



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

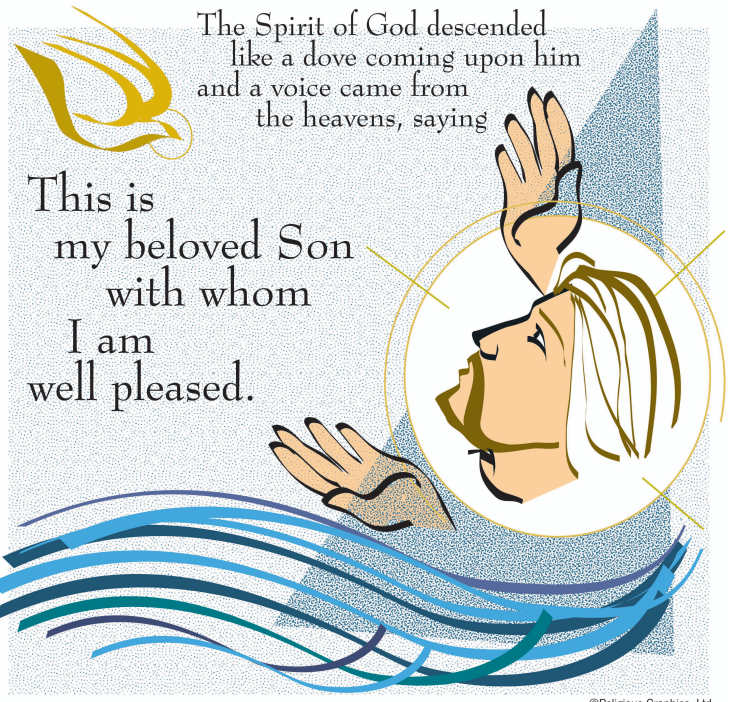
Tuesday: 11:30am-3:00pm
Wednesday: 12:30pm-3:00pm
Thursday: 11:30am-1:30pm & 4:30pm-5:30pm

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, January 12, 2025
The Baptism of the Lord

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Vatican News)

Already in 300 AD, the Eastern Church celebrated the Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus on 6 January. In the Western Church, this feast was mentioned in the Liturgy of the Hours. With the reform of the liturgy in 1969, the date for this Feast was set on the Sunday after the Epiphany. When the Feast of the Epiphany is not celebrated on 6 January, it is celebrated on the Sunday between 2 and 8 January, and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Monday following the Epiphany. The Christmas Season concludes with the celebration of this Feast, even though a “window” is left open until 2 February, the day on which the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple is celebrated. The latter feast is also known as Candlemas since Christ is proclaimed as the “light for the gentiles”. The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (Lk. 3:15-16, 21-22).

A people’s experience

It is interesting to note that the Evangelist Luke recounts that Jesus’ baptism was an experience of the people: “*After all the people had been baptized*”. By being in the midst of the people, Jesus manifests profound solidarity with His sinful people, giving from the very beginning a certain “stamp” to His mission. Jesus reveals that He is the One who has come to “get His hands dirty” so as to bear the sins of humanity.

The baptism

Unlike the other evangelists, Luke does not dwell on the baptism, but leaves it in the background, using a simple phrase: “*Jesus also had been baptized*”. What the evangelist highlights is Jesus’ behavior: “*He was praying*”. This is a particularly dear theme for Luke that he repeats often in his Gospel. In this climate of prayer, Jesus receives the gift of the Spirit and is confirmed by the Father who recognizes him to be “*the beloved*” and that He is “*well pleased*” with Him, or that He has placed His trust in Jesus. This is a way of indicating that Jesus’ way of drawing near to the people, of being in solidarity with them, is the reason why He was sent.

Prayer

In the context of prayer, Jesus receives the gift of the Holy Spirit. This detail suggests that every time we pray, when we are speaking one on One with God (Saint Teresa of Avila), it is possible to experience the Holy Spirit. To pray is to return to Him, to remain with Him. It is the breath of our being children of God which we were introduced to in our own baptism. Only in prayer can our lives as God’s children be nourished. In moments of prayer, we allow God to say over us: “*You are the beloved*”, “*You are important for me*”.

The Lord’s beloved

In Jesus, the Father’s chosen Son, each of us is “*the Lord’s beloved child*”, with whom God “is pleased”. This is true for me, but it is also true for every brother and sister, independently of our condition of being sinners. In baptism, what happened at Christmas happens again: God descends, He enters within me so that I might be reborn in Him as a new creature. But we are asked to bear witness to this “new life” (cf. Is. 43:19) so that just as Jesus could say, “*those who have seen me have seen the Father*” (Jn. 14:9), so too can other people say of us, “*I see Jesus in you*”. Humanly this is impossible, certainly. But “*nothing is impossible with God*” (Lk. 1:37).

"We pledge to persevere in prayer,
fasting and witnessing to the
sacredness of every human life."

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



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Parish Outreach Ministry

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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

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Pre-registration is required.

Weekly	Bi-monthly	Monthly
March 4, 11, 18, 25	July 8, 22	September 9
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	August 12, 26	October 7
May 6, 13, 20, 27		November 4
June 3, 10, 17		December 2



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

Religious Education

2024 Class Masses

Sunday, January 12	10:00	Level 2 & Sacrament Prep Class
	12:00	Level 8
Sunday, January 26	10:00	Level 3
	12:00	Level 7
Saturday, February 1	5:00	Level 5
Sunday, February 2	10:00	Level 4
Sunday, February 9	10:00	Level 8 Investiture Mass
	12:00	Level 2 & Sacrament Prep Class
Sunday, March 2	10:00	Level 7
	12:00	Level 1 – Followed by Lent Retreat

Background on this Sunday's Gospel Reading

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another “epiphany.” On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

(Loyola Press)

Mass Intentions and Presider Schedule for the Week of January 13 - January 19

Monday, January 13

9:00am Michael Volpe

Tuesday, January 14

9:00am The Intentions of Deacon Frank Dell'Aglio

Wednesday, January 15

9:00am Gloria Kiessel, Alice Irwin,
Linda Alice Canonica

Thursday, January 16

9:00am Marge Laudenback

Friday, January 17 (St. Anthony)

9:00am Donato Surace

Saturday, January 18 (Blessed Virgin Mary)

5:00pm Banjo Quietson, Margaret & Gerard McMahon,
Marilyn & Jim Bridges, the Intentions of
Rose Valentino

Sunday, January 19

8:00am Frank Dell'Aglio, Jr.

10:00am The Intentions of Michael Wilcoxon

12:00pm Patricia Murray



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Fr. Greg

Stewardship Report

Last Week's Collection - \$8,944.00

Weekly Memorials

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

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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,, LouEllen Klints, Arline Guma, Charles Ricottone, Ted Claesen, Connie & Frank Biscardi, Ronnie Pryor, Vinnie Surwilo, Barbara Klein-Croner, Jack Grob, Robert Mutschler, Joan Francavilla, Barbara & Pat Consorte, Susan Patton, Nancy Mulvihill, Angel Rivera, Paul Csorba, Judith Montesuco, Joe DiPrima, Barbara Lambert, John MacKinnon, Antonio Loiacone, Mario Cappelleri, 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, Michael Maglione, Denise Tesone Shaw, Donna DiBiago, Margarita Lupisan, Jennifer Forbes.

We pray for all recently deceased,
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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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?

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jn 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

Reflection Questions

- Why was Mary concerned about the lack of wine at the wedding feast?
- What is Jesus answer to Mary? Why does he address Mary the way he does? Is he answering, "Yes," or, "No"? What is he saying with his answer? What "time" is he referring to, and why was it not time?
- How does Mary respond to Jesus' answer? What does it tell us about her understanding of Jesus' identity and her personal faith?
- Why do the servants respond to Mary the way they do? Is there any significance to John's details about their response?
- How does this story help us answer the question, "Who is this 'Son of Man'?" How should we imitate Christ based on this story?
- How does Jesus' first miracle at Cana enhance your understanding of His divine nature?



2024 Year End Contribution Letters

If you would like to request a letter for tax purposes, please contact Deacon Carlito at the Parish Office or by emailing him at deaconcarlito@stgmajella.org



St. Margaret's Church Spousal Bereavement

81 College Road Selden, NY 11784

Both individual and group bereavement counseling services are available for those who are mourning the loss of their husband or wife. All confidential sessions are held on a weekly basis and participants need not be St Margaret's parishioners. For more information please contact Barbara Gottfried at (631) 698-6053.

The Christmas Altar flowers have been donated

In memory of :

Susan and William Bell

Pro-lifers are invited to help restore the right to life for preborn children by joining the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth pro-life event on **Sunday, January 19, 2025, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm.**

This peaceful public outreach will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (NuHealth, 2201 Hempstead Tpke., E. Meadow). Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs provided.

Rain or shine.

Sponsored by: LICL 631-243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org.

God sighting-Our talented Children's Choir sang Christmas carols to the residents of Atria senior living facility a few weeks ago. How special of them to spread Christmas cheer in the community!! Thank you to Catherine, their director, for organizing this outing!



DONATION GUIDELINES

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Bed Pillows	Men's & Women's Suits	China Cabinets
Soft Cover Books	VHS Players/Tapes	

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Our thrift shop and barn generate much-needed funds for the charitable works of our Parish while providing low-cost, high-quality clothing and household items for those in need. Thank you for your continued support.



St. Gerard Majella Knights of Columbus Year in Review

- Each year we purchase and donate six dozen winter coats for families in need
- We provide financial assistance to support a young seminarian through the RSVP program
- We provide financial support to assist new mothers in need through the ASAP program
- We provided scholarships to graduating seniors
- We service the food pantry with a multitude of food, Back to School, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter Drives (totaling close to 6,000 pounds of food)
- We started the Brookhaven Animal Shelter Drive and donated five SUV's worth of supplies and \$1,000 in gift cards (Again, thank you all for your generous donations)
- We provide support to the needs of the Parish by ushering, lecturing, being Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and helping with the Soup Kitchen on Thursdays
- We hold numerous fundraisers to help support the financial endeavors of the parish along with raising funds to donate back to the community and various organizations in need
- We cook a nutritious meal for 65 Residents of Hope House on a monthly basis
- We have raised funds to help grant children in shelters a Christmas wish in the Christmas Magic Fundraiser
- We took part in assembling 50,000 meals to support hunger

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3. HOW TO ASK SOMEONE ABOUT SUICIDE
4. HOW TO LISTEN ACTIVELY AND OFFER HOPE
5. HOW TO CONNECT THE PERSON TO HELP
6. HOW TO MAKE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND BUILD A SUPPORT TEAM



WHEN IS IT?

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Luke 3:22



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