



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

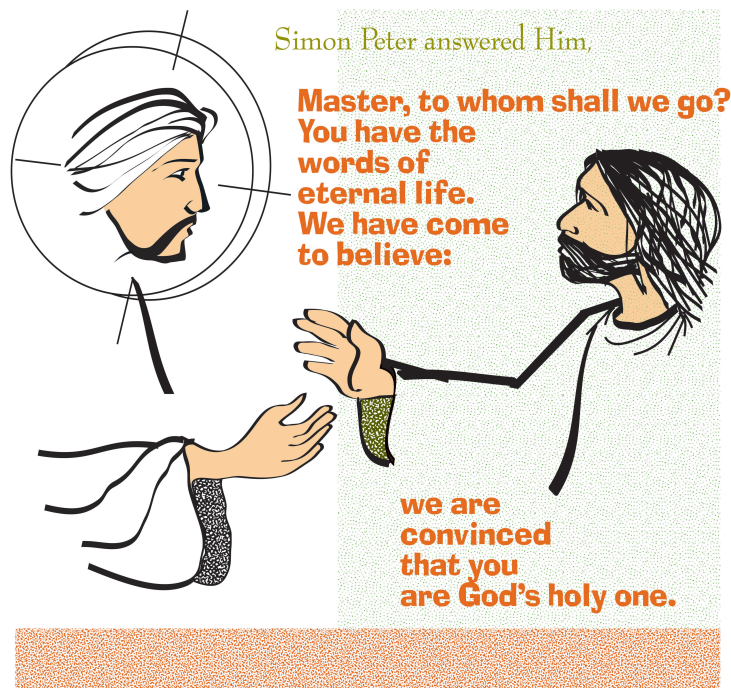
Tuesday: 11:30am-3:00pm
Wednesday: 12:30pm-3:00pm
Thursday: 11:30am-1:30pm & 4:30pm-5:30pm

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 25, 2024
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Greatest Love Story Ever Told

Boy was that bed comfortable! So comfortable in fact that I missed my alarm! Oops! Have to get up and get ready for the first full day of the NEC. I was excited to get to Mass at 8:30 am this morning in Lucas Oil Stadium with Cardinal Timothy Dolan. Got up, got ready and went downstairs to speak to the front desk about the issues with the room. Guess what, the front desk didn't open till 9:00 am. So I had to wait for a front desk person to arrive. So much for hearing Mass with Cardinal Dolan, guess I'll have to make arrangements to get to St. Patrick's in New York City in the near future. Satan may think he had the upper-hand, but the maintenance person was at the front desk with the manager when I told her about the issues and said he would take care of everything. That was my cue to leave and get to the Indiana Convention Center in time for the Impact Sessions. They start at 10:00 am. Satan you may have won a battle but this war is not over!

The Impact Sessions addressed different types of pilgrims. Here are the names of the different Impact Sessions:

- **Encounter** was for pilgrims that wanted to encounter Jesus more deeply and renew their calling to follow Him..
- **Encuentro** was the same as Encounter for our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters.
- **Empower** was for pilgrims that wanted to be equipped with practical tools to become Eucharistic Missionaries.
- **Renewal** was for ministry leaders to refresh their hearts and equip them to cultivate revival in their parishes, dioceses, and apostolate organization.
- **Cultivate** was for families. Families participated together with speakers and musicians engaging both the parents and the children at the same time.
- **Awaken** was for the teenagers present at the NEC.
- **Abide** was for the renewal and deeper intimacy for our priests and bishops.

Most people would have probably thought that I would take Renewal, being a catechetical leader. Wrong! I choose Empower! I want to go out and tell people the good news about Jesus being fully present in the Blessed Sacrament. I feel like that's what I do as a Catechetical Leader, but I wanted to take it to the next level. The emcees for Empower Impact Sessions were a deacon and his wife Larry and Andi Oney. They were truly inspiring and on fire with the Spirit. The speakers for Thursday were Father John Burns and Chika Anyanwu. Father John Burns spoke to us about Jesus being the bridegroom and all of us, the Church, being his bride. He said it is a beautiful love story of all the good things a love is. Encounter, loss, pain, reconnection, joy and ultimately, coming together in genuine love. Sounds like a Hallmark movie. It's not, but it is the greatest Love Story Ever Told! God's undying love for his people, even when they deny, forget or even ignore Him. He is always waiting for us with open arms if only we repent and change our ways. Father John Burns spoke about how Jesus was like the bridegrooms of Galilee at the time in history. The reason Jesus said he didn't know the hour of the end times, but only the Father knows, is in keeping with the betrothal and wedding customs of couples in Galilee. It is the father of the groom who determines the day and time of the wedding festivities, not even the bride's parents, or the groom for that matter, know when the wedding will take place. Only the father of the groom knows and then lets his son know that it is time to bring his bride to their home where he has prepared a place for her. Sound familiar, Jesus tells the apostles in John's Gospel during the Last Supper Discourse, that he will go and prepare a place for them and then bring them to Himself, that where He is they also may be. See John 14 :1-3 It was a great way to start the day of The Greatest Love Story Ever Told. Chika was equally as impressive in her talk. Immersed in her love of Jesus and His sacrifice of the Eucharistic, the love story had a special impression on her life. Hearing her story was moving and thought provoking at the same time. Of course the musicians on hand during our Empower Impact sessions were The Vigil Project. They played in between speakers and as background during prayer moments. It was a beautiful start to an extraordinary day! After the Impact Session it was time to go out into the halls of the Convention Center. They were packed! So many people are trying to get from one place to another. There were people in wheelchairs, carriages and strollers with infants and toddlers, people who had knee injuries riding on scooters. It was great! There were families with infants, toddlers, school aged children, and teenagers; their were young couples, groups of friends, elderly people (that's me), some more elderly than I, and more religious than I have ever seen in one place. It was just so gratifying to see everyone together in this place! While we were congregating in the hall, we heard a bell ring. Now morning Mass people will know that when the bell rings Mass is about to start, but in this case it meant something different. Everyone looked around to see where the sound of the bell was coming from. The first thing you saw were the people in front of the aisle kneeling down, because they saw the Blessed Sacrament coming into view. We in the back went to our knees and saw a group of priests coming in the midst of the crowd with incense surrounding the Blessed Sacrament. It was quite a sight to see! Everyone there bowing before the King! It felt a bit like what Palm Sunday must have felt like.

Everyone was excited to see the King come into their midst! It was strange and wonderful at the same time. Different, yet expected. Everyone knew it was a time of joy and triumph! After the Blessed Sacrament went by everyone went back to walking to their next destination. I hope that they were inspired by what they just experienced. I know that I was! There were so many exhibits, Catholic podcasts, extra speakers, and community service efforts to take in. I have to be honest and say that one would be hard pressed to take it all in. I went into the vendor's exhibit and gave it a quick glance. Relevant Radio was doing interviews with organizers and pilgrims in the front of the vendor exhibit hall. Augustine Institute was front and center and had a section roped off for speakers, and Dr. Tim Gray was talking to pilgrims. There was a stage where musicians would play. On this day I saw a group of native American children praising God in dance. It was wonderful to see. I left this area and went to the 2nd floor of the Convention Center. One of things that the organizers suggested was to make up an itinerary for the days that we attended. On the list of places that I wanted to see was the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atriums. I taught and was trained as a Montessori Teacher for Assistance to Infancy ages birth - 3 yrs. old. I also had informal training in CGS at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Selden in 2005. When I got to the 2nd floor I was amazed by the amount of families that made the trip to Indianapolis. There were kids everywhere. I was in catechist/teacher heaven for sure! To see all these families here made my heart sing. The Church is alive and well! When I was training in St. Margaret of Scotland, CGS didn't have a preschool program, I was studying the 3-6 yr old program. Well there was a room that read preschool and I had to go in and see what was there. It was great because it was all the things that I had in my Montessori classroom, with the expectation of the religious items.. Care for the environment, self care, and religious objects for nomenclature (learning the names of items). It was so familiar and extraordinary. Last year I was thinking of creating an atrium and I feel like this was the catalyst that is pushing me to definitely create an atrium where I am now! There was a play area for the children in a corner away from a lot of congestion, so the children could run feely and play. Yes there were melt-downs and crying, but I have to admit the parents were very patient and the children were well taken care of. For mothers with infants there was a Mother & Baby Room where they could feed, diaper and give their babies a nap. Upstairs was also a spot where extra speakers were stationed. Augustine Institute, Ascension Press, Franciscan College, and others, had faculty give talks on the Biblical Theology of the Eucharist. These talks were on a first come, first served basis. Their talks didn't start till after the breakout sessions, so I had time. I went back downstairs and went to the vendor exhibit hall again. There was one other place I wanted to definitely hit today, The Million Meal Movement. The Million Meal Movement was packaging meals for our neighbors in need. I found it in the corner of the vendor exhibit hall next to the Augustine Institute booth behind a black curtain. I donned a beautiful yellow hair net and gloves and walked behind the black curtain with a group of people that I didn't know. We were given a 5 minute tutorial on what we had to do and we were off! The people working with me were from Hawaii! We talked and laughed and did our work with a great amount of joy. When part of the group left, others took their place. They were mostly teens with adult chaperones, and boy were we having a good time. It was great! I didn't have a watch, so I asked what time it was and it was almost time for my breakout session, so I had to leave. We said good-bye and off I went to my first breakout session. There were so many great Breakout Sessions but you could only pick one per day, unless you went to a special presentation. The one I chose was entitled 'I Object: Answering Foundationalist Attaches on the Eucharist' given by Trent Horn. It was an apologetics course on how to defend the Blessed Sacrament against heresy. It was interesting and honestly I never realized that there were so many ways that people misunderstood and demonized the Eucharist. I must live a sheltered life, because I haven't ever experienced anything like the things Trent was talking about. This talk was a real eye opener for me. I hadn't had anything to eat since Wednesday evening and I was starting to get a headache. It was around 4:30 pm. So after the breakout session I got something to eat and there were musicians playing in the corner of the luncheon area. I sat on the floor because all the tables were taken, and I ate my burger and listened to great music! I walked over to where the exhibits were. The other exhibits consisted of Eucharistic Miracles, Presentations on the Shroud of Turin, and Relics. The lines were so long that I figured maybe another day. I went back upstairs hoping to get into one of the special speaker session, but it was full. Not to worry there is always someplace or something to do. So I took a few moments of silent reflection upstairs in the Convention Center just to consider and digest everything that I had heard that day. I was glad that I did that. I felt that that was time well spent. I also resolved to myself that I wasn't going to be able to see and do everything and that's okay! There was a showing of a play that is going to be coming to Broadway in 2025, Bernadette de Lourdes Musical showcase. Bernadette the Musical is now playing in France to rave reviews and the actors from France came to the USA to recreate their roles on the stage of the Lucas Oil Stadium. They learned English for this event and while they sang scenes from the play were being shown along with the live actors. It was awesome! After that it was time for the 2nd of the Revival Sessions - The Greatest Love Story Ever Told. The first speaker was Lila Rose, a writer, speaker, and activist trying to end abortion and lead America to a culture of life.

She told about her conversion from Protestantism to Catholicism. It all started with an invitation to Mass and her encounter with the Risen Lord in the Eucharist. She became Catholic 18 months after that encounter and asked Jesus to use her to save souls and make a difference in this world. She also made a great disclaimer and I'm paraphrasing "Remember, if you ask the Lord to use you, prepare to be used by the Lord!" She spoke about other women of conviction such as her patron saint, Saint Joan of Arc and Joan Andrews Bell. All of them wanted to do something great for Jesus and when they saw injustice they worked to right that injustice. Next there was an interview with Ken and Mary Ann Duppong. These names may not sound familiar but their daughter, Michelle was a FOCUS missionary! FOCUS is a campus ministry that helps college-age Catholics reconnect with their Catholic faith. Her parents instilled in her a great faith, that she carried with her all her life, and she used that joy to bring many back to the faith. Unfortunately, she died of cancer at the age of 25/26, and now the people who knew her are calling for her canonization. One of my favorites of the evening had to be Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart. She came out onto the stage in the stadium. There was no podium, just this little nun in her blue habit. She started off by saying they asked her if needed a podium. She said to them if you put out a podium, no one will be able to see me because of my small stature. Mother Olga first spoke about her own brokenness. She lived in an abusive home, in a war torn country as a child and to this day suffers from PTSD. She was a convert to Catholicism and became a religious sister. She always felt safe being with Jesus in the Eucharist. Then she told 4 stories about people that were healed or helped by Jesus in His Eucharistic Presence. She called them Eucharistic miracles and indeed they were. I listened to her talk again and I had the same reaction as I did the first time I heard it. There were tears and joy at the same time, because each of her stories showed the goodness of God and his care for us through other people in our lives. There was a story about an inmate at a prison that she was visiting. He came up for Holy Communion and received the Body of Christ, but he didn't consume it, he put the Blessed Sacrament in his pocket. Mother Olga saw this and went up to the inmate and asked him to give the Blessed Sacrament to her. The inmate saw that she was holding a Bible and said to her that he would give her the Blessed Sacrament if she gave him the Bible. Mother Olga gave him the Bible and he took the Blessed Sacrament out of his pocket and consumed it. She said in the hearing of this story one would think that the inmate got one over on Mother, but what the inmate said next made her feel joy. He started to spin and dance around saying, "I have Him and nobody can take Him away from me." She was overjoyed and told us to remember that indeed we do have him and nothing can take Him away from us! To hear her talk in its entirety go to Relevant Radio.com National Eucharistic Congress, it is worth hearing her keynote. Trust me. The last keynote speaker of the night was Father Mike Schmitz. You might know him from 'Bible in a Year' or 'Catechism in a Year' from Ascension Press. When he was announced the crowd went wild. I mean it! It was like seeing your favorite Rock Band coming out on the stage. Father Mike starts by telling us that we already know the love story, it's not new to us. But what if you didn't know it? He then read Sacred Scripture from Luke, the familiar Road to Emmaus. He then broke down what Jesus may have taught Clopas and Mrs. Clopas, as they walked along. To hear this keynote, I say again go to Relevant Radio.com. It was another of my favorite talks of the week. Father Mike also said that we have to find the fire extinguishers in our lives and change things in our lives that keep us from Jesus' love. Sin is not making mistakes, sin is knowing what God wants us to do and not wanting to do it. If ignorance keeps us from God, then knowledge of the truth is what we need, but if indifference is what keeps us from God, then we need to get on the road to love and that road will lead us to repentance. He went on to say that a true revival cannot happen without repentance. I will leave you with this last statement that Father Mike said, "Knowledge can make you great, but only love can make you a saint." Sister Miraim James Hiedland, one of the emcees, came out and helped the crowd center on Father Mike's message. We were all convicted but all loved at the same time. This time of reflection assisted us in readying ourselves for what was coming next! The lights went down and the music started. This time the musicians, Floriani, started to sing acapella in a more Gregorian style. The lights went down and a spotlight came down on the tunnel in the corner of the stadium floor. We knew the King was coming! All kneeled and paid homage to Jesus our King in the Blessed Sacrament! To be honest although we knew what was coming, it felt like it did that first night! It was glorious! The crowd that was cheering was now silent again and everyone was in awe. The hour seemed again to be like minutes as we gazed with love on the one who loved us first! This is a love story of the ages. Benediction followed the silence and then the King was on the move out of the stadium. After the Blessed Sacrament went out of the stadium the crowd roared for its King! Floriani the acapella group sang another song and then we were reminded by our emcees, that confession was available till 11:00 pm at the Convention Center. It was a perfect night! I left the stadium and went to the garage to get the car and go back to the hotel. I stopped to get something to eat. What an awesome day! When I got back to the hotel and went to my room everything was fixed and I laughed! You tried to discourage me, with trials Satan, but our God is greater than any trial you can put before a person. Jesus, I trust in you! Take care of everything! Amen!

Parish Outreach Ministry

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

Thank you SO Much!

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and our Outreach ministry, we would like to thank all of you for your generous support of our school supply and food drive. Many children will have full bellies and full backpacks for the start of school because of you. God bless you always!!



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

Food Pantry Needs

Cat Food
Dog Food
Canned Tuna
Raisins
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Granola Bars
Soup
Rice
Canola Oil
Flour
Juice
Shelf Stable Milk

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 26 – September 1

Monday, August 26

9:00am The Intentions of Nancy Mulvihill

Tuesday, August 27 (St. Monica)

9:00am The Intentions of the Addiss Family

Wednesday, August 28 (St. Augustine)

9:00am The Intentions of Elliott Rose, Bailey Rose,
and Gabriel Garrison

Thursday, August 29 (Passion of St. John the Baptist)

9:00am Andrew Molinelli

Friday, August 30

9:00am The Intentions of Donald Trump

Saturday, August 31 (Blessed Virgin Mary)

5:00pm All Parishioners, Charles Kitchner, Antonio Dias,
Carole Finning, Maria Esteves Salgado,
Lucille & Anthony Amatucci

Sunday, September 1

8:00am Claire Sagliocca

10:00am Ronald Dopkins

12:00pm Jessica Ippolito



Fr. Vitus

Fr. Greg

Fr. Samuel

Fr. Greg

Stewardship Report

Last Week's Collection - \$7,279.00

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:

Former President Donald Trump

Our Sanctuary Candle has been lovingly
donated in honor of:

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Wedding Banns

Our parish is pleased to announce the following
wedding:

Joseph Niravathu and Achsah Abraham

(St. Gerard Majella)

September 14, 2024 First Banns



We pray for all recently deceased,
remembering Fr. R. Michael Reid & Viola Burgos,
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?

September 1, 2024

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.—For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:

*This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines human precepts.*

You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.

"From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

Reflection Questions

- What did the Pharisees observe about the disciples? What was their goal in pointing out this issue?
- What did Jesus say was a better indication of a person's holiness than washing one's hands and dishes?
- How can traditions be good and how can some traditions become a bad thing?
- Jesus taught that the words and attitudes behind our actions are what show us to be holy people. Our religious observances and all our actions should show our total love and obedience to God. How can you be more holy this coming week?
- How can we be cleansed and renewed from the inside out?



Religious Education 2024/2025

Forms were due on August 1st but there is still time to turn them in!

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 rest of you Summer!

God bless, Patty

patty@stgmajella.org

Exodus Classes

New date: Sunday 29, 1:30-3:00

(future classes to be announced)

**St. Mark's R. C. Church
Parish Center**

(located behind the Church)
105 Randall Rd, Shoreham



Given by Fr. Roy Tvrdik, Rabbi Gadi Capela & Dr. Don Russo
Please join us for the ongoing monthly series on the Book of Exodus, an interfaith exploration of the roadmap to freedom.
www.project-genesis.org

Speakers Bureau



Grief and How to Cope

Learn from Theresa McKenna, PhD, Director of Psychology Services, Director of Diabetes Care Center at Catholic Health, about the symptoms of grief and ways to help you deal with loss.



Wednesday, September 4th
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

St. Gerard Majella
300 Terryville Rd
Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776

We will also be offering free Blood Pressure Screening.

No registration required.



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Christmas Fair Needs

Believe it or not, December will be here before we know it and preparations are already underway for our annual Christmas Fair. This year, the Fair will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7th and Sunday, December 8th.

Fair Needs:

Candy Donations

Bring in candy during Parish Office Hours.

Bakers

If you would like to bake, please contact Grace at 631- 828-1430 / drpart2@aol.com

Vendors

We would love to have parishioners selling their homemade and other beautiful items during the fair. Contact Grace for more details!



The Thrift Shop & Barn Will Be **CLOSED**
Friday, August 30 and
Monday, September 2

*Please do not leave donations on the property
during our time away. Thank you!*

VOLUNTEER NEEDED! In Our Thrift Shop

Tuesday 10-1; Friday 11-2

Come Join Our Thrift Shop Family!

Can't Make It Here During The Week?

Mark Your Calendars!

We Will Be Open 10-2

Saturday, September 7

See You There!

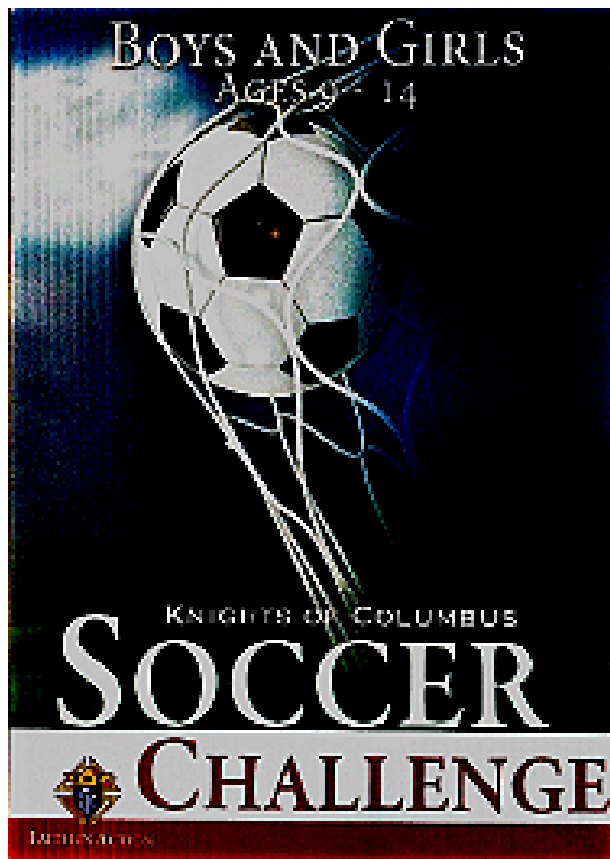
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Did You Miss Us???



Youth Choir is Back!!!

Inviting new and all previous members to join our St. Gerard's Youth Choir! We will have our 1st rehearsal Wednesday, September *18th* at 6pm. All are welcome! We have rehearsals every Wednesday at 6pm in the main church. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Daniels (631)830-3388. Looking forward to another great year!



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SOCCER CHALLENGE
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WHEN: Saturday, September 28, 2024, 9:30AM - 12:30 Noon
(Tie Breakers if needed & Championship Awards presented 12:30-1:00)

WHERE: Terryville Road School (follow the signs)

THERE IS NO CHARGE, EVENT IS OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS AGES 9 - 14

FINALISTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE NEXT LEVEL OF
COMPETITION (date and place to be announced)

All participants must bring a copy of their birth certificate as proof of age
to be able to compete

Trophies will be presented to winners in each age category from ages 9 -14
at Awards Presentation, 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM on day of event

Questions? Contact: Bill at carrierowj@gmail.com

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