



# 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, November 10, 2024  
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**LORD GOD,  
ALMIGHTY FATHER,  
CREATOR OF MANKIND AND  
AUTHOR OF PEACE, AS WE ARE  
EVER MINDFUL OF THE COST PAID  
FOR THE LIBERTY WE POSSESS,  
WE ASK YOU TO BLESS THE  
MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED  
FORCES. GIVE THEM COURAGE,  
HOPE AND STRENGTH. MAY THEY  
EVER EXPERIENCE YOUR FIRM  
SUPPORT, GENTLE LOVE &  
COMPASSIONATE HEALING. BE  
THEIR POWER AND PROTECTOR,  
LEADING THEM FROM DARKNESS  
TO LIGHT. TO YOU BE ALL GLORY,  
HONOR AND PRAISE, NOW AND  
FOREVER.**

**AMEN.**

**WITH RESPECT HONOR AND GRATITUDE  
THANK YOU VETERANS**





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 5<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto:carrierowj@gmail.com)

## St. Gerard Majella Church

# Christmas Festival

300 Terryville Road, Pt. Jefferson Station

**Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM**

**Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

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- UNIQUE HOLIDAY CRAFTS
  - SPECIALTY VENDORS
  - PHOTOS WITH SANTA & KIDS CRAFTS & GAMES
  - RAFFLES (2:00 PM SUN. DRAWING)
  - JEWELRY
  - RELIGIOUS ITEMS
  - KIDS SHOPPING WITH FREE WRAPPING
  - LITTLE BIT OF CHRISTMAS

KID's SUNDAY SPECIAL: Breakfast snacks with Santa - 11:00 AM

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*Light Meals and Snacks Served + Desserts & Candy*

**FOR INFORMATION CALL ST. GERARD'S AT: 631- 473-2900**



# Religious Education

## 2024 Class Masses

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 13th-Level 8 Parent Meeting at 7:15pm

November 18th-Level 1 Parents Evening of Enrollment at 7pm

## *St. Martin or Tours' Feast Day-November 11th*

### *Saint Martin of Tours' Story*

A conscientious objector who wanted to be a monk; a monk who was maneuvered into being a bishop; a bishop who fought paganism as well as pleaded for mercy to heretics—such was Martin of Tours, one of the most popular of saints and one of the first not to be a martyr. Born of pagan parents in what is now Hungary, and raised in Italy, this son of a veteran was forced at the age of 15 to serve in the army. Martin became a Christian catechumen and was baptized when he was 18. It was said that he lived more like a monk than a soldier. At 23, he refused a war bonus and told his commander: “I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who are going to fight. But I am a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight.” After great difficulties, he was discharged and went to be a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers. He was ordained an exorcist and worked with great zeal against the Arians. Martin became a monk, living first at Milan and later on a small island. When Hilary was restored to his see following his exile, Martin returned to France and established what may have been the first French monastery near Poitiers. He lived there for 10 years, forming his disciples and preaching throughout the countryside. The people of Tours demanded that he become their bishop. Martin was drawn to that city by a ruse—the need of a sick person—and was brought to the church, where he reluctantly allowed himself to be consecrated bishop. Some of the consecrating bishops thought his rumpled appearance and unkempt hair indicated that he was not dignified enough for the office. Along with Saint Ambrose, Martin rejected Bishop Ithacius’s principle of putting heretics to death—as well as the intrusion of the emperor into such matters. He prevailed upon the emperor to spare the life of the heretic Priscillian. For his efforts, Martin was accused of the same heresy, and Priscillian was executed after all. Martin then pleaded for a cessation of the persecution of Priscillian’s followers in Spain. He still felt he could cooperate with Ithacius in other areas, but afterwards his conscience troubled him about this decision. As death approached, Martin’s followers begged him not to leave them. He prayed, “Lord, if your people still need me, I do not refuse the work. Your will be done.”

Reflection: Martin’s worry about cooperation with evil reminds us that almost nothing is either all black or all white. The saints are not creatures of another world: They face the same perplexing decisions that we do. Any decision of conscience always involves some risk. If we choose to go north, we may never know what would have happened had we gone east, west, or south. A hyper-cautious withdrawal from all perplexing situations is not the virtue of prudence; it is in fact, a bad decision, for “not to decide is to decide.” Saint Martin of Tours is a Patron Saint of:  
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# 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](mailto:JENNIFER@STGMAJELLA.ORG) / 631-473-2900.

### Joy of Giving Outreach Drive

We are helping 100 families this year for Christmas and we would be grateful for your support.

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  
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Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542  
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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 11– November 17*

**Monday, November 11 (St. Martin of Tours)**

9:00am Esther DeVito

**Tuesday, November 12 (St. Josaphat)**

9:00am Benedetto Zangri

**Wednesday, November 13 (St. Frances Cabrini)**

9:00am Marie Pfaff, Patricia Hasson,  
the Intentions of Connie & John Giordano  
and Family

**Thursday, November 14**

9:00am Agnes Dell'Aglio

**Friday, November 15**

9:00am For All Priests

**Saturday, November 16 (Blessed Virgin Mary)**

5:00pm Ronald J. Starke, Sr., Noah Stiles, Agatha Johnson

Fr. Francis

**Sunday, November 17**

8:00am Miles Robinson

10:00am Francis Bifano

12:00pm Esther DeVito

Fr. Vitus

Fr. Greg

Fr. Sijomon



### **Stewardship Report**

Last Week's Collection - \$9,650.00

### *Weekly Memorials*

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



*Kaileigh*

### *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, Erin Whitehead, 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, Brenda Fort

### *Wedding Banns*

Our parish is pleased to announce the following  
weddings:

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

*Edward O'Donohue and Samantha Murphy  
(St. Gerard Majella)  
December 7, 2024 First Banns*



We pray for all recently deceased,  
remembering Gloria Kiessel,  
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](mailto: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](http://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 17, 2024**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mk 13:24-32**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

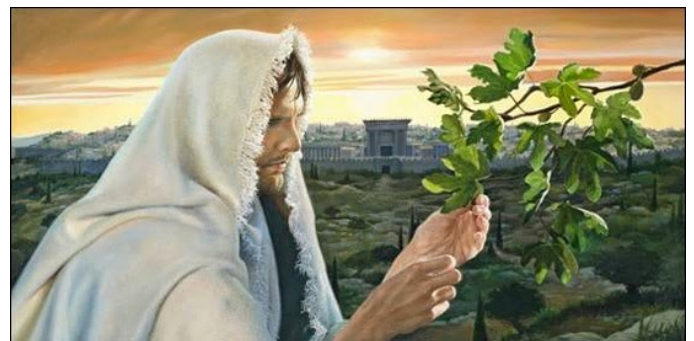
"Learn a lesson from the fig tree.

When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

### *Reflection Questions*

- What signs does Jesus say will signal the end times?
- Who does Jesus say knows when these things will happen?
- We don't know when the things that Jesus talks about will happen, but we know that they will happen. Why?
- What should you do knowing that Jesus' words endure forever while the material things around you do not?
- Jesus teaches us that things in our world will change and that the world itself will one day end. We don't need to be fearful because God's love for us will never end. Thank God this coming week for the great, unending love he showed to us by sending us Jesus.



**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:

\_\_\_\_\_

***Leftover Candy***

If you have any leftover candy from Halloween, we would be grateful if you could donate it to our Christmas Fair. We have volunteers that make gifts using the candy. All proceeds will go towards the charitable works of our parish.

Thank you!

***Coping with Grief Through the Holidays***

Sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry of

St. John Nepomucene

Thursday, November 14th, 2024, 7:30PM-9:00PM

1140 Locust Ave., Bohemia

(Elevator access to lower level of Church) RSVP

(631) 589-0540 x250 to reserve your seat.

Refreshments will be served.

A free will offering is appreciated.

**Pajama  
collection to  
support EJ's PJs!**



Catholic Health is collecting new, unused pajamas to support the nonprofit organization EJ's PJs, which donates pajamas to children and families in need through local parishes, homeless shelters and other community based organizations.

EJ's PJs started in 2011 with one mission in mind—to give pajamas to children, teens and adults that need them the most.

Pajamas of all seasons and sizes are needed. Please place donations in your facility's collection box.

Donations will be accepted November 7 – December 7, 2024.



For questions, please contact Scott Janke at (631) 358-9644 or scott.janke@chsli.org

Learn more about EJ's PJs by visiting ejspjs.org



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HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER**

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@ St.Gerard Majella 300 Terryville Rd. PJS.  
SAT 12/7- 11am-7pm or Sun 12/8 - 9am-2pm**

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*





# Thank you Veterans

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

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*“Lord, if your people still have  
need of my services, I will not  
avoid the toil.”*

— St. Martin of Tours

The Thrift Shop & Barn  
@ St. Gerard Majella Church  
316 Terryville Rd., PJS 11776  
OPEN: M-TH 10-4; F 10-2

**WE WILL BE CLOSED, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

# Healthy Cooking

with

CCE Nutritionist Melek Baba

# Winter Vegetables



Wednesday, November 20, 2024

2:00-3:00pm

St Gerard Majella R.C. Church Parish Hall  
300 Terryville Rd. Port Jefferson Station

Registration is FREE



Please contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County office if you have any special needs.

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Last chance to buy tickets....Do not miss out on a fun evening with your fellow parishioners!!



**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**

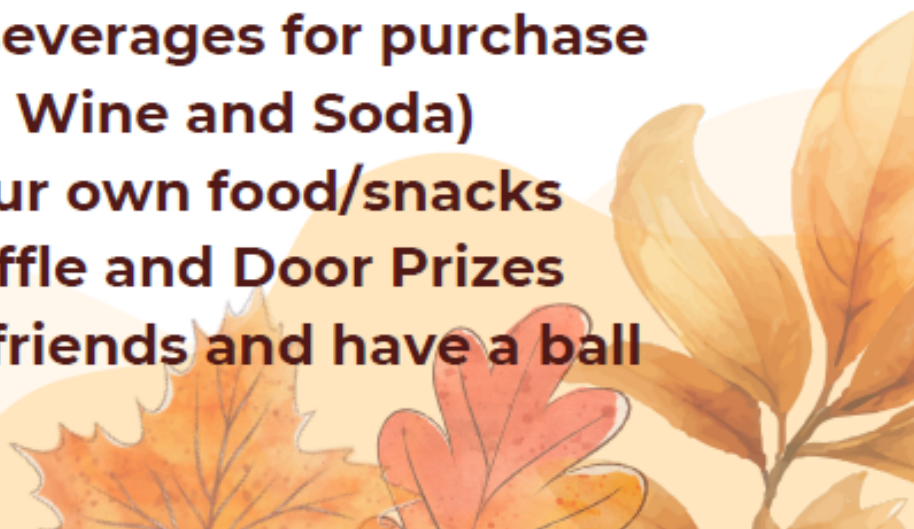
**Additional Beverages for purchase**

**(Beer, Wine and Soda)**

**Bring your own food/snacks**

**50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes**

**Bring your friends and have a ball**





## 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, 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](mailto:jennifer@stgmajella.org) for more details.



# Sunday Gospel Activities

32 Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 12:38-44

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 D A Z F R R M C P S N H X I J W G H Y D  
 Y K A M G L G E A I M Z G H M C P B B Z  
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