

Brother Zach has been with us for a month already on his pastoral year before hoping to begin his final two years of preparation for the priesthood. He's already been a great help to us here and is starting work at Orange Regional visiting patients in addition to the various ministries here at Saint Mary's – he's a bit older than our normal brothers – he's 45! But the story of who he is and how he got here is quite amazing – so here are his words –

“Oftentimes people will ask a seminarian when did he first think he was called to the priesthood? I’m unusual. It wasn’t until my early thirties that I thought about the priesthood. I wasn’t even Catholic.

My journey began in the winter of 2005. For Lent, I participated in a homeless befriending ministry at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. Before dawn, on Tuesday mornings, I volunteered as an outreach worker. On the church’s steps, I would encounter bundled figures huddled in cardboard boxes. I served hot coffee to the men and women who had spent the night on the steps. I learned their names and listened to their stories.

After coffee with the homeless, oftentimes, I would go to the Catholic church near my apartment to pray. I was drawn to Saint Monica’s Church on East 79th Street because in the beautiful sanctuary, I experienced a deep sense of peace. As I reflect back on those long-a-go experiences, I believe God was drawing me to the Eucharist, to prepare me for my conversion and mission.”

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Daily Mass Mon-Sat

8:30am

Confessions after Mass

Catholicism 101

Mondays at 7pm

Weekend Masses

Sat Mass 4 & 530pm

***Sundays 730am, 9, 1030, Noon
and 6pm***

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Women's Retreat

**Sunday Oct. 20th
11:00am- 5:00pm
Graymoor Spiritual Center**

**Call the office soon for the final
seat or two left**

**\$15 if meeting us there
\$45 for Bus leaving at 10am**

Brother Zach's Intro to Saint Mary's continued...

In 2010, I went to California to study theology and ministry at the San Francisco Theological Seminary. During the spring semester, I started attending Sunday night Mass at the parish across the road from the Presbyterian seminary. I sat in the back pew and observed men and women genuflect, kneel and pray. As I watched people being received into the Church, I experienced the call to become Catholic.

My conversion to Catholicism reached fruition at Saint Monica's Church of San Francisco. I started attending the daily Mass. I was inspired by the kind example, excellent preaching, and care for the community by the pastor, Father John Greene.

One morning after Mass, he caught me before I was about to leave the building. In the vestibule, we talked. I told him for a long time I wanted to become Catholic. From that moment, we became friends. He received me into the Church on June 17, 2012, ironically, Father's Day.

In the fall of 2014, I began formal discernment of the priesthood with the Archdiocese of San Francisco at Saint Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park, California. In general, my five years at Saint Patrick's were a positive experience. At the end of each academic year, after writing papers, taking exams, spiritual direction and making countless Holy Hours, I felt a growing sense that the hand of God was guiding me towards resolution. Also, I felt a calling to come back to New York, where I had served coffee to the homeless and prayed in Catholic churches.

It is a blessing to be here at Saint Mary's Church. This year I will assist the priests and deacons with Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and youth groups. I will also intern at ORMC to learn hospital chaplaincy. If all goes well, I will finish out my last two years of seminary education at Saint Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, and God willing become a priest for the Archdiocese of New York.

Zachary Alspaugh

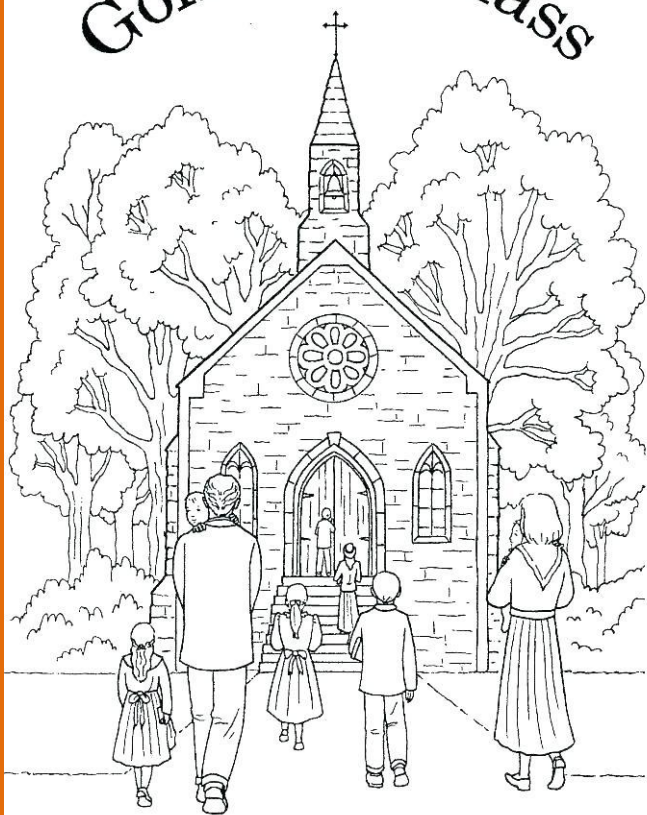
NO CCD ON:

Sunday Oct. 13

Monday Oct. 14

Tuesday Oct. 15

Going to Mass



Color in w/ crayons!

Remember going to Mass is more important than even going to class. 8 missed Masses leads to a delayed Confirmation from Fall to Spring.

Let us know any issues before it's too late...

MASS INTENTIONS

The bread and wine offered are in Memory of:

Deacon John Shepard

The sanctuary candle burns in memory of: Mary Roth

SATURDAY – October 12

4:00 Vocation to the priesthood & religious life

5:30 Karl Feller & Bennett Dragula

SUNDAY

7:30 Agnes Versweyveld, Bill Jennings, Trudy & Jack Devitt

9:00 Ed & Kay Blackford, Ines Cella, Constantino F. Cirera, Latisia D'Souza & Alex D'Souza

10:30 Wilfredo "Freddie" Abelardo, Deacon John Shepard (12th Anniversary)

12:00 Elizabeth Gates, Eileen Younghans

6:00 Kelly Ann, Anthony Politza, Thomas Politza

MONDAY

8:30 Michael Heberling (17th Anniversary)

TUESDAY

8:30 Margaret McCoy

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Philip & Frances Hogan

THURSDAY

8:30 Verna Murphy, Joseph Page, Alex & Jessie Lasser Rogulski

FRIDAY

8:30 Kyle Honan, Dec. members of Casazza & Leveroni Families

SATURDAY

8:30 People of the Parish

4:00 Rev. Patrick McNelis, Barbara C. Ferguson (45)

5:30 Bernadette Kleister

SUNDAY – October 20

7:30 Mary Soehnlein and Elda Testa, Francis & Michael Polchinski

9:00 Bernadette Kleister

10:30 Dcn John Shepard & Helen Zambello, Liam O'Connell

12:00 Isabel Flores, Margaret McCoy, Anna (Pop's Babci) Wojcicki

6:00 Gerry McLoughin

FALL CONFIRMATION ALERT

Confirmation Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 23

6:00 PM for the Friday ceremony

6:45 PM for the Saturday 10 AM ceremony

7:30 for the Saturday 1:30 PM ceremony

SPONSOR OR PARENT TO BE PRESENT

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

Candidate and Sponsor please arrive to the parish hall 45 minutes BEFORE the ceremony

TUESDAY RELIGION PROGRAM:

The program is still in need of a hall monitor and a classroom assistant. Please consider the gift of time.

Youth Groups

**NO MEETING 10/13-
COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND**

Next meeting will be on 10/20

Collection Figures

1st: \$13,388

Maintenance: \$3,728



November is coming and with it *Veterans Day*. The Catholic Daughters of Saint Mary's have a great idea for the support of our men and women in uniform. An organization called Military Missions Inc. is running a project called "The Thank You Project" which sends cards, notes and drawings to men and women overseas. We will also ensure that they will get to some of the recent members of our Armed Forces from St Mary's.

This week, until November 15th, we will have a box decorated with camouflage that will serve as the pick-up point for this project. While the cards should be general enough, you may include prayers or even drawings from your kids-no glitter or glue. Please do not put the cards in envelopes since they will be sent in large amounts to the headquarters of Military Missions for sorting. Saint Mary's has always been a parish that loves both God and Country so let's do both as we honor our heroes.

Military List

Brendan Boylan
Patrick Boylan
Daniel Palazzo
Kevin Postiglione
Joseph Mazzocchi
Charles Pelkey
Lauren Warnick
Andrew Santos
Andrew Neybold
Robert Green
Paul Ciabotti
Thomas Heintz
Jeffrey D. Bauer
Anthony Massari
Christopher Chase
Michael Reilly
James Lidestri
Brian G. Peloso
Raymond Shepard
Daniel Schlicht
James P. Salka
Nick Kavanah
Ashley Allen
Liam Bennet
Brandon Pelkey
Nicholas Paradie
Justin Warnick
Thomas Cudmore
Louis Clifton
Colin Schmitt
Matthew Warren
James Sgro

Catholic Funerals & You

On Saturday evening, November 9, we will be hosting a seminar on Catholic preferences for pre-planning in Fr. Tetreau Hall after the 4pm Mass. Dinner will be served while Frs. Maurer & MacDonald discuss the “whys” behind the Church’s teachings on death & burial. Info from Fergusons will be available so that your wishes can be known & followed when the time comes.

This is a free service and no sales will be made.

Looking Ahead in Religious Ed...



Home Study CCD

Sunday, Nov. 3rd 1:15-3:15pm

Pasta Lunch included
(Parents, kids, & both books)

Our speakers for the mandatory parent session on Nov. 3rd will be Fr. Michael Connolly & Alexandra Williams. Together, they host a podcast entitled “Raising Saints” and will present topics that will help both Home Study and “home life” of the Catholic faith for your family. Please listen to the podcast “Raising Saints-Season 2: 002- Why Should We Care About Jesus’ True Presence in the Eucharist?” and write a reaction as it will be submitted as the attendance proof for parents.

First Penance Meeting for Parents (Kids not required)

Sun Nov. 10 at 1:30pm or Mon Nov. 11 at 7pm

Catholic Underground North

will be at Saint Mary's Church, starting with 530pm Mass on October 19th. Drinks & dinner in our Hall and bonfire in the yard, culminating with Adoration 8-9pm.

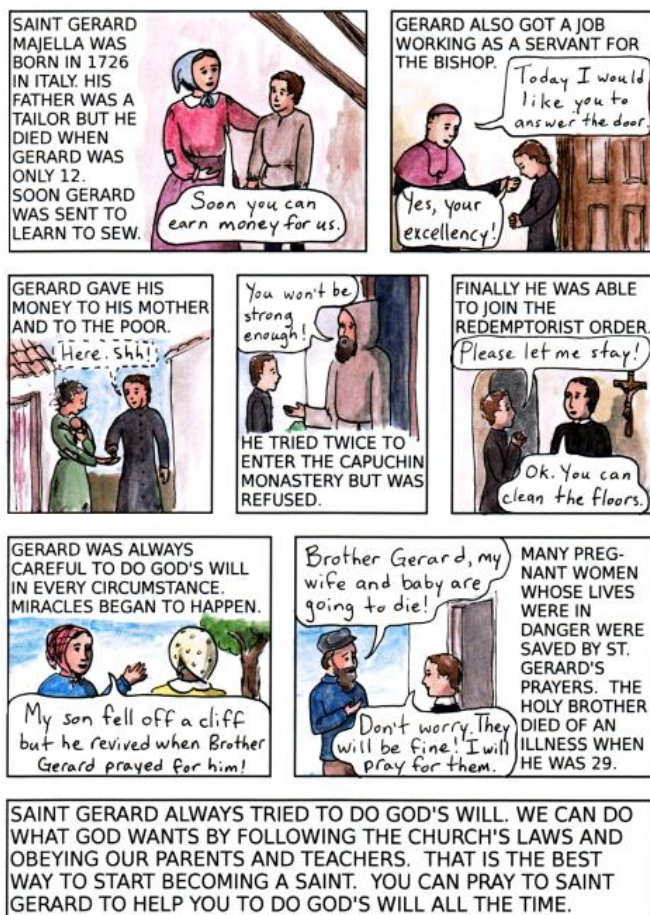
All are welcome to Adoration & Mass but Dinner and Drinks are roughly ages 21-35, but 18 if not drinking....

Pray for the Sick

Dawn Congiusti
Michael Angerhauser
Dan Dulin
Celey Clark
Nadine Morales
John Chiffriller
J. Robert Szucs
Vince Dima
Patrick Thomas
Nicoletta Pacilli
Marie LaVolpe

Saint Gerard Majella

October 16



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True or False? Jesus Cures the Ten Lepers

How well do you know the story of Jesus and the Lepers?

1. When Jesus was walking to Jerusalem, he met ten lepers. True or false?
2. The lepers came right up to Jesus and touched Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't touch them; all He said was, "Go show yourselves to the priests." True or false?
4. Half of the lepers were healed and half weren't. True or false?
5. All of them came back to thank Jesus. True or false?
6. Only one man came back to thank Jesus, and he was a foreigner. True or false?
7. Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you." True or false?



Calling all Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts!

Evening programs for religious medals are now being organized.
E-mail saintmarysmedals@gmail.com for more information.