



SHRINE CHURCH OF SAINT GERARD MAJELLA

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MR. GILBERT RODRIGUEZ	Youth Ministry Coordinator—Ext. 26
MRS. DENISE DAS	Adult Faith Ministry Coordinator –Ext 17
MRS. LUCY GUZMAN	Admin. Assistant to the Pastor— Ext. 27

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

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.

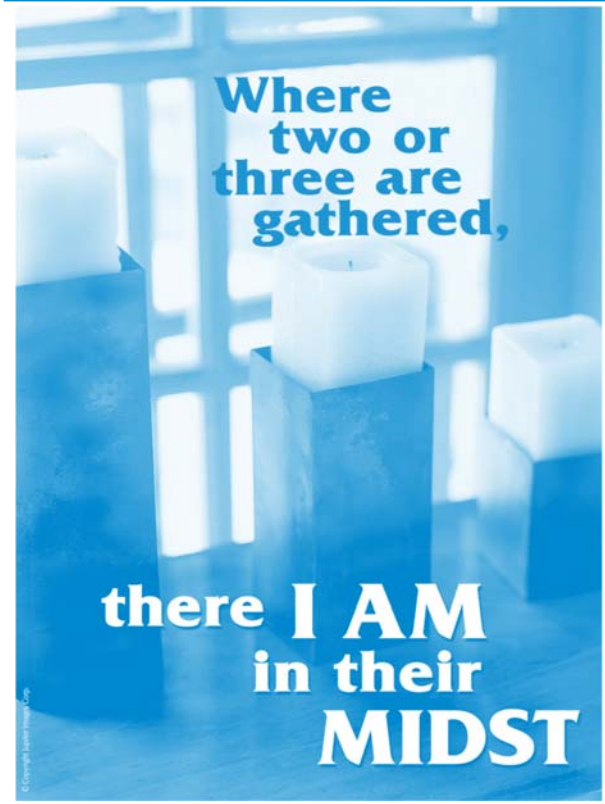
R.C.I.A.: Rite of Christian Initiation – Adults interested in becoming Catholic or who need to receive the sacraments of First Communion and /or Confirmation please contact Deacon Laurence Mc Master at Ext. 15.

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.

September 10, 2017
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



“If my death has not convinced you of My love, what will?”

–Jesus to St. Faustina

Parish Meetings at St. Gerard Majella

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: 2nd & 4th Tues. – 8pm ST. JOSEPH CONF. RM. RECTORY

CHOIR REHEARSALS: CHURCH - SPEAK TO ANN for practice schedule and to JOIN THE CHOIR!!!

FAMILY OF CHRIST PRAYER GROUP Fridays at 8 pm BVM CONF. RM. RECTORY All are Welcome! Contact Ofelia or Margie for schedule and to join.

JESUS ESTA VIVO PRAYER GROUP Fridays at 8 pm in CHURCH

JESUS & MARY PRAYER GROUP Wednesdays after 9 am Mass

YOUTH NIGHT 8 to 12 grade - every Friday 7:30 pm in Rectory St. Joseph's conference room. **PLEASE JOIN US!**

SPANISH LEGION OF MARY — contact Hilda Cortes for details.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: *please bring NON PERISHABLE FOOD to church or office during the week.*

The 9 am Mass on the **First Saturday** of the month is for those enrolled in the **PURGATORIAL SOCIETY**. To enroll a loved one for a year, fill out the form below & enclose \$10 donation.



Saint Gerard Majella Parish seeks to provide a festive gathering for all people, of every race and color. A Table at which the lonely find company, the hungry savor rich food and fine wine and strangers enjoy warm family ties. Our prayer is that we may draw our new neighbors from other lands into a loving community and that our Eucharistic table may prefigure our oneness with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

St. Gerard Majella is the patron saint of expectant mothers and couples trying to conceive, as well as the protector of mothers and children, born and unborn and the wrongly accused.

Please complete the lower part of this form and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the office.

PRINT ! DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ Apt # _____

CITY & ZIP _____

PHONE(S): () _____ () _____

E-mail _____

____ New Registration **Want 2017 donation envelopes**

____ Request St. Gerard Novena prayers for: _____

____ Enroll in Purgatorial Society: _____

____ Enclosed please find **\$10 per person** enrolled / send card to me FOR: _____

____ I know some one in the parish that is physically, mentally, visually or hearing impaired. Please have the Disability Advocate Ms. Celestine contact me at the phone number listed above.

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, September 9:
9:00 AM – Intentions of Jules Ulysses
5:00 PM — in Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, September 10:
8:15 AM— Intentions of Susana & Joe Armengol & Family
9:45 AM – La Santísima Virgen María, de parte del grupo Legión de María; † Adolfo, Mariana & Elvis Tejada; † Manuel D. Jacala; † Luis Herrera;

11:30 AM – Intentions of Jules Ulysses

MONDAY, September 11:
9:00 AM – † Victims & Heroes of 9/11

TUESDAY, September 12:
9:00 AM – † Enrique Camacho

WEDNESDAY, September 13:
9:00 AM — In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima

THURSDAY, September 14:
9:00 AM – † Anthony & Elda Boutin, Verna, Jeanne, & Dr. Luc LaPommeray, and Icelia Guarand

FRIDAY, September 15:
9:00 AM — † Ramesh Ramanugam (Death Anniversary)

SATURDAY, September 16:
9:00 AM – Action of Grace for St. Gerard
5:00 PM — Intentions of Rose Anne Lucas, In Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, September 17:
8:15 AM— Intentions of Irene & Dolores Loria
9:45 AM – † Saba Castiblanco y Geronimo Rodriguez; Familia Bustos y Rodriguez; Emiliano Zuniga; † Bernabe Corona; People of the Parish

2017 Purgatorial Society

Virgilio Mignardi	Breva Bastien
Bernarda Tejada	Hermance Orvil
Lucrece Pierre Louis	Belavoir Vilsaint
Angelita Sanchez-Torres	Paulette Ulysse
Arturo Olarte Sanchez	Smith Louis
Adan Sanchez	Hector Rodriguez
Jenny Olarte	Gloria Gonzales
Leonar del Valle	Rafael Antonio Gomez
Bertha Cortes de Lopez	Jerry Sperling
John Henry Castro	Winston A. Lapaz
Miguel Hidalgo	Benjamin Pineda
Vincent Pereira	Elvina & Ernest Thevenin
Judith Ricot Payan	Beata de Guzman
Desir Saintfort	Eileen & Brian Keller
Jean Briere Lombard	Helen & Thomas Ghaney
Marie Montreuil	Gumercindo Castro
Gerard Montreuil	Catherine Ching Macuha
Frank Leto	Jose Valentin Batista
Lillian Pinder	Edita M. Batista
Linda Velasco Hoessler	Amado Rojas
Victoria Reyes	Tomasina Rosario
Ferdinand Duverglas	Cresencia Rojas
Lucienne Ulysse	Alejandrina Guzman
Octavie Percy	Carmelina Rosario
Margareth St. Fort	
Andrea Jean Bastien	

A Message from our Pastor

This week the Federal Government made an announcement that in six months they will end the DACA program (also known as the program for "Dreamers.") These are children of undocumented immigrants who came to the United States as Children and have only known America as their home. President Obama created the program as an attempted answer to the question to what we do as a nation with these good young people who are a productive part of our society. However, his approach of the DACA program was a good step it was not the answer because it is not a Law, it is only an executive action that can be changed by any future President at any time. A Law, voted on by both houses of Congress, signed by the President and holding up any Supreme Court decision is the strongest legal protection and also the best way for us, as a country and society, to solve this issue.

Bishop DiMarzio has spoken on this issue many times in the past and has currently put out a statement on the current issue again. His voice, is my voice. We need to address this issue. We also need to address it remembering that every "Dreamer" is a human being made in the image and likeness of God and many of them are also Catholic, coming from very Catholic Central American Countries and are a very important part of our parishes and catholic community. I personally know a number of "Dreamers" and I know this is a hard time for them. There is a large temptation to now live in fear and disappear into the shadows. I stand with you as does the Parish and the Diocese. You are not alone in this complicated time.

The question as good Catholic Americans is not who can we demonize and blame. People of good will and conscience can disagree on government policy on this issue. It is very complicated! The question that we have to ask ourselves are:

Are each of us reaching out by phone to our elected Federal Senators and Representatives and telling them to get to work on writing a bill that will be able to pass a vote and solve this issue in the next six months. That is how we solve it!

Do we treat every person we meet, even if we disagree with their politics and policy as made in the image and likeness of God or do we demonize them?

Do we vote in elections? Do we get involved in politics as a Catholic Citizen or do we just complain, put a post up on Facebook, and then do nothing to legally change the situation?

I encourage every parishioner to pray for all our elected officials, they have a lot of work to do and it is not easy work.

I ask every parishioner to call our Federal Senators and Representatives and say, "Get a bill going for DACA that will pass both houses."

And I encourage every parishioner to get involved in society. Reach out to a "Dreamer" and let them know they are not alone, and ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to guide and protect us all.



SEPTEMBER Lamps, Altar Breads & Wine

For the Intentions of JULES ULYSSES

Please pray for those who need healing:



*Ronnie Parsolano
Maria & Lola Pabon
Perla Ionavaski
Gislaine Ulysses
Pedro Sanchez
Randy Singh
Mario &
Ursula Lainfiesta*

*Hailey Wright
Joel Rivera
Rosie Rol
Rob Hall
Hilda Schwenzer
Tommy Russo
Laura Moreno
Eileen Cerisi*

Join Fr. Josephjude Gannon for an 8-week Psalms study starting this Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 8 pm in the St. Joseph's Conference room in the rectory, every consecutive week.



What can I do as a Parishioner to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

Support parish functions. Your participation in parish functions is important. Not only will you benefit in terms of your own spiritual growth, you will be setting a fine example for your friends and neighbors. Having the parish as a focal point in your life can be an impetus for others to do the same. Such an atmosphere gives rise to church vocations.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Is looking for volunteers age 18+ for their Friendly Visiting Program. This is a support service for isolated seniors in our community.

**Please contact Mary Browne, LMSW
(718) 217-0126 Ext.7169 for more info.**



Knights of Columbus,
Jamaica Council 337

Invite you to
Coffee Hour today, Sunday
Join us after the 8:15am MASS!

INCOME & EXPENSES for:

	8/27	9/3
First Collection	\$ 1,538.00	\$1,747.00
Second Collection	682.00	601.00
Total Collection	\$ 2,220 .00	\$2,348.00
Average Cost per week	<u>(8,425.00)</u>	<u>(8,425.00)</u>
(Deficit) for the week	<u>(6,205.00)</u>	<u>(6,077.00)</u>

Do you want to establish a deeper and personal relationship with the Lord?

All are invited to come and join the
Family of Christ Prayer Group
Every Friday night at 8pm

Blessed Virgin Mary Conference room
in the rectory of St. Gerard's

For more info contact:

Margie Fontanilla (347-721-7622)
Ofelia De Jesus (347-417-6108)

PILGRIMAGE TO DUBLIN, IRELAND & Attendance at the 9th World Meeting of Families

Join Bishop Massa and the School of Evangelization on this 9 day pilgrimage August 19-27, 2018
Contact Peter's Way Tours
500 North Broadway, Suite 221, Jericho, NY 11753
(800) 225-7662 or (516) 605-1551
Enrollment & deposit due by November 30, 2017

New Beginnings Center of Hope Celebrates "Knights" to Remember



Special Thank You to The Knights of Columbus Thursday, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

6 -7:30 PM

90-26 161 Street 2nd Floor
Jamaica, NY 11432

Celebrate with us as we acknowledge Champions of Our Community and take a tour of our "new" pregnancy resource center facility.



Lector & Eucharistic Minister Schedule for the Weekend of 9/16-9/17

Lectors

Saturday, 5 PM: D. Das, L. Greenstein
Sunday, 8:15 AM: O. DeJesus, G. Go
11:30 AM: A. Persaud, V. Exil

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 5 PM: J. James, A. Das
Sunday, 8:15 AM: M. Doyle, P. Ramcharram
11:30 AM: M. Joy, TR Joy



LIVE IN Faith GIVE IN Love

Registered ACA Members 1,064
Families who have Pledged 105
Goal \$21,801
Total pledged \$20,915

Please continue to make your pledge payments!

Los miembros registrados ACA 1,064
Total de familias con promesa 105
Gol \$21,801
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¡Por favor continúe a hacer sus pagos de la promesa!

COMUNIDAD HISPANA
10 de septiembre de 2017
Vigésimo Tercer Domingo
del Tiempo Ordinario

MENSAJE DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Mensaje del Padre Gannon sobre DACA

Esta semana el Gobierno Federal anunció que en seis meses pondrá fin al programa DACA (La Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia), también conocido como el programa DREAMERS - "Soñadores". Estos son hijos de inmigrantes indocumentados que llegaron a los Estados Unidos como Niños y sólo han conocido a Estados Unidos como su casa. El presidente Obama creó el programa como un intento de respuesta a la pregunta de lo que hacemos como nación con estos jóvenes buenos que son una parte productiva de nuestra sociedad. Sin embargo, su enfoque del programa DACA fue un buen paso, no fue la respuesta porque no es una ley, es sólo una acción ejecutiva que puede ser cambiada por cualquier futuro presidente en cualquier momento. Una ley, votada por ambas cámaras del Congreso, firmada por el Presidente y aguantando cualquier decisión de la Corte Suprema es la más fuerte protección legal y también la mejor manera para nosotros, como país y sociedad, para resolver este problema.

Obispo DiMarzio ha hablado sobre este tema muchas veces en el pasado y ha vuelto a emitir una declaración sobre el tema actual. Su voz es mi voz. Necesitamos abordar esta cuestión. También debemos abordarla recordando que cada "Soñador" es un ser humano hecho a imagen y semejanza de Dios y muchos de ellos también católicos, procedentes de países católicos centroamericanos, son una parte muy importante de nuestras parroquias y comunidad católicas. Yo personalmente conozco a una serie de "Soñadores" y sé que esto es un momento difícil para ellos. Hay una gran tentación de vivir ahora en el miedo y desaparecer en las sombras. Yo estoy con ustedes como lo hace la Parroquia y la Diócesis. No estás solo en este tiempo complicado.

La pregunta como buenos católicos norteamericanos no es quién podemos demonizar y culpar. Las personas de buena voluntad y conciencia pueden estar en desacuerdo con la política del gobierno sobre este tema. ¡Es muy complicado! La pregunta que tenemos que hacernos es:

¿Están cada uno de nosotros poniéndose en contacto por teléfono con nuestros senadores y representantes federales elegidos y diciéndoles que se pongan a trabajar en la redacción de un proyecto de ley que será capaz de aprobar una votación y resolver este problema en los próximos seis meses? ¡Así es como lo solucionamos!

¿Tratamos a todas las personas con las que nos reunimos, incluso si no estamos de acuerdo con su política y acciones políticas, hechas a la imagen y semejanza de Dios, o las demonizamos?

¿Votamos en las elecciones? ¿Nos involucramos en la política como un ciudadano católico o simplemente nos quejamos, ponemos un mensaje en Facebook y luego no hacemos nada para cambiar legalmente la situación?

Animo a cada parroquiano a orar por todos nuestros funcionarios electos, tienen mucho trabajo por hacer y no es un trabajo fácil.

Pido a todos los feligreses que llamen a nuestros Senadores y Representantes Federales y digan: "Pongan un proyecto de ley para DACA que pasará en ambas cámaras del gobierno."

Y animo a cada parroquiano a involucrarse en la sociedad. Llegue a un "Dreamer/ Soñador" y hágales saber que no están solos, y pídale a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe que nos guíe y nos proteja a todos.

Que Dios les bendiga, Padre Gannon



la hora del café—Hoy

Hoy tendremos nuestro compartir mensual comunitario, inmediatamente después de la Misa en Español. Invitamos a todos los feligreses a una taza de café o chocolate con pan y, especialmente a compartir unos con otros como familia.

