

RECTORY (973)790-9499

Administrator: Rev. Leo Antony, S.D.V.

PARISH OFFICE (973) 595-8446

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Benny Chittilappilly, S.D.V. Rev. James Butts, S.D.V. Rev. Robert Vass, S.D.V.

Trustees: Miss Christine Zisa Mr. Joseph Caiola

Saturday Masses: 8:15AM & 5:30PM (English)

Sunday Masses: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, & 12:00PM (English) 10:30AM (English & Italian) 1:30PM (Spanish)

Weekday Masses: 6:30AM and 8:15AM (English)

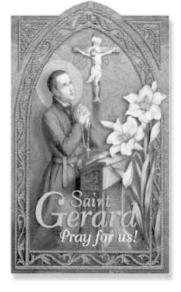
Confessions: Monday 6:00PM to 7:00PM Saturday from 4:00PM to 5:00PM Weekdays: By Appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays - 6:00PM

Baptisms: Saturday at 12:00PM Contact the Rectory to make arrangements

Weddings:

Arrangements should be made at least one year prior to the wedding date. For an appointment please contact Mrs. Gloria Ferreira.



Rectory:

501 West Broadway Paterson , NJ 07522 Tel. (973) 595-8446, Fax (973) 790-0778 Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Gloria Ferreira Parish Secretary: Nelida Laracuente e-mail:stgerardmajella@optonline.net

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10 Carrelton Drive Paterson, NJ 07522 Principal: Sr. Jo-Ann Pompa, M.P.F. Tel. (973) 595-5640

Director of Religious Education: Sr. Jo-Ann Pompa, M.P.F. Tel. (973) 595-5640

> Music Ministers: Servants Voice Families in Christ Jesus Mrs. Marlene O'Connell

Sick calls and Home Visits: Please call the Rectory at any time.

For immediate need of a Priest, please call: 973-767-9682

New Parishioners are most welcome - Please register at the rectory 501 West Broadway, Paterson, NJ, 07522 FAX # 973-790-0778 Email - stgerardmajella@optonline.net www.stgerardmajella.org



Saturday, April 8, 2017		
PARISH	I RETREAT IN FLORHAM PARK	
	10:00 am to 3:00 pm	
8:15 AM	Prayers for Peace in the World	
PALM SUNDAY VIGIL		
5:30 PM	† Eugene "Jack" Farnese – 1-Yr. Anniv	
	† Sr. Antonietta Cioce	
	† Jean Messina	
	† Louise Mazza	
	† Raimondo Torres	
Birthday Blessings for Fr. Cyril Offiong		
), 2017 – PALM SUNDAY	
7:30 AM	† James Sullivan – 1-Yr. Anniversary	
9:00 AM	† Elena Coscia	
10:30 AM	† Cono and Rosa Varuzza	
10.50 / 101	† Donna White	
	† Silvestro Sama	
12:00 Noon	Healing for Kay Stasiak	
1:30 PM	† Vilma Quiroz	
91 A	nos cumpleanos Ana Julia Pena	
Mandan Annil	Lord of Miracles Mass	
Monday, April		
6:30 AM	For the homeless	
8:15 AM	† Florencio Moncion	
	D ADORATION AT 6:00 PM	
7:00 PM – CHRISM MASS – St. Philip's Church		
Tuesday, April		
6:30 AM	For our Parish Community	
	† Anna Carnemolla	
Wednesday, Ap		
6:30 AM	•	
8:15 AM	† Anna Carnemolla	
Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani		
Thursday, April 13, 2017 – HOLY THURSDAY		
8:15 AM	No Mass	
8:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper – English, Italian		
and	Spanish	
	† Anna Carnemolla	
	† Frank Yodice	
	irthday Blessings for Fr. Leo	
Friday, April 1	4, 2017 – GOOD FRIDAY	
8:15 AM	No Mass	
9:00 AM	Morning Prayers followed by Retreat in English and Spanish	
12:00 Noon	Meal	
1:00 PM	Stations of the Cross – English and	
	Spanish – In Church	
3:00 PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
	English, Spanish and Italian	
7:00 PM	Live Stations of the Cross by St. Gerard	
	Majella School Children	
Saturday, April 15, 2017 – EASTER VIGIL		
8:15 AM	No Mass	

Easter Vigil – Cont'd.		
8:00 PM – Italian/English and Spanish		
	† Rose Brino	
	† The Giglio and Kirwan families	
	† Raymond Swan	
	† Georgina Guzman	
	† Virginia Laracuente	
Sunday, April 16, 2017 – EASTER SUNDAY		
7:30 AM	† Aaron Anderson & Antonio Vega	
9:00 AM	† Giovanni Pelosi	
	† Antonio Borzaro	
	† Elena Coscia	
10:30 AM	† Paul Russo	
	† Nina and Antonio Massaro	
12:00 Noon	† Elmer Calabrese	
	† Silvestro Sama	
	† Maria Chiovetta	
	† Giuseppina Montesano	
	† Giuseppe and Domenica Montesano	
	† Maria Ragusa-Rovella	
1:30 PM	† Luz Sanchez-Garcia	
	† Aaron Anderson and Antonio Vega	



HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"The Lord has given me a well trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them... The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced, I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame... Rather he emptied Himself."

From the Prophet Isaiah

With the onset of Holy Week, we walk with Jesus through the saving action He did on our behalf. Because of our need, He became one with us, took upon Himself our sinfulness and redeemed us.

Holy Week offers us the opportunity to reflect on our ongoing needs, and the continued love of Jesus for us today. We do not just return to the Holy City to remember the special moments of the Paschal Triduum, but we enter into the saving work which Jesus accomplishes in us today.

The prophet Isaiah wishes to 'rouse' us to seek God's help, knowing that through His passion Jesus redeemed us and continues to shelter us in His love. May this truly be a week of God's grace for us all.



Your gifts, blessings and generous donations to our Parish Community were as follows:

April 2, 2017 – \$3048 Total Envelopes: 141

Thank you for your continued generous offerings and donations. Please remember to use your parishioner envelopes.

If you missed Mass, please try to make up your weekly contribution. Thank You.



Anointing of the Sick

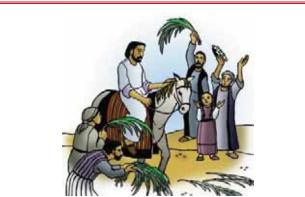
Bring your Sick Brothers and Sisters for the Anointing of the Sick at St. Gerard's Church after the 8:15 AM Mass every third Wednesday of the month. The next anointing will take place:

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Deceased Parishioners:

Please keep in your prayers those of our parishioners, family or friends who have entered into eternal rest. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the eternal light shine upon them.





Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9), when **palm** branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.



PALM SUNDAY

4/9/17-Sunday-Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54 4/10/17-Monday-Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11 4/11/17-Tuesday-Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 4/12/17-Wednesday-Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25 4/13/17-ThursdaY-Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday) Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26: Jn 13:1-15 4/14/17-Friday-Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42 4/15/17-Saturday-Holy Saturday-Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4;

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Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; M28

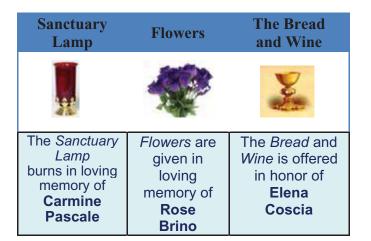
PRAYERS FOR HEALING

The Holy Rosary will be held for the healing for our loved ones and friends every day at 7:45 a.m. in the Church

(Mon.- Sat.) and on Sunday at 8:40 a.m. If you wish to add a name to our Holy Rosary or remove one, please call June at the Rectory (973) 595-8446. The Prayer List is posted on our bulletin board in the back of the Church. PLEASE INFORM US AT THE RECTORY IF ANYONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL AND NEEDS TO BE VISITED.



If you know of anyone in the parish who is sick, homebound and needs communion, confession, any sacramental needs or just a visit, please contact *The Rectory at (973) 595-8446*. We will arrange for a Priest to visit them. Visited this week were: Irene Sciro, Jeannette Masiak, Louise Peterson, Ann Contini, Eleanor Verlardi, Victoriano Placeres, Juan Hildago and Catherine Gravino





ASSORTED PALMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AFTER ALL MASSES



SAMANTHA RAMIREZ celebrated her 15th Birthday with a Mass at St. Gerard's Church on Friday, March 31st. Fr. Louis Caputo, SDV, was the celebrant. She is pictured after placing a floral bouquet by the statute of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



PALM SUNDAY – 4/9/17

- 7:30 AM English 9:00 AM – English 10:30 AM – English/Italian 12:00 Noon – English 1:30 PM – Spanish HOLY THURSDAY - 4/13/17 8:15 AM – No Mass-Morning Prayers 8:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper (English, Italian and Spanish) Adoration 9:30 PM – Children's Choir 10:00 PM – Rosary Society 10:30 PM – Padre Pio Group 11:00 PM – Spanish Prayer Group **GOOD FRIDAY – 4/14/17** 8:15 AM – No Mass 9:00 AM – Morning Prayers followed by Retreat – English and Spanish 12:00 Noon – Meal 1:00 PM – Stations of the Cross – English and Spanish – In Church 3:00 PM – Celebration of the Lord's Passion-English/Spanish/Italian 7:00 PM – Live Stations of the Cross by St. Gerard Majella School Children EASTER VIGIL -4/15/178:15 AM – No Mass 8:00 PM-Easter Vigil-Italian/English Italian EASTER SUNDAY-4/16/17 7:30 AM – English 9:00 AM – English 10:30 AM – English and Italian
- 12:00 Noon English
- 1:30 PM Spanish

DIVINE MERCY – 4/23/17

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy with Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Easter Triduum



The Journey of our Redemption

The Paschal *Triduum (TRID-oo-um,* Latin for "three days," commemorates Christ's redemptive journey through death, burial and resurrection to new life. The Church observes the Triduum as a single event made up of three distinct parts. In accordance with the custom in biblical times, each "day" begins in the evening.

HOLY THURSDAY

The first day of the Triduum is filled with the action of Christ's self-gift. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday commemorates Christ's command that we "love one another." Symbolized in the washing of the feet, the great commission of Christ is made concrete in the eucharist as well as in Jesus' crucifixion on Calvary. The first day of the Paschal Triduum culminates in the solemn veneration of the cross on Good

GOOD FRIDAY

The second day of the Triduum is filled with the silence of the tomb. The solemnity of Good Friday continues throughout the day of Holy Saturday. The Church celebrates no Eucharistic liturgy during the day, but silently prepares for the Easter Vigil celebration in the evening. As Jesus remained in the tomb, so the Church as a whole awaits the coming of the Lord's kingdom.



The third day of the Triduum is filled with the wonder of the resurrection. The Easter Vigil is the high point of the liturgical hyear. The drama of the lighting of the new fire, the blessing of the Paschal candle and the Easter proclamation in the candlelit church set the stage for the recounting of the story of salvation in the Scripture readings. "Alleluia" once again greets the Gospel, and following the homily, we celebrate baptism and the renewal of our baptismal promises. The Paschal Triduum officially concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday, but the wonder of the Easter Season extends for a full 50 day.

In Memoriam

If you wish to remember a loved one in a special way, candles with an inscription of your choosing, are available by the statutes of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Michael, Padre Pio, St. Gerard and St. Joseph. The cost is \$100 for a year. Please call the Rectory at 973-595-8446 with your request.



OFFERTORY GIFTS

If you are having a Mass for a loved one, please let the ushers know so you

can bring up the offertory gifts and receive a blessing from the Priest.