

Shrine Church of St. Gerard Majella
WELCOME KIT

Inside this kit are tools to help me, and my family, invite a neighbor, a friend, a family member, a stranger who is a future friend, back to church, or to go to church for the first time during the season of Lent.

Included in this Kit is the following

- My promise that I will sign and say at Sunday mass before the priest to pray for and then invite a person to church with me for lent.
- A welcome letter from Fr Gannon to the person, of which I will fill out their name, to that they will be personally welcomed to church by my priest.
- The name and information of the person I will invite to church so that Father can pray for that person and, if I ask him, will also reach out to that person to ask them to come to church during lent.
- The schedule of masses, and prayer services that the parish does in lent that I will give to the person who I ask so they have a copy of it.
- A copy of the bulletin so that I can give it to the person I invite.
- A copy of the St. Gerard Novena to give to the person as a gift to pray with and for that person I invite
- A rosary, blessed by Father at Mass, that I will give to the person so they can pray asking Mary and the Holy Spirit to help them in their journey to church.

**SHRINE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA
PROMISE TO INVITE ANOTHER TO CHURCH DURING LENT**

Your Name:

Today's Date:

I,

A parishioner of the Shrine Church of St. Gerard Majella, in Hollis Queens, promise before God and at the celebration of the Eucharist to pray over who God is calling me to invite to come to church with me during the season of Lent and into Easter.

I promise to personally invite that person, via a conversation, an email, a Facebook PM, a Text, a phone call, a letter, to come with me to Mass for Lent.

I promise to pray for that person and ask that person at least two separate times to come to church with me.

I ask the community to pray to the Holy Spirit for me, that I be given the gift of courage in my invitation and that I trust in Mother Mary, St. Gerard, and in God to guide me in being a modern evangelist and witness in my invitation.

I make this promise freely, as a baptized child of God and member of this parish, because I love God, my parish, and the catholic faith and I desire to share this with all those I encounter.

Signed,

Shrine Church of St. Gerard Majella

**Name of person I am going to welcome, or welcome back to church
this Lent**

MY NAME:

MY PHONE NUMBER:

MY EMAIL:

**THE NAME OF THE PERSON I AM GOING TO ASK, AT LEAST TWO
TIMES, VIA CONVERSATION, VIA SOCIAL MEDIA, VIA A WRITTEN
LETTER, TO COME TO CHURCH WITH ME DURING LENT AND EASTER**

NAME OF PERSON:

**ADDRESS OF PERSON (IF YOU HAVE IT SO THAT FATHER CAN SEND
THEM A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND PRAYER IN THEIR JOURNEY
IF YOU ASK HIM TO AS PART OF THIS PROCESS:**

ADDRESS OF PERSON:

EMAIL OF PERSON:

PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON:

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Dear Friend,

I am the pastor of the Shrine Church of St. Gerard Majella in Hollis. You are receiving this letter because your friend and neighbor who cares for you and your soul has been praying about inviting you to come to mass during the Lent and Easter Season.

Please accept this invitation as a prayer and an opportunity from myself, your friend, and by the community come to mass. If you are not catholic, you are welcome to come and pray with your friend. If you are catholic but have not been to church in a while, or feel funny because you do not have all your sacraments or you have not been living a active catholic faith, you are welcome here. If you left because of something that a member of the church, or the clergy said or did to you or a member of your family, know that I am deeply sorry for that, but that you are welcome here without judgement.

If you are confused, or afraid, because you received this invitation, that is okay as well. Please know it is because your friend cares for you and wants you to share in the love of God.

I ask you, in good faith, to pray about this invitation, talk to the person who has invited you, they did so for a reason. Trust in the Holy Spirit, and in your friend, who invited you and will go to church with you when you come.

I will be praying for you as well, and if you have questions or desire to reach out to me before or after coming to church you are most welcome to do so.

God bless and I look forward to meeting you in person on the Lord's Day.

Fr Josephjude Gannon
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Mass Schedule

9am Mass Monday – Saturday

Monday and Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday after 9am Mass – Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday after the 9am Mass – Novena to St. Gerard Majella

Monday and Wednesday during Adoration - Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary
Last Tuesday of the Month – 9am is dedicated to the dwelling of the Holy Spirit

The Church is open all day for private prayer

Monday to Thursday 8am to 8pm

Friday 8am to 10pm

Saturday 8am to 6pm

Sunday 7:15am to 3pm

Friday Night

English Charismatic Group -Rectory from 7:30pm-9pm

Spanish Charismatic Group – Church from 7:30pm to 10pm

Youth and Young Adult Prayer and Witness Group

Friday Night 7pm-9pm Rectory

Confessions

Saturday 4:15pm and by appointment with priest

Weekend Mass Schedule

(Saturday Night and Sunday)

Saturday 5pm Night mass (English)

Sunday

8:15am (English)

9:45 (Spanish)

11:30 (English)