

Saint Gerard Majella Church

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*Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019*



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Rev. James Butts, S.D.V.
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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 4:30PM to 5:15PM
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.



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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
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 14, 2019-Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM For all law enforcement officers

5:30 PM † Rose Brino
 † Joseph and Lucy Gioffre
 † James Kennon
 † Frances and Joseph Raineri
 † Susan Autieri
 † Michael F. Spatuzzo
 † Celinda Montoya

Sunday, December 15, 2019-Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM † Donna and Dominic DeRalph
 † Carmine Federico
 9:00 AM † Joan Antonucci – 1 Year Mass
 † Elena Coscia
 10:30 AM † Giaquinto and Ruggiero deceased
 † Charlie Ramirez
 † Paul Bevacqua
 † Angelo and Giovanna Iozia

Special Intentions for Pino Ruggiero

Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

12:00 PM † Salvatore Cannata – 13 Year Mass
 † Eleanor Verlardi
 † Raynaldo Villasenor
 † James Marino

1:30 PM † Ligia Diaz

Accion de Gracias a Jesus Virgen Maria, San Martin Porres and San Jose

Resurreccion de Jesus Prayer Group Mass

Monday, December 16, 2019-

6:30 AM For the unemployed

8:15 AM † Rosita Guzman

Birthday blessings for Rafael F. Laracuenta

6:00 to 7:00 PM – Adoration and Confession

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

6:30 AM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

8:15 AM † Connie Bello-Carpenter

Wednesday, December 18, 2019-

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

6:30 AM For the souls in Purgatory

8:15 AM † Joan Antonucci – 1 Year Mass

Thursday, December 19, 2019

6:30 AM For the unborn

8:15 AM † Caterina and Pietro Romeo

† Birthday remembrance for Marie DeFlora

7:00 PM – Spanish Prayer Group

Friday, December 20, 2019-

6:30 AM For all those serving in the Military

8:15 AM Birthday blessings for Mary Gail Redding

7:00 PM – Padre Pio Mass and Christmas Party

Saturday, December 21, 2019-

St. Peter Canisus, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM For all law enforcement officers

Saturday, December 21, 2019 – Cont'd.

12 Noon – Baptism of Joselyn Torres

1:00 PM – Baptism of Mia Skylar Stokes

5:30 PM † Rose Brino

† Lillian Maio – 1-Year Mass

Sunday, December 22, 2019-Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM † Jose Mulero

9:00 AM † Joan Antonucci

† Teresa Manzo

10:30 AM Healing for Maria Onnembo

Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

12:00 PM † Paul Bevacqua

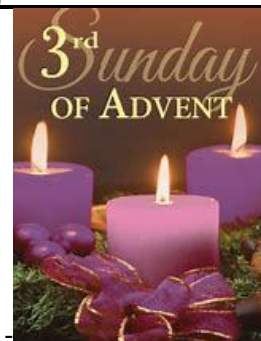
† Angelo and Josephine Antonucci

1:30 PM † Mayra del Carmen Rivera

† Fransico Cabada

† Juan Evangelista Cabada

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“Be patient my brothers until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer awaits the precious yield of the soil. He looks forward to it patiently while the soil receives the winter and spring rains. You too must be patient. Ready your hearts because the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

A reading from the Letter of St. James

We have met the prophet Isaiah, listened to the announcement of John the Baptist and joined with Mary as the third figure of advent. All have reminded us to prepare, ready our hearts, and reflect on what the coming of the Savior means for us today.

A restless world pays little attention to the need for and presence of a Savior. Many good people pay only lip service to the Bethlehem birth as a fond memory. Hurting people are looking for the presence and mercy of Jesus, which we are able to bring, but somehow, we forget our role.

We do not seek a blown reed, someone luxuriously dressed, but a prophet calling us to make the Lord's presence known and felt.

Let's use the example given to us by James. The stores and florists are filled with poinsettias, bright reds, whites and some hybrids. The farmer must prune, water, and then cover them for specific hours to have them bloom at the proper moment. When you see a plant, remember the patient care of the farmer preparing, and then prepare yourself.

HIS WORD TODAY,
by Rev. William J. Reilly

MASS CHANGE

There will be no 6:30 am Mass starting Monday, December 23rd. Mass will resume on Monday, January 6th.



Bible Readings

Third Sunday of Advent

12/15/19-Sunday-Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
 12/16/19-Monday-Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27
 12/17/19-Tuesday-Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
 12/18/19-Wednesday-Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
 12/19/19-Thursday-Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
 12/20/19-Friday-Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
 12/21/19-Saturday-Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Sanctuary Lamp



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of
Ann Lischak

Flowers



Flowers are given in loving memory of
Rose Brino

The Bread and Wine



The Bread and Wine is offered in memory of
Salvatore Cannata



Thank You

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

DECEMBER 8, 2019

Total: \$3210 Envelopes: 97

Christmas Flowers: \$158

Immaculate Conception: \$287

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 donation.



Pastoral Care

If you know of anyone in the parish who is sick or homebound and needs communion, confession, any sacramental needs or just a visit, please contact *The Rectory* at (973) 595-8446. Visited this week were: Irene Sciro, Louise Peterson, Ann Contini, Giovanna Cannata, Catherine Gravino & Silvester Hernandez.

Lectors

Weekend of December 21st and 22nd

Time	Mass	Name
5:30 PM	English	June and Lillian
7:30 AM	English	Frances
9:00 AM	English	Ruth and Carol
10:30 AM	Eng/Ital.	Tino and June
12:00 PM	English	Carmella and Regina
1:30 PM	Spanish	Diany, Elma and Luis



Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend of December 21st and 22nd

Time	Mass	Name
5:30 PM	English	Carol, Marie and George
7:30 AM	English	
9:00 AM	English	Alexandra and Irene
10:30 AM	English	Christine
12 Noon	English	Claudia and Wdsbing



Bring your Baby Jesus and Nativity Sets to Church next weekend to be Blessed at all Masses.

OUR NEW GOSPEL COVER



We extend a very special **Thank You** to our Resurreccion de Jesus Spanish Prayer Group for their donation of our new Gospel Cover. Their generosity is deeply appreciated.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS



A mass honoring the Immaculate Conception was celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Fr. Gustavo was the celebrant.

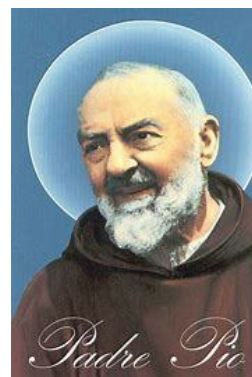


THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

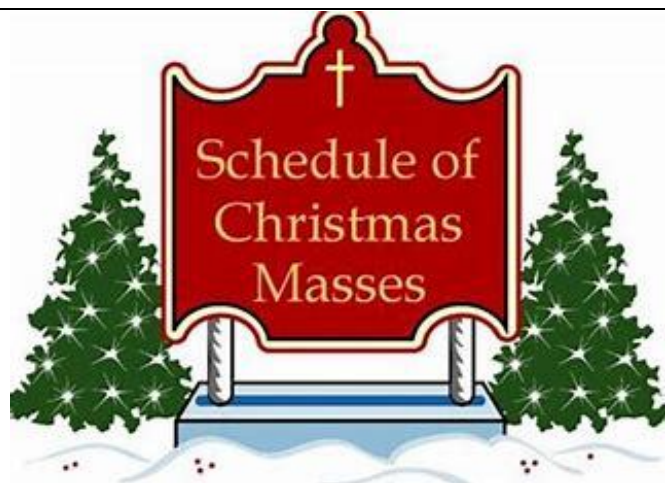
Gaudete Sunday

The Pink Candle represents Joy
Long ago the Pope would honor a citizen with a pink rose. Priests then would wear pink vestments as a reminder of this coming Joy.

**The 2020 Mass Book is now open.
Please call the Rectory with your
Mass Intentions.**



**PADRE PIO MASS and
CHRISTMAS PARTY
FRIDAY, DEC. 20TH – 7:00 pm**



CHRISTMAS EVE

No 8:15 am Mass

**4:30 PM – Christmas Carols by
Families in Christ Jesus**

**4:45 PM – La Posada with Children
of St. Gerard**

5:00 PM – Mass in English

MIDNIGHT MASS–English and Italian

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM

Mass in English

12:00 Noon

Mass in English

1:30 PM

Mass in Spanish



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, December 18th.**

OUR SECOND COLLECTION



This weekend's second collection is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and

religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies-often for little or no pay. Now, their religious communities do not have enough savings for retirement and elder care. Your gift to the Fund helps provide medications, nursing care and more. Please be as generous as possible.

ORDER NOW



Christmas wreaths, plants and grave blankets are now available. Prices are:
Poinsettia – Medium \$10 and large \$15.
Wreaths - \$20. **Centerpieces** - \$15.
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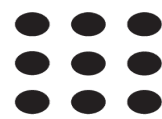
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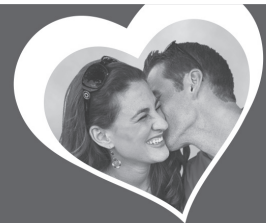


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