

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Faith is one of those things we just can't get enough of! In today's gospel the apostles asked Jesus to "Increase our faith." If is faith in ourselves, our spouse, our children and our parents which equips us to overlook annoyances and helps us to forgive and urges us to ask forgiveness.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, October 7

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 8

8:30 a.m. Henry Niese +

Wednesday, October 9

8:30 a.m. Eloise Maag +

6:30 p.m. Louis Acerro +

Thursday, October 10

8:30 a.m. David & Ivy McAstocker +
Living & Deceased of the
George & Tenney
Families

Friday, October 11

8:30 a.m. Tom E. Gremling +

Saturday, October 12

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the
Bryan & Stippich families
Victoria Singian +
Living & Deceased of the
Reyes & Singian Families

Sunday, October 13

8:30 a.m. Delores Whitacre +
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, Oct. 6

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:00-10:30 a.m. - RCIA classes in the Cafeteria
9:30-10:45 - Parish School of Religion Classes in the Parish Hall
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass
3:00 p.m. - Healing Mass
6:00-7:30 p.m. - Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Hall

Monday, Oct. 7 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
7:00-8:30 p.m. - Bible Study in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, Oct. 9 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena
6:00-6:30 p.m. - Confessions
6:30 p.m. - Mass

Thursday, Oct. 10

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
12:00-5:00 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, Oct. 11

Mass at 8:30 a.m. - followed by **24-hour Vigil with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
7:00 p.m. - 40 Days for Life Prayer Service

Saturday, Oct. 12

Mass at 8:30 a.m. (24-hour Vigil ends)
4:00-4:30 p.m. - Confessions
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 13 - (Celebration of the Feast of St. Gerard at 11:00)

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:00-10:30 a.m. - RCIA classes in the Cafeteria
9:30-10:45 - Parish School of Religion Classes in the Parish Hall
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

WEDDING BANNES:

Maddie O'Connell & Tyler Bardo, I

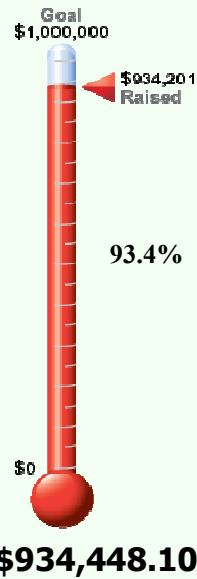
<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
September, 4th week On-line: \$1,526.00	\$ 11,001.40	\$ 9,556.82
# of Envelopes	258	235
YTD Totals:	\$ 135,913.25	\$ 133,081.13

ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

As many of you know, we have now completed Phase I and Phase II of our Building Project. Now we are focused on securing the contract for the addition of classrooms to our school. Together, we can make this a reality!

To help us reach our goal, we are asking every family to participate. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is truly appreciated.

Pledge cards are available in the church or at the parish & school offices. You may also give online by visiting our website at: www.stgerardchurch.org and clicking on the On-line Giving tab. Please, prayerfully consider supporting this most important project.



Goal: \$1,000,000.00

Thank you to all who are supporting this building campaign.

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged:	\$934,488.10
Amount Paid:	\$739,141.22
Outstanding Balance:	\$195,346.88

**PRIESTS CONVOCATION/
SCHEDULE CHANGE:**

Our priests will be attending their Convocation next week ~ October 14th through October 18th. Due to their absence, all weekday Masses, and most related services will be cancelled. We will, however, have Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday. Please keep our priests in your prayers.

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society will be gathering at noon on Tuesday, October 15th in church to pray



the rosary together. They will then go to lunch at the Eagles.

All women of the parish are invited.

The Feast of St. Gerard will be celebrated at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 13, 2019



Come celebrate our Patron Saint!


SPIRITUAL FORMATION

**HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER INTENTION
FOR OCTOBER:**

"Spring" in the Church ~
that the breath of the
Holy Spirit engender a
new missionary "spring" in the Church.



During the month of October, we will recite the rosary 30 minutes before the weekend Masses. Please join us!



*Our
Patron
Saint*

St. Gerard Majella
1726 - 1755
Memorial - 16 October
+++
Patron Saint of
Pregnancy, Conception,
Safe Childbirth, Motherhood,
Young Children & the Unborn



**OCTOBER
is
Respect Life
Month**

St. Gerard Parish ~ 24-hour Prayer Vigil

You are invited to join us for our
24-hour Prayer Vigil
with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



*Join us as we pray and seek God's grace that we will save more lives during our **24-hour** Prayer Vigil.*

The Vigil begins Friday, October 11th immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and concludes Saturday, October 12th at 8:30 a.m.

A special prayer service will be held on Friday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults into the Catholic faith. RCIA is for anyone who:

- Is a non-baptized adult.
- Baptized in another Christian Church and is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church, with or without the intention of becoming a member.
- A baptized Catholic who never received Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation.

RCIA is held on Sundays from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria Building.



Now that you have had a chance to meet our Novices, please continue to pray for them as they journey through their vocation.

We are so happy that they are here!

SAVE THE DATE:

The next Free Community Meal will be held on Sunday, October 27th from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. in our Parish Hall.

PRAYER CLOTHS:

In the Parish Office, we have "Prayer Cloths"



available to anyone wishing to have one. Each cloth is about 4-6 inches square and have been blessed. The cloth also comes with a St. Blessed Francis Seelos prayer card. Whether you need healing in mind or body, this prayer cloth is a reminder of God's love for each one of us.

It is also a reminder that St. Gerard Parish is praying for you too.

ANNUAL CANDELIGHT VIGIL:

Crossroads Crisis Center invites you to their 25th Annual Candlelight Vigil at Trinity United Methodist Church, 301 W. Market Street, Lima, Ohio on October 17th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The vigil will honor victims in our community who have lost their lives due to domestic violence, celebrate the lives of survivors of domestic violence, and recognize those who work to end domestic violence. Please join us, for more information call 419-228-4357.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Oct. 12:

5:00 p.m. *D. Griffo, B. Flynn, K. Canavan,
V. Bigelow, M. Hinegardner, L. Makley,
S. Parker, D. Santini, L. Taylor, M. DeVita*

Sunday, Oct. 13:

8:30 a.m. *C. Altenbach, J. Inskip, M. Mays,
B. Pinney, C. Wright, M. Stemen,
S. Nocera, T. Martin, S. Martin, N. Jenkins*
11:00 a.m. *R. Karbowski, J. Neville, R. Carder,
M. Ayers, V. Carter, C. Coleman, S. Dew,
K. Spears, M. Spears, S. Urban*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Oct. 12: 5:00 p.m. - *M. Hinegardner*

Oct. 13: 8:30 a.m. - *T. Parker*

11:00 a.m. - *T. Truex*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Oct. 12: 5:00 p.m. - *M. Lewis, G. Gandy, A. Parker*

Oct. 13: 8:30 a.m. - *E. Hahn, J. Hahn, E. Snow*

11:00 a.m. - *K. Meyer, D. Dawson,
L. Wreede*

SACRISTY WORKERS - October

J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey, K. Long

USHERS SCHEDULE:

Oct. 12: 5:00p.m. - *G. Kiel, D. Wilkins*

Oct. 13: 8:30 a.m. - *S. Martin, S. Doepker, J. Hartley*

11:00 a.m. - *V. Ludwick, R. Karbowski,
K. Raines*

**"PLEASE LET
ME LIVE LIFE
CHAIN":**

TODAY, October 6,
2019 from 2:00-

3:00 p.m. Meet at
the corner of East Second and Pierce Streets in
Delphos. Rain or shine.



**ALLISON PALOOZA "A PAY IT FORWARD
EVENT":**

Allison Palooza is a fund-raising event helping two breast cancer warriors from the Lima area. It will be held on Saturday, October 19th at the LCC Gym/Common area. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Featuring Sam Glenn, "The Attitude Guy" recently named one of the Top 100 Best Motivational Speakers today. Tickets are \$25.00, \$15.00 for students which includes hors d'oeuvres and can be purchased by calling Diane at 567-204-2699. Cash bar will be available. This is an annual event honoring the memory of Allison (Lee) Buehler.

SERRA CLUB:

The Serra Club of The Lima Area welcomes you to come be their guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on October 10 at LCC at 5:45 p.m. The speaker will be Seminarian Joseph Mominee who is doing his Pastoral Year at Delphos St. Johns, Landeck & Spencerville. The Serra Club exists to promote and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Marilyn Schmerge at 567-204-4745.

HEALING MASS:

St. Gerard Parish will offer a Healing Mass TODAY Sunday, October 6th at 3:00 p.m. invoking the intercession of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, a Redemptorist priest who lived and worked in America. He is known for his powerful intercession for the sick. The Healing Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and a Blessing with the relic of Blessed Seelos. Many miracles of healing of both body and spirit have occurred through his intercession. This Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation. All are invited to come.



*Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
1819 - 1867
Redemptorist Missionary
Memorial - 5 October*



TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

Attention Ladies!

Gather your family and friends for an evening of fun.

St. Gerard School is hosting a

Ladies Night Out Designer Purse Bingo

on Saturday, Oct. 19th with Bingo beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 each and are available for purchase now in the school and parish offices. Ticket price includes 20 games of Bingo, door prizes and a light meal.

Silent auction basket chances, 50/50 raffle and alcoholic beverages are available for an additional cost.

It promises to be a fun filled evening.

Hope you can join us!



OLPH SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS NOW AVAILABLE:

We now have Spiritual cards available in the rectory for sending to your family and friends who are celebrating a birthday, have lost a loved one or are in need of healing. They are enrolled and will be remembered in a Mass on the first Friday of each month for one year. You can mail the beautiful card to the recipient and then mail your donation and name to the Redemptorist Fathers. Stop by the parish office if you would like one.

CHESS BOARDS:

St. Gerard School is starting a Chess Club and are looking for some donations of chess boards. If you have a board that you are willing to donate, please drop it off at the school office. Thank you!

THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS:

Thank you to all our new and current advertisers for advertising in this year's weekly bulletin. Let's remember to utilize their services when needed. It is due to their support that we have a free weekly church bulletin. We still have some space available. Anyone interested, please contact Patrick Hanna at 614-813-7031 or phanna@diocesan.com.