

Due to hurricane Matthew and potential use of the Weeks Center for the hurricane evacuees, the Fall Festival was rescheduled to October 29, 2016. Same times, same place.

#### DISCUSSION

October 29, 2016 is the only date open at Odell Weeks Center through the end of November. It was quickly reserved for St Gerard Fall Festival. This is the same day as the Fall Steeple Chase so there will be additional people visiting Aiken.

This may be a blessing since it gives us more time to sell raffle tickets and get more silent auction items, books and maybe more vendors. Plans are to place posters in the hotels and possibly attract more visitors to the Festival. Additionally, some St Gerard members are returning from their travels and may be able to assist and Father Emmanuel is expected to be back.

Please inform your friends and family of the date change and plan on attending with family and helping to make our festival successful. Silent Auction, Bake Sale and Raffle will be held in room 4 inside the Weeks Center. Vendors and the other activities will be outside at the Whiskey Road shelter and surrounding grounds.

# FALL FESTIVAL

at Odell Weeks Center

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016**  
9:00AM

We need the support of all St Gerard parishioners to make this a successful event. **VENDORS, volunteers, raffle items/baskets, books and items for a silent auction are still needed.**

Showcase and sell your creations. Clean out your house of items no longer wanted and sell them at the fall festival. Spread the word to family and friends. All spots are free to St Gerard parishioners. We ask for at least 10% donation from your sales. You may bring your own tent and set up at one of the outside spots; however, we have one shelter rented for this event with power, water, grill and eleven picnic tables. For business vendors the spots are \$50.00 for a 14 ft. X 14 ft. spot. Bake sale, book sales, raffles and silent auction will be held inside the Weeks Center in room #4.

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP**



# St. Gerard Catholic Church



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## The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 23, 2016

#### Mission Statement

*Called to be a People for Others*

#### Vision Statement

*Anchored by faith hope and love in Jesus Christ, we strive to be active disciples, serving each other and all God's people by welcoming and embracing the enriching diversity of our community of faith.*

#### Father Emmanuel Andinam: Administrator

*He spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being upright and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like everyone else, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again justified; the other did not. For everyone who raises himself up will be humbled, but anyone who humbles himself will be raised up.'*



#### SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

*Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18*

Responsorial:

*Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18*

Second Reading:

*2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

Gospel:

*Luke 18:9-14*

Today's Missal

#### Lectionary Readings for the week of October 23, 2016

Monday: Ephesians 4:32-5:8;  
*Luke 13:10-17*

Tuesday: Ephesians 5:21-33;  
*Luke 13:18-21*

Wednesday: Ephesians 6:1-9;  
*Luke 13:22-30*

Thursday: Ephesians 6:10-20;  
*Luke 13:31-35*

Friday: Ephesians 2:19-22;  
*Luke 6:12-16*

Saturday: *Philippians 1:18b-26;*  
*Luke 14:1,7-11*

**Mass Times:** Weekdays Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 AM,

First Friday Benediction after Mass

Weekend Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM

**Confessions:** after weekday Masses and by Appointment

**Office Hours:** 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM Tuesday - Thursday

**Bible Study:** Fridays 10:00 AM, **CCD:** Sundays 10:00 AM,

**RCIA:** 9 AM Thursdays

**Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals:** By Appointment, Contact the office.

**Contact Us:** Phone 803 649-3203, E-Mail [stgerardscatholi@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:stgerardscatholi@atlanticbbn.net)

Facebook @stgerardaiken, **Emergency number for Father 803 341-5933**



**Pray for our sick:**  
 Judy Riley  
 Marge Glauser  
 Leonard Saunders  
 Shirley Paige  
 William and Jackie Cobbs  
 Woody Alexander  
 Lena Mickens  
 Rosa Johnson  
 Brenda and Ike  
 Ligon  
 Joe Fulmer  
 Chuck Simkin

Mary shows us the meaning of following the will of God. She gave her life completely to God with absolute trust and a faith-filled open heart. As stewards, we pray for her guidance as we strive to become faithful disciples of her son, Jesus.



**Pastoral Council:**  
 Wayman Johnson,  
 Chairman  
 Payson Borst  
 Jacqueline Brown  
 Fredrick Cadek  
 Nancy Durden  
 Marge Glauser  
 Joan Hesik  
 Janet Menefee  
 Gregory Wright

**Mass Intentions**  
 4:00 PM Mass, 7:00 AM Mass are said for your own personal intentions, 11:00 AM Mass is said for Rick Luck's Birthday From A. Lauer

**Finance Council:**  
 Robert Erikson,  
 Chairman  
 Leon Gagnon and  
 Anna Marie Key,  
 Auditors  
 Lisa Solenberger,  
 Secretary  
 Art Wagner

**Weekend Offering**  
 October 16-17, 2016

Collection \$2,269.00  
 Needed \$2,612.00  
 Short \$343.00  
 Attendance 123

The Gathering Hymn 683 H  
 All Are Welcome  
 The Offertory Hymn is 780 H  
 Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
 The Communion Hymn is CHOIR 759 H  
 I Received the Living God  
 Our Song of Praise is 405 H  
 How Great Thou Art



Stewardship a way of life



**Lay Ministers**

Saturday October 29	Sunday October 30	Sunday October 30
4:00 PM Vigil Mass	7:00 AM Mass	11:00 AM Mass
Lector: David Didmamoff	Mary Kay L'Esperance	Lisa Solenberger
E E Ministers: Joe Dennis/Ellen Heim	Gerard L'Esperance	Joe Dennis/Mike Solenberger
Saturday November 5	Sunday November 6	Sunday November 6
4:00 PM Vigil Mass	7:00 AM Mass	11:00 AM Mass
Lector: Diane Begie	Denise Gelinas	Patricia Hayes
E E Ministers: Joe Dennis/Pam Ziomek	Roger Gelinas	Mary Rose
Refreshments October 23	Refreshments October 30	Refreshments November 6
Jean Schodowski/Rosa DiStefano	Sheila Wagner/Patricia Hayes	Shirley Paige/Anna Marie Key



The Legion of Mary schedule is flexible. If you want to know if they are meeting at 1:30 on any Friday call the office on Thursday and we can tell you. Please continue to pray the Rosary.

**Second Collection this week For: Mission Sunday**  
**Next Weekend is a special collection for the Diocese's Hurricane Matthew Relief Fund.**



**Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Tuesdays at the 8:15 Mass**  
 Next Sunday at the 11:00 AM Mass we will be Baptizing Anneliese Katherine Barker, Daughter of David and Veronica Lind Andreassen-Barker  
 Godmother: Anne Henry Cash, Godfather: Micah Cash.  
 Let us all welcome her to our church family.

Choir Practice will be held on the following Tuesdays November 8, 15, 29 and December 6 & 13.  
 Time 6:00 PM till 7:15 PM

If you have an unresolved issue with an abortion experience, Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are for you. Now is the time as we are in the last few weeks of the Jubilee year of Mercy. Come and experience the love and mercy of Jesus. Confidential and Non Judgmental!! The next retreat is in Greenville, November 4-6, 2016. Please contact Christy 803 554 6088 or Kathy 803 546 6010 or grace4healing@gmail.com for more information. Thanks.

**Volunteer Corner:**  
 Help needed for the Fall Festival: 1 for the book sale, 1 for the cake walk, 3 for the ticket booth 2 hour shifts, 2 for youth activities, 1 or 2 popcorn machine operators, set up/cleanup, food sales. Thanks to all who already signed up.

**Marian Eucharistic Conference**  
 The 4th Annual Marian Eucharistic Conference will be held in Greenville on November 4th and 5th. Please see the bulletin board or [www.meconferencesc.net](http://www.meconferencesc.net) for more information.

ACTS has a position opening that supports our Women's Enrichment Program, 'Coffee with JoJo'. If you have questions or need more information, please call Carla at ACTS, 649-3800.

Emergency Assistance Caseworker, Receptionist, and Voicemail Person Food Pantry Helper on Monday during the summer If interested please contact Deondra Roper, Volunteer Coordinator at 803.857.6053

**Childcare Worker Position Opening**  
 The individual selected will provide care and supervision for children in a daycare-type environment. Lead games and activities for multiple children, keeping them engaged. Change diapers and/or clean children up after activities. The opening is a part time position and is available immediately. It is the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month (except Nov-Dec will be only the 2nd Thurs); 5:45 pm-8:15 pm (2.5 hrs per day).  
**Location is Hope Center Graniteville, SC.**  
 Skills and abilities required: experience with children; a positive, friendly demeanor and ability to stand, kneel, bend, stoop and lift up to 30 lbs. This position supports a program that is an affiliation of ACTS, Christ Central, FamCo, and HUGS, LLC. Beginning pay \$8.00/hr. Submit resume to [carla@actsofaiken.org](mailto:carla@actsofaiken.org).



ACTS is partnering with the Augusta/Aiken Warrior Project (AWP) to provide available assistance to local Warriors of all service branches, regardless of era of service or wounded status. Please ask any veterans (especially post-9/11 veterans) to contact ACTS at ph#803.642.5919 They served us now let's help ACTS serve them.

Bearing in mind our nation's challenges and the particularly urgent need for wise, moral, civic leadership in addressing them, the Call to Prayer Intentions will be adapted beginning Friday, September 23, 2016 - Friday, November 11, 2016 to highlight certain time-sensitive matters of national concern. This is being done in collaboration with Catholics from around the country. In addition to an invitation to fast on Fridays, participants will be encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for the week's intention and for our civic leaders and upcoming elections.

If you attend St. Gerard on a regular basis and feel welcome, Why not consider becoming a member. We would love to have you. Feel free to talk to a member or call the office 649-3203. Registration forms are in the the church hall lobby.

**In Harms' Way:** Please remember in your prayers our Nation and loved ones of our parishioners currently serving in harms' way: James Ligon, Robert McHugh and James Rossini. Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Hospital Visits:** If you or a loved one is in Aiken Regional Hospital (ARMC) please let St Gerards know. Remember - ARMC does not inform us of Catholic patients, even if you register as a Catholic; it is up to the patient or family to do so. You can: ask the ARMC Chaplain to call the Catholic church, ask your nurse to inform the Catholic church ( name & room number), call-St.Gerard at 649-3203 and leave a message or email St Gerard at: [stgerardscatholi@atlanticbnn.net](mailto:stgerardscatholi@atlanticbnn.net).

**BINGO**  
 Columbus Club Hall Every Monday at 7:10 PM till 9:00 PM 5 Cards \$ 10.00 Each Additional Card \$2.00

**15 Regular Games \$20 Payout**  
**1 Coverall Jackpot \$150 Payout**