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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

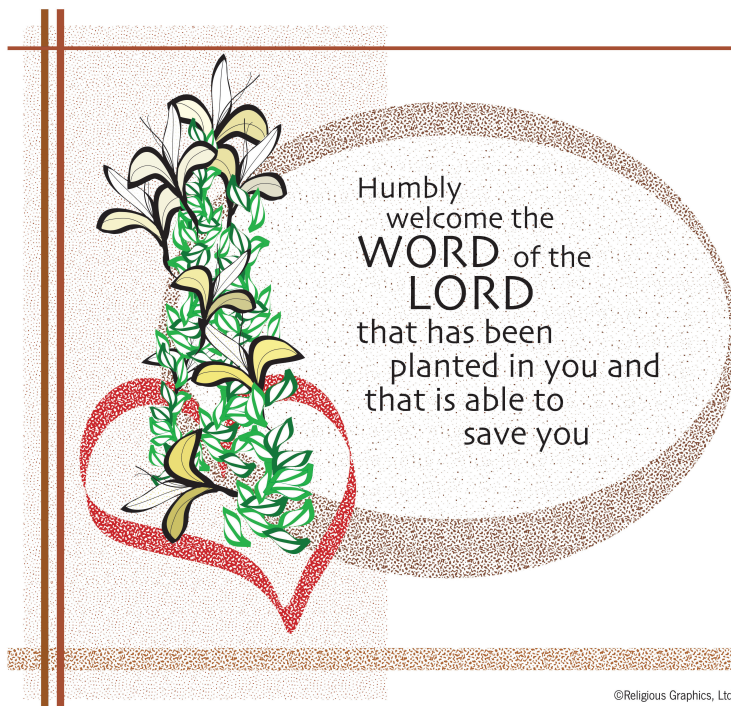
Tuesday: 11:30am-3:00pm
Wednesday: 12:30pm-3:00pm
Thursday: 11:30am-1:30pm & 4:30pm-5:30pm

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, September 1, 2024
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

One Parishioner's Journey to the National Eucharistic Congress Part 4

Into Gethsemane

Friday morning, July 19th got up ready for another day of whatever God was going to put in my path. Got to Lucas Oil Stadium at about 8:25 am. I can make Mass no problem. Yes, problem! I was no longer in the parking garage in the middle of the town, I was in a garage near Lucas Oil Stadium. Well that should be better because Mass was at the stadium in the morning. Little did I know that I was very unfamiliar with the area behind Lucas Oil Stadium. I walked and walked and by the time I came to an area that I was familiar with, Mass was over. Another win for you, Satan, but again it isn't over! So I went to the food court created by St. John's Church across from the Convention Center. Ordered a coffee and a Kringle (it looked like a long flat pastry, but let's give it a try), sat down with a young mom with her 2 year old and an older Mom in her 70's/80's and her daughter in her 50's. We started talking about where we were from. The mother and daughter were from Michigan. And they drove there and had a very busy itinerary for the day. The young mom was from Iowa and the family drove to Indiana. Dad had the 3 month old in the carriage and was walking around with him. We talked about the Revival evening and asked her if they had a chance to go to see it. This quiet young mom said that they didn't get a chance to go because someone had broken into their car and they spent the night at the police station. The children were tired and cranky in the evening and they went right to their hotel. My heart went out to this mom and her family. We prayed over her and when her husband came back we prayed over him and the 3 month old as well. The young mom was close to tears and I said to her, "Don't try to do everything. Go with the rhythm of your children." "You will see and do whatever God has planned for you as the day goes on." She thanked me and we separated, and I will tell you that I spent most of the day praying for this young family! The Empower Impact Session was about to begin. So we all headed to the Convention Center to our assigned areas. I got there early to get a good seat. (I know it sounds a little selfish). I found a good seat and sat down. It looked like there would be an empty seat next to me, but that didn't happen, not that I really expected it to. A group of women came and took the seats next to me and a very big woman was sitting next to me. I tried to give her more room (not that I'm a skinny person) and was starting to get a little annoyed. What a good Christian, right! Not even close! Little did I know this person would have a huge impact on the rest of my day! This impact session was a very emotional one. Our emcees, Larry and Andi Oney spoke to us about healing and forgiveness. We heard from Martha Henessy, who is the great granddaughter of Dorothy Day. Martha read from the writings from her great-grandmother, who related the condition of the poor as something that we need to heal as a society. Her words were not new but they were powerful and pulled no punches. One thing is for sure, Dorothy Day was a strong woman who did what she could to make life better for everyone. Look at this year's Catechetical Sunday theme from Matthew's Gospel, "When did I see you hungry and feed you..." The picture of the woman on the poster is Dorothy Day. She was chosen because she lived the Corporal Works of Mercy. Bishop Joseph Espaillat from the Bronx was an incredibly powerful speaker. He spoke of the option for the poor and our part in it. There was something very real about him. He was the kind of guy you would just like to hangout with. Meg Hunter was a person that needed forgiveness and healing and almost lost her whole being because of the circumstances of her life. She told her conversion story and helped us all to see that even when you hit rock bottom, God is right there. He'll be right there with you and give you the forgiveness, healing, and love that you need, if you allow Him too. The Vigil Project came out and started to play their music. We were all listening and Larry and Andi came out, Bishop Espaillat and Meg Hunter came out and they all started praying and singing praise to God. Testimony at its best! All poured out their hearts to this large crowd. What happened next was astonishing! We were asked to lay hands on someone next to us. I saw this big woman that at first was an annoyance to me. I really looked at her and could see the pain in her eyes. My hand went up on her shoulder, almost as if someone had placed it there. The woman on the other side of me also placed her hand on this woman, who was now in tears. I felt a hand reach out and touch my shoulder. It was as if we were all in a great hug of forgiveness and healing. We sang praises and wept together. It was possibly the closest I've ever felt to God and my neighbor. At the end of the session the big woman who was sitting next to me thanked me. We hugged. God took this moment to show me that I have to let go of my idea of what is ideal and let Him guide me to what is truly ideal. Forgiveness and healing through the power of touch and love. "Love each other as I have loved you..." That is what I felt that day. Now it is time for the breakout session. I went to a session called: Gift and Grit: How Heroic Virtue Can Change Your Life and Relationships given by Dr. Andrew and Sarah Swafford. They told of their relationship and how it grew and how as their relationship grew, so did their love of God. The one point they tried to make is that heroic virtue led them to be the people they are today. They were very influenced by the writings and the ideas of Saint John Paul II. Especially the phenomenon of "srodowisko", bringing youth together toward a common goal. This is what virtuous friendship is about.

Sarah Stafford also made a good point, she said that we are always praying for others, which of course is what we are called to do. But do we ever come before our God and ask for the things that need healing in our lives. The words of her therapist were brilliant, he said, "Sarah, do you think that the Lord can't heal all the people that you are praying for and you at the same time." He does want to heal us, we have to allow Him too. After this breakout session, I went to Mass in the Convention Center. Yes, this was great, Mass was at 3:00 pm every day. I didn't realize this till today, but being able to receive the Eucharist was a blessing! Satan, you lost this battle! Why, because God is good! I was trying to find people that I knew and we kept texting throughout the day. I told them that I would see them at the Revival Session tonight. I went to get on line to see the exhibits but the lines were crazy! I went into the vendor exhibit area and looked around. This time I saw the Hillbilly Thomists (not sure if I saw them on Thursday or Friday, but I did see them). Four Thomist Fathers played hillbilly music and it was great! As I stood there watching there was this cute little sister in full habit in front of me. Now I was bopping away to the music. I could see her try to restrain herself, but the music got to her and she started to lightly bounce along to the music as well. Sisters were around with signs that read, "Do you need confession? Ask me where." They were doing their part to help us prepare us for repentance. They were great and exuded enthusiasm! I went back to the main lobby of the Convention Center and I heard the bells again. I was ready to get onto my knees, but these bells were something different! Bishop Cozzens was in a little motorized cart coming through the crowd and 2 or 3 sisters with him. It was so cute and unexpected. I had to grin. Everyone was so filled with joy to be together around Our Lord and Our God, Jesus! It was getting close to time to get to Lucas Oil Stadium for the 3rd Revival Session - Into Gethsemane. I was there early and got great seats in the lower loge section of the stadium. I found myself in the middle of three teen groups that were at the NEC. I started talking to the adult leaders and some of the teens. They were so much fun! The people that I was trying to meet up with all day texted me and I told them where I was. The teens wanted to start a wave. So their chaperones and I said, "Why don't you!" I think they were just looking for someone to say that it was okay. We are in a stadium after all. The evening hadn't started yet, so why not! It started out small one or two sections at a time, but within 5 minutes we had a full out wave throughout the stadium. The teens were so excited, "We started that!" "Yeah!" Then our group of teens started a chant, "We love Jesus, yes we do! We love Jesus, how 'bout you?" Then they would point to a group of teens on the other side of the stadium. The teens on the other side of the stadium would say the same chant and point to another group of teens in another section of the stadium. This went on for about 10/15 minutes. They were so on fire for Jesus! Then the wave would start up again. Non-stop pouring out of the Spirit in these teenagers! I was in teacher/catechist heaven! Then the beach balls came out! Forget about it! Excitement, enthusiasm, and exaltation in these moments of unabashed love for God! I felt the same way I did when I went into a bakery on Arthur Avenue in the Bronx. I walked in, smelled the Italian pastries and cakes and said to my husband and son, "Okay Lord, you can take me." Thinking that that was the closest I'd ever get to heaven. I was wrong! God is so good that he keeps giving us glimpses of heaven throughout our journey here on Earth. The people that I was trying to find, found me in this group of teenagers and they sat down and enjoyed what I was already enjoying with these young people! Dave Moore and Lauren Moore as well as the Josh Blakesley Band, Sarah Krogher, Meg Hunter and other musicians took the stage and began to play. Their music really reached the hearts of the teens that were sitting by us and they started to see other teens go onto the stadium floor. They asked their chaperones if they could go too and the next thing we witnessed were teens on fire with the Spirit. They rushed to the front of the stage and were singing and praising God in song. This is what the 1st Pentecost must have felt like! People young and old whose hearts were burning within them. Our hands outstretched to the Lord to receive the forgiveness and healing that we needed that only Jesus could give us. The joy, peace and love that the world could not give us was ours that evening! These teens were so polite, kind and exuded so much energy and passion that I felt tears welling up in my eyes. God is good! He showed me at that moment that the youth of our Catholic faith really want a relationship with Jesus. This was a place where they could be comfortable in praising the Lord without the ridicule of their peers. The freedom that they must have felt! It was glorious! After the music stopped and the emcees came out to start the 3rd night of the Revival - Into Gethsemane. All the teens started to shout out "JESUS, JESUS, JESUS!" The multitudes joined them in adoration and started to shout out to our God as well! The emcees were amazed at the love and enthusiasm of the teens and all gathered. My guess is that they didn't expect such an outpouring of the Spirit as was in the stadium that night. It was beyond anyone's expectations. The teens then went back to their seats ready to receive what was going to be said that night. Sister Miriam James Heidland readied us for what we were about to experience this evening. Montse Alvarado spoke to our Spanish brothers and sisters and told them to take in all that God had in store for them this evening and translated what she said to the English speakers in the crowd of 50,000 people. Father Josh reminded us that nothing is impossible for God. We sometimes forget that and think that we can do life by ourselves without help.

We know how that works out, or really doesn't work out! When we pray, we should remember that God will do what He knows is best for us. It may not be exactly what we think is best for us, but the answer to our prayers will be beyond what we would have ever asked for. God will heal us in ways that we can't even imagine. The first speaker was a former professional tennis player from Costa Rica, Paula Umana. She held a tennis ball in her hand and walked around with prosthetics that looked like boots. She asked us to say the words, "Run to Jesus!" every time she held up the tennis ball. Then she told her story of healing. To hear her incredible story go to [Relevant Radio.com/National Eucharistic congress](http://RelevantRadio.com/NationalEucharisticcongress). The next testimony was not in person but a video that was made about a person with an alcohol addiction. Sister Miriam James Heidland defined addiction as "a trauma response to our sorrowful mysteries." The person in the video started his addiction when he was in his 50's. One day he said that he had a feeling that God was pushing him to make a phone call to AA. He said, "God got me to AA, and AA got me back to God." That person started to do things to make his life better and stopped drinking. He began to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist with a new appreciation for the healing and love that God wanted to give him. He "Ran to Jesus!" The next speaker was Sister Josephine Garrett, a former banker and professional counselor. Her prayers were that all of our hearts would fill her heart. She said that she wasn't there to speak about consolation but to make an exhortation. The NEC is not a finish line, but a starting line to a real revival. She mentioned that there were 2 legs that would prove the success of the Congress. Number 1 is the growth of our relationship to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the love of our neighbor. Number 2 is our personal repentance. Not the repentance of the people around us that are sinners, but a genuine repentance we need for our sinfulness. She made it clear that every person is important in the Body of Christ! We need to ask for healing in the whole Body of Christ. That healing begins with us. "I'm starting with the man in the mirror." Great Michael Jackson song. "I'm asking him to change his ways." "And no message could've been any clearer. If they want to make the world a better place take a look at yourself and then make a change." Then she went through all the people that were attending the NEC. the bishops, the priests, the religious communities, the single people, the families, and the elders; she asked us all to really look at ourselves and make repentance our goal. And to repent and return to the joy and hope that our Lord wants us to have. One thing that she said that impressed me was that families are the load bearing walls of the Church. Our families are a very important part of our Catholic community. I believe that this is true and will do everything in my power, by the grace of God, to let families know this and help them live out their vocation in the Church! The band came out and started to play reflective music. Sister Miriam James Heidland came out and asked us to take a moment to really feel what was stirring in our hearts at this moment. Reflect on what God wants to do for us at this moment. She so wisely said that this moment isn't about fixing what we think is wrong with us, but allowing our God to love us! She spoke about a priest who asked her a question at one point in her life. He asked her if she knew what the danger in being a priest was. He said the biggest danger is hardness of heart. Sister pointed out that hardness of heart was not only the biggest danger for priests, but it was the biggest danger for us all! Let God have your heart and don't be a bride that spurns her bridegroom. Let the bridegroom love you warts and all, because he does just that! This truth may spark feelings of self condemnation, they may bring up traumatic sorrowful mysteries in our lives that have yet to be healed, but our God wants to heal us and love us back to himself. We have only to let him do that. Let Jesus our God and King love you, he wants too! He is inviting us to open our hearts to Him! Is today going to be the day that we let the Lord in? Is today the day that we really feel the love of Jesus rushing through us? The bridegroom is coming and he is here! The nights go down on Lucas Oils Stadium, the seminarians assemble with candles, incense and we wait for the bridegroom, Jesus Christ! Father Boniface Hicks leads us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament this evening. He will ask our God to heal all the broken places in our world, in our Catholic Church, and in ourselves. This is the running theme throughout the NEC, let Jesus, our God and King heal us in our brokenness. "Turn back to Him with all your heart, don't let fear keep us apart. Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life." You may recognize these words from the song, "Hosea" but how true they are! Before Benediction, Father Boniface walked around the stadium floor in procession with the Blessed Sacrament with the monstrance. As he passed through the crowds, people reached out to touch his cloak, mothers were holding their babies up to get a better look at Jesus, everyone was on their knees before the Blessed Sacrament! After Benediction the assembly of seminarians, priests and Father Boniface with the Blessed Sacrament left the stadium, I saw in the reel from Relevant Radio a family with small children on their knees with their hands folded in prayer. What good it does for a catechist to witness a moment like this! God is good! After the Blessed Sacrament left the Stadium the crowd cheered loudly. Hail to our King, Jesus Christ! This day was just a day of grace upon grace filled moments. Prayers for people who were in need of prayer at the moment. How was I supposed to know that the first encounter of the day would lead to more grace than I ever could have imagined. Back to the hotel for some rest! What happens on Saturday, July 20th will blow you away!

Parish Outreach Ministry

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Samanea New York Mall
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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 September 2– September 8

Monday, September 2
9:00am Joseph Soriano

Tuesday, September 3 (St. Gregory)
9:00am Daniel O’Connell

Wednesday, September 4
9:00am Andrew Carnegie, The Intentions of
Emily Roff & Family, the Intentions of
Teresa Hanson & Family

Thursday, September 5
9:00am James Witt

Friday, September 6
9:00am The Intentions of Marie Morgan

Saturday, September 7 (Blessed Virgin Mary)
5:00pm Frances Jamotta, Linda Streuli,
the Intentions of the Kessler &
Ross Families

Sunday, September 8
8:00am John E. Kearney
10:00am The Living & Deceased Members of
St. Gerard’s Knights of Columbus
12:00pm Julius & Rosemarie Miano



Fr. Greg

Fr. Vitus
Fr. Greg

Fr. Francis

Stewardship Report

Last Week’s Collection - \$7,026.79

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, Judith Montesuco, Joe DiPrima, Barbara Lambert, John MacKinnon

Weekly Memorials



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

Kyle and Serena Evans

Our Sanctuary Candle has been lovingly donated in honor of:

Kaileigh



Wedding Banns

Our parish is pleased to announce the following wedding:

Joseph Niravathu and Achsah Abraham

(St. Gerard Majella)

September 14, 2024 Second Banns



We pray for all recently deceased, remembering Kellie Dressel-Menno, may they find eternal rest and joy.

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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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**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 8, 2024

Twenty- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mk 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" —And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Reflection Questions

- What attitude did the people have toward Jesus?
- What did Jesus do for the man who was deaf and could hardly speak? What method did Jesus use to heal the man who came to Him?
- How was the deaf man's life changed because of Jesus?
- How did the people react to Jesus and His miraculous power?
- What difference did this miracle make in the lives of the people who witnessed it? Why couldn't the people stop talking about Jesus?
- Whom do you know who has experienced the healing of Jesus in his or her life?
- How do people respond to Jesus' miraculous work in their lives?
- What can you learn from the people's attitude toward Jesus in this story?
- What is one area of your life that you can commit to the Lord and trust Him to work through?
- How can you trust God with your needs?

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

The Catholic University of America Collection

Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-inspired education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously. Support the collection at:

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Ministry to Families with Special Needs



Families who have members with special needs or developmental disabilities often find it difficult to attend weekly Mass together. St. James Parish in Setauket is pleased to provide an opportunity for families to experience and celebrate

God's presence in their lives at a special Mass.

This Mass is celebrated at **12:30 pm** (please note new time) on the second Saturday of each month during the school year – January through May and September through December.

The next Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, September 14th at 12:30 pm**

Please note: *This Mass fulfills the Sunday Mass Obligation*

The remaining 2024 Special Needs Masses will be celebrated on the following second Saturdays at 12:30 pm:

October 12
November 9
December 14

This ministry strives to be inclusive in its approach, inviting those with special needs to fill liturgical roles such as proclaimer and musical accompaniment.

Please help spread the word about this special worship opportunity!

Special Needs Mass Parish
St. James R.C. Church
Website: www.StJamesSetauket.org
Address: 429 Route 25A

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!

Prayer for Labor Day

As the sun rises to bring in the new day:

We remember those who descend into the earth, their work begins in darkness, pulling from the earth, the resources we steward.

We remember those who work inside a building away from the light and brightness of the day.

We remember those who work outside in the harsh elements of our world, the bitter cold and sweltering heat of extremes.

We remember those who do not have a job to go to, who are struggling to meet the needs of their daily living expenses, for whom the day becomes long and arduous.

As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest:

We remember those who work in the night.

We remember those who are trying to recover from their labor and toils of the day.

We remember those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work.

We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in their lives and in their work.

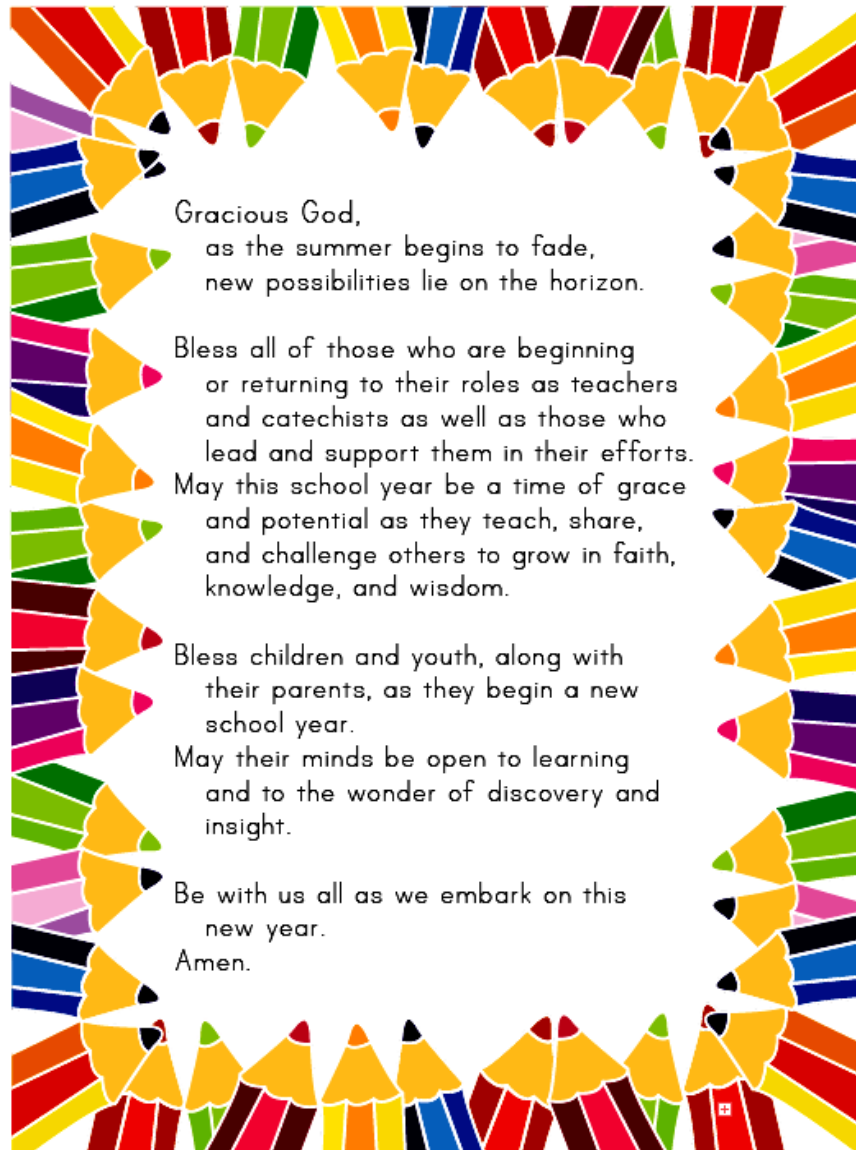
God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd.

We hope all of you have a wonderful day with your friends and family!

God bless our wonderful young parishioners as they had back to school and college! We hope they have a beautiful year ahead learning and growing!



Gracious God,
as the summer begins to fade,
new possibilities lie on the horizon.

Bless all of those who are beginning
or returning to their roles as teachers
and catechists as well as those who
lead and support them in their efforts.
May this school year be a time of grace
and potential as they teach, share,
and challenge others to grow in faith,
knowledge, and wisdom.

Bless children and youth, along with
their parents, as they begin a new
school year.
May their minds be open to learning
and to the wonder of discovery and
insight.

Be with us all as we embark on this
new year.
Amen.

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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
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We will also be offering free Blood Pressure Screening.

No registration required.



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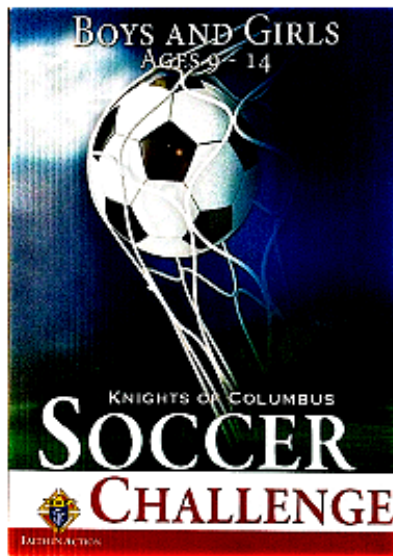


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WHERE: Terryville Road School (follow the signs)

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

FINALISTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE NEXT LEVEL OF
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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

Pilgrimage to the World Apostolate of Fatima in New Jersey on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

Coordinated by St. Patrick Church, Smithtown Legion of Mary

Pilgrimage Itinerary

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Fatima Prayer—*O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the
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What did Jesus tell the leaders?

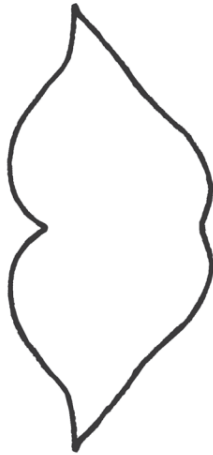
Write these words into the shapes. Trace the letters.

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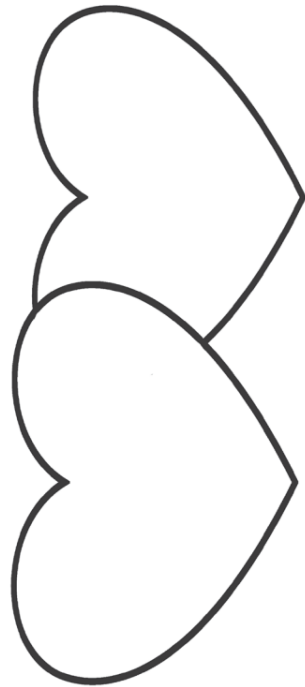
“You say you



Me with your



but your



are far from Me.”

Ages 3+

September 1, 2024 • Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Clean and Unclean

Some leaders said the disciples ate with unclean hands.



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