practical and specific strategies and prayers. Eileen is an author, speaker, and a worship leader and coordinator for Magnificat Ministry/Suffolk County Chapter. Please see more information about Eileen Benthall in our Newsletter.

We are looking forward to seeing you this year. Get your reservation in as soon as possible.

Date - October 11-13, 2024- Check-in Friday at 5 p.m. Check out Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Place - St. Joseph Villa, Hampton Bays, New York

Cost - \$260.00 - Single Room & 5 Meals included. Rooms are limited.

Commuter - \$150.00 - 5 Meals included

To hold your reservation:

Return the bottom portion with your non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 **by August 10, 2024.**

The Balance - Due by September 10, 2024

For more information, call: Yvonne Bracone (631) 398-4086 or Nina McGee (516) 449-6197

Tear here, print information and return with deposit. *Share the information!*

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Church: _____

Check here if Commuter _____

Please make check payable to: [L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry](#)

** Mail check to: c/o Yvonne Bracone, [32 Pondview Circle, Shirley, N.Y. 11967](#)

Retreat 2024

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil- Wednesday, August 14th at 5pm

Thursday, 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.



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- Bishop Barres' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, June 24, 2022



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St. Gerard Majella Adult Enrichment Series

Mary, Mother of God

An Introduction to Mariology

Presented by Deacon Frank Dell'Aglio



5 Monday Evenings 7:30pm-9:00pm in the Parish Hall *

(*Zoom option available)

Sept. 9th, Sept. 16th, Sept. 23rd, Sept. 30th, Oct. 7th

Spend some time deepening your knowledge of Mary and her vital role in God's plan for our salvation!



-----*Registration Form - Complete and Return to the Parish Office*-----

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email Address _____ Please include a donation of \$10

I will be attending: *check one* in person

via Zoom link

Make checks payable to St. Gerard Majella R.C. Church. Please mail or return form to the church office in a sealed envelope marked Adult Enrichment Course.

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Having a Garage Sale?



Please consider donating your “leftovers”
to The Thrift Shop & Barn
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The Thrift Shop & Barn operate as part of the
Outreach Ministry at St. Gerard Majella Church.
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shopping at our two-building location.

This is a great date night out!

FALL INTO FUN



Parish Fundraiser



FRIDAY OCT. 4TH 7-10PM
PARISH HALL

- MUSIC/DJ RICH-RAFFLES-50/50-GAMES
- APPS/SOFT DRINKS
- CIGAR BAR WEATHER PERMITTING(BYOC)
- BRING WINE TO SHARE
- \$50 A TICKET GUARANTEES A SPOT IN OUR BACKWARDS RAFFLE DRAWING.
- CASH PRIZES-TOP PRIZE \$3,000.
- NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.
- ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.
- THE FIRST 240 TICKETHOLDERS, 21 AND OVER, TO RSVP WILL GAIN ENTRY TO THE EVENT.
- TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED VIA CASH/CHECK AFTER WEEKEND MASSES OR IN OUR PARISH OFFICE.



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 18th.*****

Pencils/Pens

Crayons/
Colored
Pencils

Composition
Notebooks

Markers

Pocket
Folders

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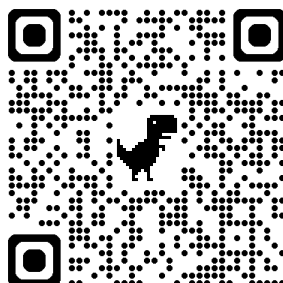
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Backpacks

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*Revitalizing our Faith –
Renewed by the Eucharist*



*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied
grace"*
1 Peter 4:10

Sharing Our Gifts through the CMA

Stewardship is the grateful response of every Christian disciple to share our God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure in a way that passionately sets our hearts on fire and touches the lives of others, as we live the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is an excellent way to journey through the Pillars of Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service to express your gratitude to God.

Through the Pillar of Hospitality and Service, many parishes form CMA committees to support a smooth and organized Appeal effort and by creating a welcoming environment for all. Others share their gifts by volunteering in the ministries that the CMA supports, such as formation classes and parish outreach programs.

Through the Pillar of Prayer and Formation, the Catholic Ministries Appeal brings us closer to those we help and support as we become more "connected" with our sisters and brothers through prayer and evangelization ministries. We may wish to pray for those who support and volunteer for the committee and for those who receive support from the appeal.

The CMA provides an opportunity for stewards to use their treasure to serve more than 600,000 of our sisters and brothers each year in our formation and Catholic Charities pastoral programs. It is rare that just one person or one parish could touch this many lives. The CMA brings us beyond the individual, the group and the parish and unites us as one Church of Long Island.

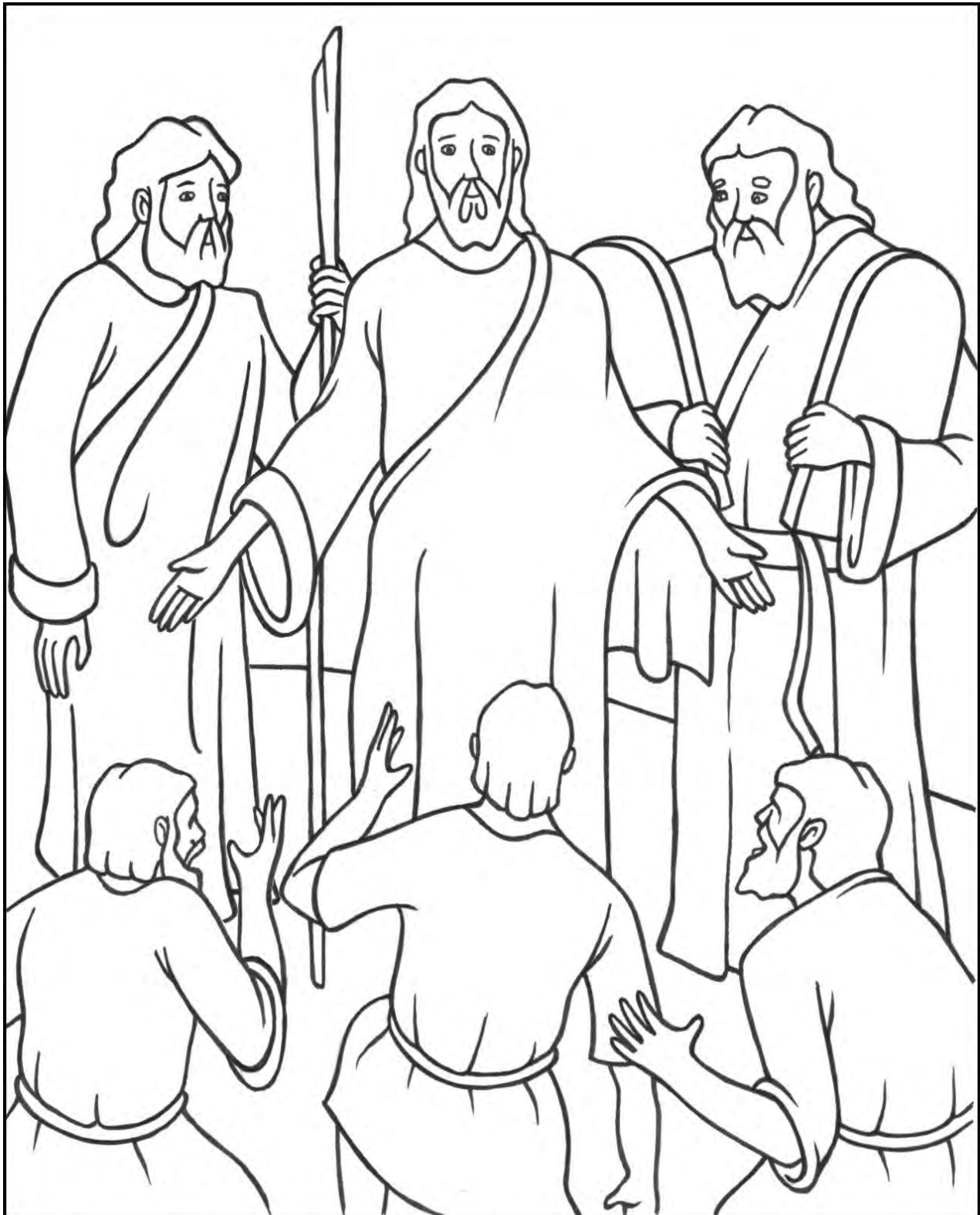
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Sunday Gospel Activities



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