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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.

Hear, O Israel!
The LORD our GOD is one!

You shall
LOVE the LORD
with all your heart
with all your soul
with all your mind
and with all your strength
and you shall
LOVE your NEIGHBOR
as yourself

There is no commandment greater than these.

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Sunday, November 3, 2024
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

While many millions of Americans have already cast their ballots in early voting, Election Day still looms as the pivotal moment for our nation in selecting its future leadership. It's hard for me to imagine that, by this point, there is still someone who hasn't decided for whom to vote. Nonetheless, it is important for each of us to ensure our vote reflects a well-formed conscience. When we vote, we take with us our own personal story, priorities, and hopes. As Catholics, we are also compelled to take with us the values and principles of Christ and His Church. There is no perfect politician, party, or platform, but there are still standards that one must meet to deserve our support. Among these highest principles and values are the protection of the pre-born and elderly; the protection of religious freedom from being forced to compromise our deeply held beliefs; public policy for schools, hospitals and parishes that reflect an authentic Christian anthropology about human sexuality; and policies that promote the common good and help those on the margins of society.

Over the past couple of weeks, our Bishop, in union with all the Bishops of New York State, has reminded us that Proposition 1 is a threat to our religious freedom. While couched in seemingly kind wording, it is nothing but a wolf in sheep's clothing. It would threaten the ability for Catholic hospitals, schools, and parishes from operating in the light of God's revelation to humanity and in conformity with our ancient and well-grounded principles. I strongly urge you to vote "no" on Proposition 1. You can visit www.drvc.org to get more information about the dangers of this proposed amendment.

Politics often divides people. We can deny this or wish it wasn't so, but the hard truth is that it does. That is because we each must make choices. And our choices may not always be the same as the choices of those we know and love. Now, as strongly as I urge you to exercise the great right of making your voice heard in the ballot box, I also implore you not to allow differences of opinion – yes, even about the most important topics – to divide you from loved ones. Politicians come and go. Policies change here and there. What is constant is the community in which we live. In fact, if we really want to change the mind and heart of another person, the best first step is love and prayer for him or her. The Gospels consistently portray Jesus challenging people to a genuinely holier way of life but doing so by first meeting the person in love and mercy. In short, speaking the truth in charity is always a good policy strategy!

I regret that I am not with you this weekend. I have the privilege of attending the Installation of Archbishop Richard Henning as Archbishop of Boston. I served as Vice Rector of our Seminary in Huntington under then-Rector Monsignor Henning. Not only was he a true model of priestly service for me, but we also became close friends over those three blessed years. I ask you to keep him in your prayers as he takes on this tremendous responsibility entrusted to him by our Holy Father.

God bless you, your families, and our nation!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Keep Christ in Christmas, Knights of Columbus - **Poster Contest**

Cash Prizes in each of 3 divisions (Grades K-2, 3-5, 6 -8)

Poster due by December 5th (drop off in St. Gerard's Office or with your Religion Teacher - **MUST** be submitted with entry form, which is available from the reception desk or your teacher)

More details on Entry form

Questions? Contact Bill Carriero at carrierowj@gmail.com



On Sunday, October 27th, Bishop Robert Coyle presided at a ceremony to honor catechists and catechetical leaders who have served for a significant number of years. Our parish was blessed to honor Annamaria Faby for 10 years of service as a catechist and Clair West for 20 years! We are grateful for their zeal in handing on the richness of our Catholic faith to the young people of St. Gerard Majella Parish.

Religious Education

2024 Class Masses

Sunday, November 3	10:00	Level 5
	12:00	Level 6
Sunday, November 17	10:00	Level 7
	12:00	Level 2 & Sacrament Prep Class
Saturday, November 23	5:00	Level 8
Sunday, December 8	10:00	Level 7 Commitment Mass
	12:00	Level 2 & Sacrament Prep Class

Parent Meetings

- November 4th-Level 7 Parents Evening of Enrollment at 7pm
- November 13th-Level 8 Parent Meeting at 7:15pm
- November 18th-Level 1 Parents Evening of Enrollment at 7pm



Thank you to all who belong to ministries in our Parish! From liturgical ministers to thrift shop volunteers and all ministries in between, you keep this community thriving and filled with the love of God. We are very grateful for your dedication and for letting your faith shine through. God bless you always!

Everlasting God,

*strengthen and sustain all those who volunteer in our church;
that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people;
and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ,
offering to you their gifts and talents;
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

St. Teresa of Calcutta, patron Saint of volunteers, pray for us!

Parish Outreach Ministry

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

HELP BRING JOY TO KIDS IN NEED

CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY



THERE ARE MANY PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO DO NOT HAVE THE MEANS TO PROVIDE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THEIR FAMILIES. THEY RELY ON THE GENEROUS HEARTS OF OTHERS LIKE YOU! IF YOU OR YOUR BUSINESS WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT A FAMILY, CONTACT JENNIFER AT JENNIFER@STGMAJELLA.ORG / 631-473-2900.



Al-Anon Meetings

At Al-Anon Family Group meetings, the friends and family members of problem drinkers share their experiences and learn how to apply the principles of the Al-Anon program to your individual situations. Our parish offers meetings every Tuesday from 10am to 11:30am.

Joy of Giving Outreach Drive

Our Joy of Giving tags are hanging up on the tree in the lobby. Help children have a magical Christmas by taking a tag off of the tree, purchasing the gift, and dropping it back unwrapped by December 8th. God bless you for your giving hearts!

Food Pantry Needs

Granola Bars
Shelf Stable Milk
Canned Chicken
Jelly
Soup
Shampoo/Conditioner
Feminine Products
Razors
Shaving Cream
Soap
Laundry Soap
Toothpaste
Deodorant

Helpful Phone Numbers:

Alcoholics Anonymous 24-Hour Hotline: 631-669-1124
Al-Anon Suffolk County: 631-669-2827
American Red Cross - LI: 516-747-3500
Birthright (Pregnancy Support): 631-821-9727 or 1-800-550-4900
Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence): 631-395-1800
Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): 631-789-9546
Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse): 631-439-0480
Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus): 1-888-343-3547
Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542
Good Shepherd Hospice: 631-376-3758
Hope House Ministries: 631-473-6030
L.I. Women's Coalition (Domestic Violence): 631-666-8833
Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262
National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-SUICIDE
Response Crisis Center: 631-751-7500 (Suicide Hotline)
The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline): 631-329-2200
Conexión Linea de Crisis (M-F: 5-10 PM) 631-751-7423V
Victims Information Bureau (Advocacy, Counseling): 631-360-3606
Women's Services (Town of Brookhaven): 631-698-2074

Mass Intentions and Presider Schedule for the Week of November 4 – November 10

Monday, November 4 (St. Borromeo)

9:00am For All Parishioners

Tuesday, November 5

9:00am For All Parishioners

Wednesday, November 6

9:00am All Parishioners, Donald Rushford,
the Intentions of Brett & Patrice Raboy

Thursday, November 7

9:00am For All Parishioners

Friday, November 8

9:00am For All Parishioners

Saturday, November 9 (Feast of the Dedication of the Latern Basilica)

5:00pm Donna R. Aiello, James Bridges, Anthony Nobre,
Christopher Jiminez, Noah Stiles, Mary Young

Fr. Greg

Sunday, November 10

8:00am Ronald Di Donato

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

12:00pm Edward Allen

Fr. Vitus

Fr. Francis

Fr. Francis



Stewardship Report

Last Week's Collection - \$8,014.00

Prayers for the Sick

All the sick and residents of Atria, St. Joseph's Village Woodhaven Adult Home & Nursing Home & Jefferson's Ferry, Luke John Carusillo, Sandy Barrios, LouEllen Klints, Arline Guma, Charles Ricottone, Ted Claesen, Connie Biscardi, Ronnie Pryor, Vinnie Surwilo, Barbara Klein-Croner, Jack Grob, Robert Mutschler, Joan Francavilla, Michael Fucito, Nancy Mulvihill, Angel Rivera, Roger Russell, Paul Csorba, Judith Montesuco, Joe DiPrima, Barbara Lambert, John MacKinnon, Tony Loiacone, Mario Cappilieri, Vincent Ricottone, Dale Beck, Marie Bilbao, Patricia Murray, Ericka Medrano, Leonardo Alfuentes, Donald Derham, Joanne Dorvil, Gregory Litterello, Kristine McDonald, Jeannette, Frank Perugini, Thomas Hayes, Pina Carpitella, Brian Moore, Baby Paul Donnelly, Daniel Dinan, Anthony Paletto, Jaclyn Lin, Mary Louise Delano., Jean Maglione.

Weekly Memorials

*Our Sanctuary Candle has been lovingly
donated in honor of:*



Robert Novotny

Wedding Banns

Our parish is pleased to announce the following
wedding:

**James Cook and Alexis Jansen
(St. Gerard Majella)
November 10, 2024 Third Banns**

**Nicholas Perrone and Alyssa Varone
(St. Gerard Majella)
November 15, 2024 Second Banns**



We pray for all recently deceased,
remembering Gerard McMahon,
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.



Knights of Columbus

**YOU ARE BORN A MAN
YOU BECOME A KNIGHT!**

Scan with phone camera!

YOU ARE CALLED! JOIN TODAY!

Free 12 Month Membership

Visit
KofC.org/JoinUs

Use Promo Code
BlessedMcGivney

To learn more please call Peter Santoro 631-457-9973

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.

Facebook.com/stgmajella/

Instagram.com/sgmparish

Facebook.com/SGMthriftshop/

Instagram.com/sgmthriftshop

[YouTube Channel-St. Gerard Majella Parish](https://YouTube.com/St.GerardMajellaParish)

**WE INVITE YOU TO REGISTER YOUR FAMILY
WITH OUR PARISH**

Are you new to our parish? Have you been participating in our parish but never registered? Do you need to update your contact information or add a family member?

Both registration or family update forms are available in our church office 631-473-2900 or on our website: www.stgmajella.org



Breaking Open the Word

Reflecting on next Sunday's Gospel before you come to Mass can bring so much more meaning to your experience of the Liturgy. Here's the Gospel for next Sunday. How does this Gospel touch your life?

November 10, 2024

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mk 12:38-44

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

Reflection Questions

- What do you find surprising in this passage? Why does Jesus celebrate the giving of this poor widow?
- According to Jesus, what is the difference between the widow's offering and everyone else's?
- Is Jesus against "long prayers?" What is He protesting and why?
- What is the "greater condemnation" the scribes will receive? Why does Jesus reserve it for these particular people?
- In what ways should you reevaluate and revise your patterns of giving in light of these Biblical teachings?
- Jesus made the poor widow's gift of a few coins a memorable example of generosity. Even though she gave a lesser amount to the treasury than others, her small donation required a greater sacrifice than the large donations contributed by those who were rich. God wants us to share generously with others, giving not just from our surplus but from our whole self.

ALTAR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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

Altar Christmas Flowers Form

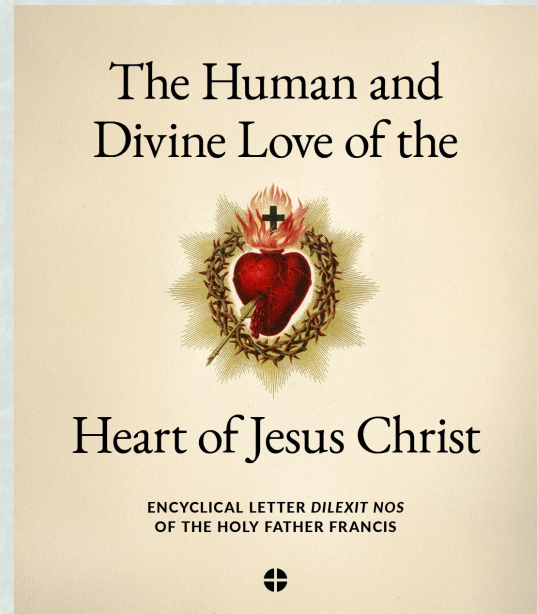
Donation made in memory of:

or

For the intention of:

Your Name:

Visit USCCB.ORG to read the new encyclical.



Prayer before an Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us on Thursday, November 7th at 7pm for Holy Hour. Spending time in Adoration draws us into intimacy with Jesus. And as we get closer to Him, He gives us the wisdom and strength to serve his Church and the people he has placed in our lives. Take a good look at your routine and find a way to include Adoration in your life. You will truly become the one you befriend.



Please Join Us For Our First

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

On-Site Poster-Making Event

Open to all students in kindergarten through eighth grades



Saturday, November 23

1-2:30 pm

In the Parish Hall



Hosted by St. Gerard Majella Church's Knights of Columbus
Supplies donated by The Thrift Shop & Barn
@ St. Gerard Majella Church



Bring your creativity and ideas about how you and your family

Keep Christ in Christmas —

we will supply the rest!

Parent/guardian welcome to join in the fun
as their child brings their vision to life!



*Light refreshments
will be
available*





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 24, 2024

Dear Brother Priests,

I pray this letter finds you well. As always, thank you for your evangelizing pastoral charity in the way you are helping to form our elementary school students, middle school students and high school students in our Catholic Faith and helping them to discern their futures.

As many of you know, I currently serve as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Catholic University holds a distinctive place in our nation's higher education landscape.

As the National University of the Catholic Church in the United States, the Catholic University of America's global mission is centered on Jesus Christ and the mission of mercy of the Catholic Church in the world.

Grounded in a passion for the Sacred Scriptures, the Holy Eucharist and fidelity to the liberating truths of our Catholic Faith, the Catholic University of America integrates faith, reason, scholarship, professional and career preparation and missionary corporal and spiritual works of mercy service in a vibrant harmony.

The university forms students not only academically but also spiritually and morally, equipping them to become leaders who serve the Church and society with integrity, compassion, and a deep commitment to the Gospel.

Many men and women, who were formed more deeply in their Catholic Faith and prepared academically and professionally at CUA, have lived the Catholic Apostolate of the Laity and a Catholic missionary spirit in their marriages and families, their careers and contributions to society and the public square. Over the years, many young men have discerned their vocations to the priesthood at CUA and many young women have discerned calls to religious life.

We have many students from Long Island from both our Catholic and public schools who are studying at the Busch School of Business, the Conway School of Nursing, Catholic philosophy and theology, Biomedical engineering and many other academic disciplines and their connected career paths.. These different academic dimensions of Catholic University have one critical thing in common. They integrate Catholic biblical, doctrinal, sacramental, moral and spiritual theology into these critical academic disciplines and their related professional and career preparation.

I invite you to nominate any promising high school student in your parish who would thrive in such an environment. These students might be engaged parishioners, current students at Catholic high schools, public high school students, or young adults discerning their vocational path. I believe many of them would find a true home at Catholic University.

Additionally, any parishioner accepted into Catholic University's undergraduate program will be eligible for an annually renewable \$4,000 parish scholarship—valued at \$16,000 over four years—at no cost to the parish.

Catholic University offers this scholarship as part of its commitment to supporting deserving students from Catholic communities. It is also a gesture of gratitude for the consistent generosity parishes have shown through the National Collection, which affirms the vital role Catholic University plays among American Catholic institutions of higher learning.

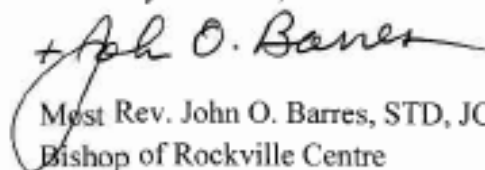
The university seeks young people who are intellectually curious and seek truth, eager to grow in their Catholic faith, and committed to addressing the challenges facing our world as public square Catholics. If you know young men or women discerning their educational, career and vocational path, a future in ministry or service, who would benefit from a university rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition and faithful to every dimension of Catholic teaching, I encourage you to connect them with this remarkable institution.

Below, you'll find the [full link](#) to the nomination form. I also encourage you to invite your parishioners to nominate deserving students. For your convenience, I've included a brief bulletin announcement, which you can publish through the end of November.

Let us continue to support one another in prayer as we strive to guide the next generation of public square Catholic leaders. I am grateful for your ongoing dedication to your parishes and ministries, and the profound impact you have in the lives of so many in our diocese.

May the Lord bless you abundantly, and may Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, guide us all.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Rev. John O. Barres, STD, JCL, DD
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Full link to nomination form: <https://www.catholicu-lead-with-light.net/referral>



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Fall Dance

Come join us and dance the night away

When: Friday November 15th

Where: St. Gerard Majella Parish Hall

Time: 7:00-11:00PM

Cost: \$15 per person

Music by DJ Rich

Coffee, Tea, Dessert

One free drink ticket included

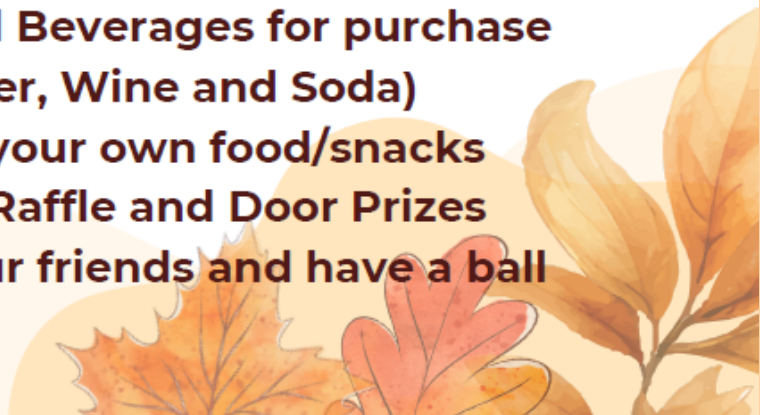
Additional Beverages for purchase

(Beer, Wine and Soda)

Bring your own food/snacks

50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes

Bring your friends and have a ball



Our Degree Team hosted their first Exemplification where we welcomed three new Brother Knights. Well done team! Congratulations to our new Knights.





St. Gerard Majella Parish Outreach Ministry

2024 Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it! Due to the rise in food prices, we expect to get many more families in need. We are requesting your donation of any of the following items that would be included in the Thanksgiving Food Baskets: potatoes/potato flakes, fried onions, canned vegetables, Corn muffin mix, tea/coffee, canned soup, pasta, canned yams, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, juice, bread, desserts. Due to the lack of freezer space, we would prefer supermarket gift cards for the purchase of the turkeys. We will be collecting food donations and grocery gift cards after all Masses during the weekend or during our parish office hours. We would like to receive all donations by November 17th. In addition, cash donations will also be appreciated; collected money will be used to purchase any needed items to complete the food baskets. We are thankful to all of you who share all year long so that others may be blessed.

You also can adopt a family for Thanksgiving. Reach out to Jennifer at 631-473-2900 or jennifer@stgmajella.org for more details.





Sunday Gospel Activities

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