

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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Aiken, SC 29801  
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#### SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

Exodus 17:8-13(147C)

Responsorial:

Psalms 121: 1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel:

Luke 18:1-8

Today's Missal

#### Lectionary Readings for the week of October 16, 2016

Monday: Ephesians 2:1-10;  
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b;  
Luke 10:1-9

Wednesday: Ephesians 3:2-12;  
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday: Ephesians 3:14-21;  
Luke 12:49-53

Friday: Ephesians 4:1-6;  
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday: Ephesians 4:7-16;  
Luke 13:1-9

*The Twenty Ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
October 16, 2016  
Feast Day of St. Gerard Majella*

#### Mission Statement

*Called to be a People for Others*

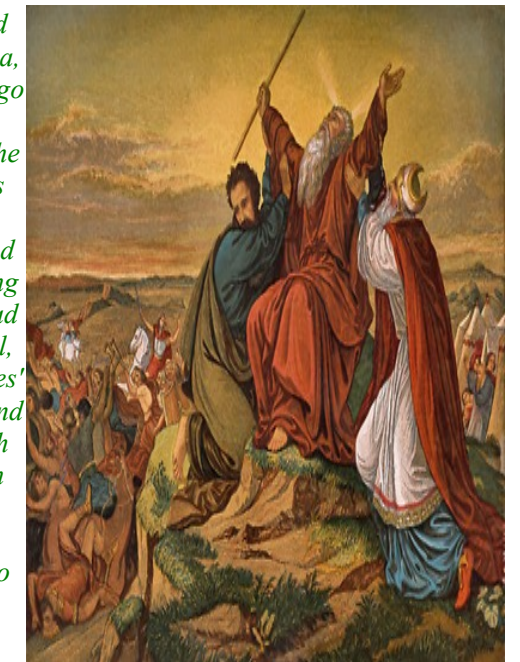
#### Vision Statement

*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**

*The Amalekites then came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick some men and tomorrow morning go out and engage Amalek. I, for my part, shall take my stand on the hilltop with the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses had told him and went out to engage Amalek, while Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, with Aaron and Hur supporting his arms on each side. Thus his arms remained unwavering till sunset, and Joshua defeated Amalek, putting their people to the sword.*

Exodus 17:8-13



**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

**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  
 Lignons  
 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

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

**Mass Intentions**  
 4:00 PM Mass, 7:00 AM Mass, 11:00 AM Mass are said for your own personal intentions

**Weekend Offering**  
 October 8-9, 2016

Collection	\$2,028.00
Needed	\$2,612.00
Short	\$584.00
Attendance	138

The Gathering Hymn 31 M  
 We Gather Together  
 The Offertory Hymn is 752 H  
 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus  
 The Communion Hymn is CHOIR 369 BB  
 Panis Angelicus  
 Our Song of Praise is 43 M  
 Tell the Good News



Stewardship a way of life



**Lay Ministers**

<b>Saturday October 22</b> 4:00 PM Vigil Mass Lector: Joan Hesik E E Ministers: Barbara Dixon	<b>Sunday October 23</b> 7:00 AM Mass Denise Gelinis Roger Gelinis Sunday October 29 4:00 PM Vigil Mass Lector: David Didmamoff E E Ministers: Joe Dennis/Elle Heim	<b>Sunday October 23</b> 11:00 AM Mass Sheila Wagner Wayman Johnson Sunday October 30 11:00 AM Mass Lisa Solenberger Joe Dennis/Mike Solenberger
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<b>Refreshments October 16</b> Jackie Brown/Jeanette Coleman	<b>Refreshments October 23</b> Jean Schodowski/Rosa DiStefano	<b>Refreshments October 30</b> Sheila Wagner/Patricia Hayes
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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.

The Legion of Mary will hold a special event on October 20, 6:30 PM in our own parish hall. Deacon Cody Miller from Louisiana will be our special guest to talk about what makes the Legion of Mary so worthwhile. Pot luck supper, please provided, so bring a dish and your heart to serve to find out what it is all about.

Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Tuesdays at the 8:15 Mass

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.

**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.

**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.

**FR. Emmanuel will be on vacation for most of the month. He will return for the mass on October 29. Fr. Ernie Hepner will be saying the weekend Masses during that time. We will have no weekday Masses until Father's return. We will have a Holy Hour on Friday 10/21 at 8:15 AM.**

**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.

The picture of the Chasuble for Fr. Anthony's 40th Anniversary is on the bulletin board in the hallway

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.

Show your thanks for all your blessings by giving back. ACTS is in desperate need of volunteers to serve in our Resale Store and Client Room assisting clients with their clothing vouchers. Shifts are available Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Commit to as few or as many hours and/or days as fit your schedule. It's not only rewarding but fun, as well! Just e-mail [usatvolunteer@actsofaiken.org](mailto:usatvolunteer@actsofaiken.org), or call 803.649.3800 for more information.

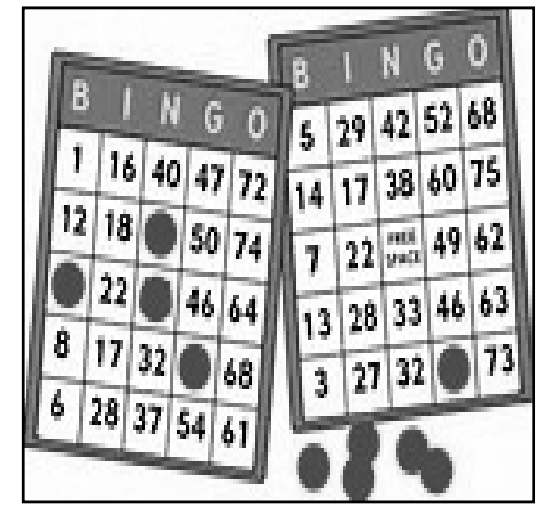
If you attend St. Gerard on a regular basis and feel welcome, Why not consider becoming a member. We would love to have you. Feel free to talk to a member or call the office 649-3203. Registration forms are in the the church hall lobby.

**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