



SHRINE CHURCH OF SAINT GERARD MAJELLA

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April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS:

Business Office — Ext. 10

Monday 9 am to 4 pm	Tuesday 9 am to 4 pm
Wednesday 9 am to 4 pm	Thursday 9 am to 4 pm
Friday 9 am to 2 pm & 5 pm to 8 pm	Saturday 9 am to 12 pm

No office hours on Sunday.

Shrine Church of St. Gerard Majella or #SGMHOLLIS on Facebook and see Youtube

Please call the office to make an appointment to speak with a priest or deacon.

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY for registered members living in 11423 area code: Tuesday 1 to 4 pm only.

MASSES:

Monday thru Saturday:	9:00 am
Saturday:	5:00 pm – Fulfills Sunday Obligation
Sunday:	8:15 am & 11:30 am in English
	9:45 am in Spanish

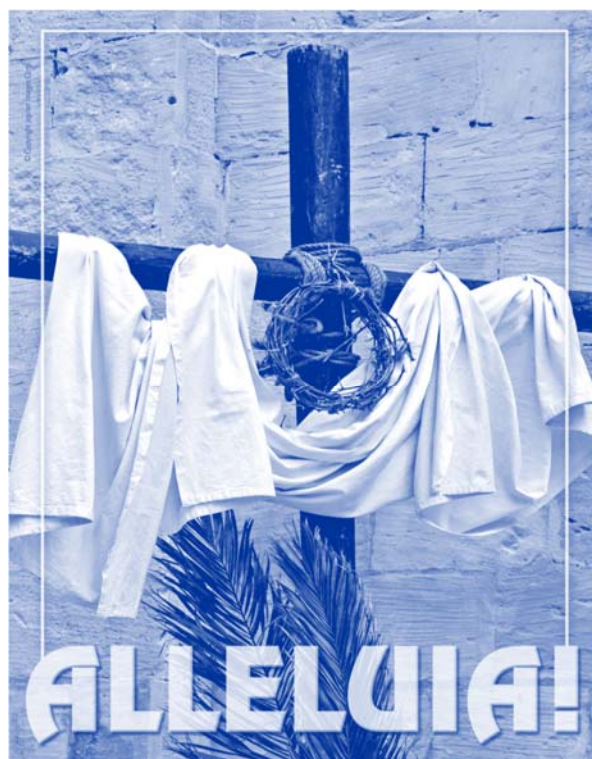
Holy Day Masses: As Announced

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 pm
And by Appointment at other times by calling ext 25

DEVOTIONS all are welcome:

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday 9:20 am
St. Gerard Majella Novena: Wednesday 9:20 am



“He has been raised from the dead, and He is going before you to Galilee.”
- Matthew 28:7

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Urgent calls at any time of day or night. We ask that arrangements for the reception of Holy Communion for the Homebound be made by calling the office during business hours.

HOSPITAL: Please inform us of any parishioner who has been admitted to a Hospital or Nursing Home.

NEW MEMBERS: Please register by filling out the form found on the back inside cover of this bulletin or by calling the Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes for our children Sundays at 10:00 am, from the end of September to end of May. They must attend the 11:30 am Mass with their parents and family. To register your child, please contact Mrs. Macchio at Ext 22.

R.C.I.A.: Rite of Christian Initiation – Adults interested in becoming Catholic or who need to receive the sacraments of First Communion and /or Confirmation please contact Deacon Laurence Mc Master at Ext. 15.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Arrangements can be made by calling the office during office hours and leaving a message for one of the deacons. **In English:** Instructions are given on the SECOND & THIRD Sunday of the month beginning with the 11:30 am Mass followed by instructions at 12:30 pm. Please register at least 8 weeks before the Baptism by setting up an interview appointment with Deacon Laurence McMaster E 15 by calling the office. Baptism is generally on the fourth Sunday of the month.

En español: Cada dos meses el tercer domingo. Se requiere que los padres que desean bautizar a sus hijos vengan a la misa y asistan a clases previas de preparación. Para más información deben hablar con el Diácono Guillermo D. Gómez a Ext. 35.

MARRIAGES: Church Wedding arrangements should be made before Reception plans are finalized so that the date will be available at the Church. Please make arrangements at least six months to a year before the proposed date.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or* **(2) Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or*

Matthew 28:1-10 The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

A Message from our Pastor

Happy Tax Weekend!!!! This is the weekend the government asks us to make an accounting of our financial holdings and pay what is due for the good working of our American Society.

IT IS ALSO EASTER SO..., Happy Easter!!!! This is the day we celebrate that Jesus has made an accounting of our Sins to God the Father and that we have been forgiven of our sins by God. Jesus paid what we owed to God by his Cross. Praise be to God. I bet you never knew that Tax weekend and Easter had anything in common. But, they are both about paying what you owe.

Thank God for Jesus and His gift of the cross and His Resurrection and His going to the Father so the Holy Spirit can come to us. Thank God for His gift of the Sacraments and the church so that He will never leave us alone. Thank God for His love for us.

As we celebrate Easter let us give thanks and remember the great gift Jesus has given us and continues to give us, Himself. And let us praise His Holy Name as we celebrate His gift of relationship with us today.

God bless, Fr Gannon



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APRIL:

Lamps, Altar Breads & Wine
Donated by Tony & Denise Das

In Thanksgiving



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays from 9:30 am until 11:30am

Wednesdays from 9:30 am until 11:30 am sponsored by the Haitian Jesus and Mary Prayer Group. All are welcome!

Please pray for those who need healing:



*Ronnie Parsolano
Myriam Duarte
Myriam Correa
Maria & Lola Pabon*

*Perla Ionavaski
Gislaine Ulysses
Pedro Sanchez*



Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



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Lector & Eucharistic Minister Schedule for the Weekend of 4/22-4/23

Lectors

Saturday, 5 PM: D. Das & M. Celestin

Sunday, 8:15 AM: I. Rambana & A. Ally

11:30 AM: S. Jayson & Y. Reid-Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 5 PM: A. Das & J. James

Sunday, 8:15 AM: M. Dupont & V. Reyes

11:30 AM: T.R. Joy & M. Joy

**OUR BUSINESS OFFICE IS CLOSED:
EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 17**

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24). Let us remember that these words of today's responsorial psalm are not only sung from the hearts of those gathered in our parish. They are also sung by the poor in tiny barrios throughout Central and South America. They are sung by those denied religious freedom in our world; these Christians lift their voices in clandestine places of worship. These words are sung by people who have lost loved ones to acts of terrorism and war around the globe. Even in the midst of conflict and division, Christians still come together to declare that poverty, loneliness, violence, and division will never, ever have as much power as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Indeed, let us rejoice this day and be glad!

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Easter is nearly three weeks later this year than last. Why does the date wobble around the calendar so? The way of calculating the date was set by the Emperor Constantine in 325. The decision ended a very bitter controversy in the church. Some people wanted to synchronize the Pasch with Passover on the fourteenth day of the Jewish month Nissan, and their opponents wanted it after the Passover was complete, on the Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. The ecclesiastical rules do not exactly connect with the astronomical rules. The emperor squashed the hopes of the quartodecimans, as the fans of 14 Nissan were called, and chose Sunday. The traditional rule is that Easter is the first Sunday after the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox, the fourteenth day of the new moon, and later than March 21. Thus, Easter wobbles between March 22 and April 25.

The actual tables and methods for computing the date are extraordinarily detailed, with subtle variations and mind-bending exceptions and charts with "golden numbers," "dominical letters," and "epacts" measuring leap years. In 1954 and 1962 the ecclesiastical calculations actually overrode the astronomical new moons and bumped Easter back a month! Today, there is a movement in the World Council of Churches (Protestants and Orthodox) for all Christians to combine their celebrations, based on the star charts for the Jerusalem skies. In principle, the Catholic Church is open to an ecumenical agreement on a fixed date for Easter, but we desire a unanimous decision from the World Council.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

INCOME & EXPENSES for the week of April 3rd

First Collection	\$ 2,668
Second Collection	1,059
Total Collection	\$ 3,727
Average Cost per week	<u>(8,425.00)</u>
(Deficit) for the week	<u>(4,698.00)</u>
Special Collection:	
Flower Offering	798.00



Deacon Guillermo Gomez and his wife, Rosa, are very grateful to the St. Gerard's community for their prayers, support and love shown for the death of Rosa's father, Rafael A. Gomez.

May God bless you always!

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain, and Lourdes
Join Fr. Peter Kaczmarek,
Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn
Oct. 25—Nov. 3, 2017

Information night on April 24 at 8 pm at
St. Francis of Assisi Church
29 Clay Pitts Road, Greenlawn, NY
631-757-7435

Generations of Faith

Total Pledged	\$566,105.00
Total received	\$178,317.00
Total delinquent	\$ 36,155.69
Total families pledged	183
Total Delinquent with no Payment 30 equaling:	\$17,939.43
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Please continue to make your pledge payments!

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¡Por favor continúe a hacer sus pagos de la promesa!



COMUNIDAD HISPANA

**Domingo de Pascua:
La Resurrección del Señor
16 de abril**

REGOCIJÉMONOS Y ALEGRÉMONOS

“¡Este es el día en que actuó el Señor: sea nuestra alegría y nuestro gozo!” (Salmo 118:24). Recordemos que estas palabras del salmo responsorial de hoy no sólo brotan del corazón de los que están reunidos en nuestra parroquia. También son cantadas por los pobres en pequeños barrios de toda América Central y Sudamérica. Son cantadas por aquellos a los que se les niega la libertad religiosa en nuestro mundo; estos cristianos elevan sus voces en lugares de culto clandestinos. Son cantadas por personas que han perdido seres queridos a manos del terrorismo y la guerra alrededor del mundo. Incluso en medio del conflicto y la división, los cristianos nos unimos para declarar que la pobreza, la soledad, la violencia y la división nunca jamás tendrán tanto poder como la Vida, la Muerte y la Resurrección de Jesucristo. Sin duda, ¡regocijémonos este día y alegrémonos!

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Hace 3,000 años los chinos pintaban huevos de pato para celebrar la primavera. Los egipcios pintaban huevos en honor de la diosa Ishtar, mientras ingleses y alemanes lo hacían para celebrar al sol. Eventualmente la práctica continuó en honor de la resurrección de Cristo.

La costumbre de esconder huevos hervidos y pintados ha tomado nueva vida entre los mexicanamericanos. Cada Cuaresma mi mamá solía guardar los cascarones de los huevos que nos comíamos. Recuerdo con alegría la costumbre de colorear los cascarones el Sábado de Gloria para que la coneja nos los escondiera para la Pascua. Al día siguiente, después de Misa nos reuníamos a buscar cascarones y romperlos sobre la cabeza de quien se arrimara, para bañarlos con el confeti multicolor.

La costumbre de celebrar la Pascua con cascarones decorados es una bella tradición. Esta costumbre muestra que todas las naciones pueden agregar a la Iglesia cristiana tradiciones propias de su cultura, ya que Jesucristo dio su vida por todas ellas. Es justo celebrar la Resurrección del autor de la vida con símbolos de fecundidad y todos los colores del gozo.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



MENSAJE DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

¡Feliz Fin de Semana de Impuestos! Este es el fin de semana que el gobierno nos pide cuenta de nuestro estado financiero para que paguemos lo debido en bien de nuestra sociedad americana. TAMBIÉN ES PASCUA, ASÍ que ¡FELICES PASCUA DE RESURRECCIÓN! En este día celebramos que Jesús dio al Padre cuenta de nuestros pecados y que nosotros hemos sido perdonados por Dios. Jesús pagó en la cruz lo que nosotros debíamos al Padre. Alabado sea Dios. Apuesto a que no sabían que el fin de semana de los impuestos y la Pascua tienen algo en común. Ambos tienen que ver con pagar lo que debemos.

Gracias a Dios por Jesús, por su regalo de la cruz, su Resurrección y por su regreso al Padre a fin de que el Espíritu Santo pudiera venir a nosotros. Gracias a Dios por el regalo de los sacramentos y de la Iglesia, de modo que nunca nos deja solos. Gracias a Dios por el amor que nos tiene. Al celebrar la Pascua de Resurrección, démosle gracias y recordemos el gran regalo que Jesús nos ha dado y nos sigue dando en sí mismo. Y alabemos su santo Nombre al celebrar el regalo de su relación con nosotros hoy.

¡Que Dios les bendiga! Padre Gannon

¡Gracias!

El diácono Guillermo Gómez y Rosa, su esposa, agradecen inmensamente a la comunidad de San Gerardo por sus oraciones y por sus muestras de apoyo y amor en el momento doloroso del fallecimiento de Rafael A. Gómez, el padre de Rosa.

Que Dios les pague.

LECTURAS PARA EL de abril 23 del 2017

Primera lectura — Todos los creyentes vivían unidos y compartían todo cuanto tenían (Hechos 2:42-47).

Salmo — Den gracias a Dios porque es bueno, su amor es eterno (Salmo 118 [117]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos concedió renacer a la vida que esperamos por la resurrección de Jesucristo de entre los muertos. (1 Pedro 1:3-9).

Evangelio — Felices los que creen sin haber visto (Juan 20:19-31).

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