



St. Gerard Majella

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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Parish Secretary:

Veronica Bahun

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday:
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

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October 7, 2018
Year – B

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST & RECONCILIATION

Weekend Masses: Weekday Masses :

Saturday : 5:00 p.m.

Sunday : 9:00 a.m.

and 11:00 a.m.

(Children's Liturgy)

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday: 9:30 am

Thursdays in Nursing Homes

at 10:30 a.m.

1st Thursday: Maple View

2nd Thursday: Davey Home

3rd Thursday: Great Northern

Retirement Home

4th Thursday: Cedarwood Lodge

Reconciliation :

Saturday 4:00 pm to
4:30 pm or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass & Anointing

First Tuesday of each month



Parish Mission Statement

St. Gerard Majella Parish strives to be a warm,
welcoming Catholic community where the faithful gather to
celebrate liturgy, to foster faith-sharing and to spread the Good
News by word and action. Nourished by Word and Sacrament,
the community of St. Gerard's supports the spiritual growth,
fellowship and charity of its parishioners.



We are so happy you came to celebrate with us. If you are
new to the Parish and haven't registered, we encourage
you to join our family.

Visit - www.stgerardssm.ca

Food for Thought

"We must love our neighbour as being made in the image of God
and as an object of his love."

St. Vincent de Paul

Email: gmajella@shaw.ca / Web: www.stgerardssm.ca/

Parish Ministry Chairs/Co-ordinators

Finance Committee: Steve Drinkwater

Parish Pastoral Council:

Sharon Mulligan

Building Committee:

Fundraising Committee:

Catholic Women's League [C.W.L.]:

Colleen Murphy

Knights of Columbus[Grand Knight]:

Steve Summers

Liturgy Committee: Susan Cushner

Sacristans: Maeve Coccimiglio

Parish Alive: Toni Nanne-Little

Sacrament Preparation:

Baptism: Sandra Rollin

Reconciliation &

First Holy Communion: Lisa Tomas

Confirmation: Sarah Stickels

Lectors: Toni Nanne-Little

Children's Liturgy: Grace Mitchell

Music:

Susan Cushner

Steve Patterson

Teresa Zuppa

Extraordinary Ministers of the

Eucharist:

Renee Wysynski & Judie Kearns

Ushers: Frank Gallo

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

[RCIA]: Steve Summers

Hospitality: Mary Davies

Prayer Line:

Mary VanBoerdonk & Rhea Emond

The Lord's Cupboard: Jane McNally

Decor Committee: Sheila Beishlag

Funeral Luncheon: Sabina Remondi

Funeral Team – Servers:

Ed Martin & Doreen Simard

Bereavement Cards: Mary Coventry

Communion Service in Nursing

Homes:

Helena Perera

Anna Griswold

Steve Drinkwater

Assist at Masses in Nursing Homes:

Rhea Emond

Coffee Hour:

Anna Griswold & Gina Drinkwater

Parish Social Group: Doreen Simard

Social Justice: Nicole Chouinard

Parish Website: Isabelle Wheten



Mass Intentions

October 9, 2018 – October 14, 2018

Tuesday, October 9 – 7:00 pm

JACK DACEY + by the family

Wednesday, October 10 – 9:30 am

DORN MACLEOD + by Mary Lessard

Thursday, October 11 – 10:30 am

DAVEY HOME – EUGENIO & PASQUA DAPRAT +by the Da Prat family

Friday, October 12 – 10:00 am

ST. BASIL SCHOOL MASS at Precious Blood Cathedral

Saturday, October 13 – 5:00 pm

GIOVANNI & MARINA REMONDI + by Sabina Remondi

Sunday, October 14 – 9:00 am

FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALL PARISHIONERS

11:00 am

CARMINE DILABIO + by Marie Dilabio and family

MANUEL ESTEVES + & MARIA MARTIN + by the Barreiro and Domingues families

Finance Report

Sunday, September 30	\$2330.00
Projector Fund	\$400.00
Sunday, September 30: Electronic Giving	\$986.00
Other	\$217.00
New Entrance/Roof Project	\$170.00
Building Fund/New Entrance Project - To Date	\$262584.00
Total Income	\$3703.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Baptism Preparation Meeting

Our next Baptism preparation session will be on **Wednesday, October 10, 2018** beginning with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please ensure you have registered with the office before attending. Thank you for your consideration!



WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Are you visiting or interested in joining St. Gerard? Welcome!!! If this is your spiritual home we invite you to register with the parish. If you live outside the parish boundaries the only way we are able to assist you is if you are registered with St. Gerard and this is the parish you attend on Sundays. If you are new to the parish please introduce yourself to our pastor.

PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office at 705 949 0435 for an appointment. A Baptism Preparation Course is required for all parents and Godparents. A Godparent must be 16 years of age, baptized Catholic and be Confirmed. Please make arrangements at least one month in advance by contacting the Parish office.

In grade 2, children may receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

RECONCILIATION

At our parish the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated in the first week in March or before the March break.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation for First Holy Communion begins after March break. First Holy Communion is celebrated in May.

CONFIRMATION

The sacrament of Confirmation is available to those who have been baptized, received Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Candidates must be in grade 7 or higher. Confirmation is generally celebrated in November. For more details please call the parish office.

CARE OF THE SICK & HOME BOUND

To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick and/or Eucharist for the home-bound, please contact the parish office. Visits to the hospital are made regularly; please call and let us know you would like a visit.

MARRIAGE

Please make marriage arrangements six (6) months in advance by contacting the Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

It is so heart-warming and a special joy to see young families taking part in the Holy Mass and engaged in the life of the parish. We welcome crying babies! It is a sign that the church is young and alive. We have a committed, caring and energetic team organizing the Children's Liturgy Program every Sunday. We encourage parents to bring your children to participate in the Liturgy of the Word with children during our Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Let us Listen to God's Word

Week of October 8 – October 14

Monday	Gal 1.6-12; Lk 10.25-37
Tuesday	Gal 1.13-24; Lk 10.38-42
Wednesday	Gal 2.1-2, 7-14; Lk 11.1-4
Thursday	Gal 3.1-5; Lk 11.5-13
Friday	Gal 3.6-14++; Lk.11.15-26
Saturday	Gal 3.22-29; Lk 11.27-28

TWENTY-EGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Wisdom 7.7- 11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4.12-13

Gospel: Mark 10.17-30



WEDNESDAY PARISH SOCIAL GATHERINGS

(not just for seniors anymore)

The next Social Gathering will take place on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 in St. Gerard Majella parish hall at 9:30 am. There is a shared coffee time, treats and fellowship, followed by card games and/or board games. Everyone is welcome to attend.



The Ministry of Hospitality is recruiting new members for the 9 a.m. Mass times. The duties of Ministry of Hospitality are to greet parishioners and visitors at the entrance as they enter the Church for Mass and to bring forward the gifts of Bread and Wine at the Offertory. The new schedule will begin in November and you would be scheduled approximately every 6 to 8 weeks. If you are interested in participating in this Ministry please contact Mary Davies for more details at 705-949-8207 or davies.fam@shaw.ca. Thank you!

FUNERAL CELEBRATIONS

If you need any help when preparing for a funeral, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office. As Catholics, the best model we can choose is to give sufficient time for grieving by having a visitation and then having a celebration of one's life with the celebration of Holy Mass.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

We invite all parishioners to consider "St. Gerard Majella Church" when choosing a charitable institution for Memorial Donations in the death announcement in the local media to honor a loved one who has passed. This form of financial support and heartfelt gesture would truly bless and enrich the life of St. Gerard Majella Church. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

MASS REQUESTS

To request a Mass intention, either call the office or come into the office. Place your offering of \$15.00 per Mass in the envelope and bring it to the parish office or put in the weekend collection. Cheques can be made payable to "St. Gerard Majella Church".

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

We are always ready to begin the process by which an adult or older child becomes a Catholic, either by full initiation in Baptism, or by reception into full communion. We are also happy to prepare you for adult Confirmation. For children aged 7-16, parents may call the Parish Office.

HOME – SCHOOL – PARISH

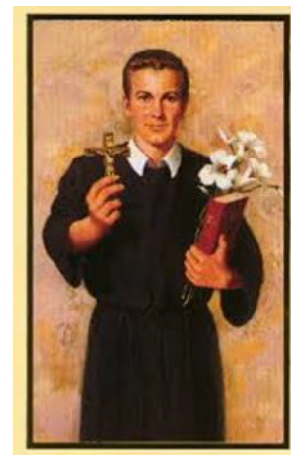
Our parish cherishes an amazing working relationship with three Catholic Schools in the neighbourhood:

St. Paul's School
St. Basil's School
St. Mary's College

Feast of St. Gerard Majella October 16

Join us as we celebrate our Patron
St. Gerard Majella!

St. Gerard Majella, a Redemptorist, was canonized in 1904. He was known for charity, obedience and selfless acts of service and is the patron saint of expectant mothers.



Sunday, October 14, 2018

Mass: 5:00 pm

Dinner following in Parish Hall.

Join our parish family as we celebrate our Patron
with a special Mass and a dinner following in the
Parish Hall.

All are welcome! Invite your friends!

DINNER (catered by "Grand Gardens") – Menu: chicken
cutlets, smashed potatoes, pasta, salad, bread,
dessert, coffee/tea and juice.

Adults: \$20.00

Children: \$10.00 (10 yrs + under)

Toddlers: free (5 yrs + under)

*Tickets available before/after all Masses
beginning September 22/23 or from the Parish Office.*



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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



**Join us for the Eucharistic
adoration, Mass and Anointing!
Tuesday, November 6
7:00 p.m.**

Support Catholic Education

Catholic education has been an integral part of Ontario's history for more than 160 years. As a vital component of the province's publicly funded education system, Catholic schools educate nearly 600,000 students each year.

Did you know? Your school support defaults to **English Public** each time you move residences. You must re-declare yourself as **English Separate**. It is important to regularly verify your tax-directed support by checking your property tax bill or speaking to your landlord. You may also call the Municipal Property Assessment Office at 1-866-296-6722 to complete school support changes for electoral purposes or to add a name(s) to an existing address.

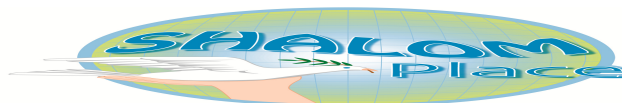
BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

We've received 105 bottles out of 140, so 35 are still outstanding from St. Gerard Majella. If anyone has a baby bottle (filled or empty), please try to return them to the parish office during next week. Thank you!



ELEVATE

FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-25
Resuming this fall, St. Jerome's Church (26 Carmel Road) Will be hosting "ELEVATE" – a young adult group for University/College students, or those taking a break from school between the ages of 18-25. This student led initiative will take place Friday nights and begins with a **free meal at 6:30 pm**. There will be socials, prayer evenings, guest speakers and community service nights. This is a great way for students in the Catholic community to stay connected, meet new friends and deepen their faith. Join us October 19, November 2 and December 7.



SHALOM PLACE invites you to consider 3 Spirituality Programs this fall:

Boundless Compassion: Creating a Way of Life – 6 sessions

Thursdays, 4:30 – 6 pm at SHALOM PLACE, starting October 11, 2018

Facilitator: Robin Lelievre, MSW Suggested Offering: \$30 + cost of book

Echoes of God's Tenderness: Monthly Contemplative Prayer –

7 sessions

3rd Monday of the month, 7 – 8:30 pm, starting October 15, 2018

Mount St. Joseph Education Centre Chapel

Facilitator: Sr. Lea Joannis, CSJ Suggested Offering: Free-will

Men's Program: Aging Gracefully, Living Fruitfully – 6 sessions

Thursdays, 7 – 9 pm at SHALOM PLACE, starting October 18, 2017

Facilitator: Burnie Thorp

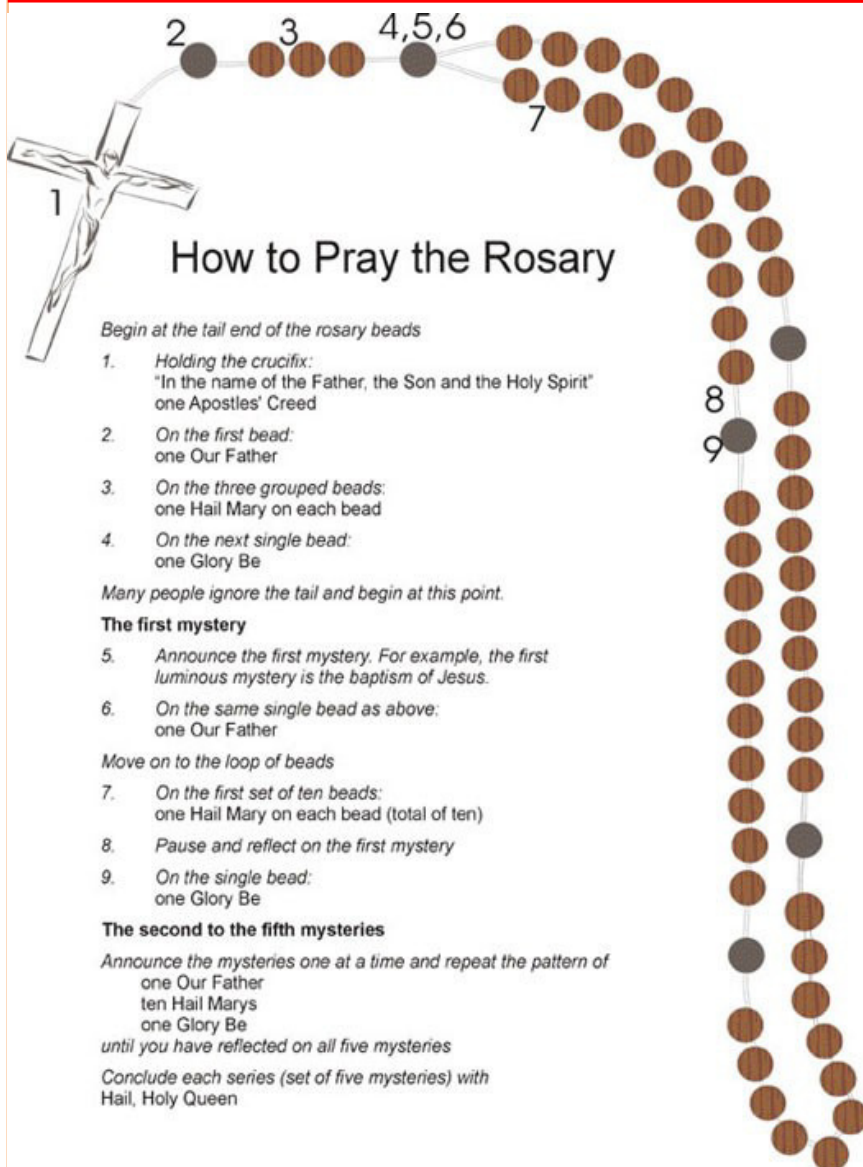
Suggested Offering: \$35

PLEASE REGISTER – call: 705-254-4690 or email:

shalomssm@shaw.ca

MORE INFO – check Posters (back of church) and website

www.shalomplace.ca



Blessing of Pets



Thank you to all who brought their pets to be blessed last Thursday on the feast of St. Francis.
Thank you also to Bill & Colleen Murphy for providing music and to Sheila Shannon for taking photographs.

Dates for Confirmation Lessons: 2018

These are the dates on which the meetings for the preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation will be held.

The meetings will be in two parts

Thursdays: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Sundays: During 11:00 a.m. Mass

First Session/Meeting: Thursday, October 18th

Meeting with parents and candidates (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

Saturday, October 20th & Sunday, October 21st

Enrolment ceremony at all weekend Masses

Session – 2: Part – A: Thursday, October 25th (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

Session – 2: Part – B: Sunday, October 28th (During 11:00 a.m. Mass)

Session – 2: Part – C: Sunday, November 4th (During 11:00 a.m. Mass)

Session – 3: Part – A: Thursday, November 8th (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

Session – 3: Part – B: Sunday, November 11th (During 11:00 a.m. Mass)

Session – 4: Part – A: Thursday, November 15th (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

Session – 4: Part – B: Sunday, November 18th (During 11:00 a.m. Mass)

Confirmation Retreat: Saturday, November 24th (9:00 – 12:30)

Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop Marcel

Wednesday, November 28th @ 7:00 p.m.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THERE WILL BE A FOURTH DEGREE
SCHEDULED MEETING ON
TUESDAY EVENING OCTOBER 9th/18
AT 7.00 pm AT ST JEROME
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TAIZÉ PRAYER EVENING

St. Jerome Church (26 Carmel Road)
at 7:00 pm on the following dates:

Thursday, October 11, 2018

Thursday, December 13, 2018

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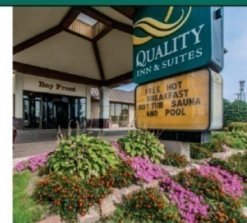
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