



# PRESENTATION

*of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church*

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## ***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. -Psalm 23***

This family's amazing story is a reminder that nothing is impossible for God.

Gerard Marino has worn a Miraculous Medal around his neck ever since he can remember. It was a gift from his mother, who gave all of her children Miraculous Medals when they were very young. (His parents consecrated their relationship to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal when they were dating, and later consecrated the entire family. Gerard, named Gerard Majella after St. Gerard, is the 15th of 17 children.)

When Gerard was swimming in the ocean 10 years ago, he lost his precious medal, but one of his daughters found it buried under the sand when she saw something glistening in the water through her goggles. Recovering it was a lot like finding a needle in a haystack — but Gerard, now 46, never imagined he'd be the recipient of that little miracle twice.

For the past five years, Gerard, his wife Katie, and their five daughters have been vacationing in Naples, Florida, and on their recent trip Gerard was at the beach with the girls. The water was calm and the kids were snorkeling. He was standing in waist-deep water when they all spotted a dolphin. When he went to grab his phone to take a photo, the long chain broke and the medal disappeared under the water. Gerard searched all over but couldn't find it. The loss made him particularly emotional, as his mother passed away only a couple of years ago.

Not one to give up hope, Gerard began searching online for metal detector rentals and found a service that recommended a guy named Tony. It was 4th of July, a holiday weekend, and a Sunday — but within 30 minutes, Tony was outside the Marino's condo ready to get to work. That alone seemed like a miracle.

While Tony searched in the ocean, Gerard prayed. Then Tony handed Gerard his second metal detector so he could help. Meanwhile, Katie and the girls went to Mass, where they prayed they'd find it. "My youngest especially was praying so hard to Our Lady," says Katie.

Gerard lost his medal around 7:30 a.m. At 11:00 a.m., he found it.

"I saw him stop, kneel down, and pull it out of the water," said Katie. "It was not only a gift that it was found, but a gift that **he** found it ... He was overcome with emotion."

After hugging her husband, Katie ran towards Tony further down the beach exclaiming, "He found it! He found it!" Everyone around them started clapping, as many had been made aware of the story.

After gathering back on shore together, Tony asked if they could all say a prayer of thanksgiving. He put his arms around Gerard and Katie and led them in prayer, asking protection on the rest of their vacation. He told them he didn't want any payment. (Gerard insisted, and paid more than what was agreed upon.) The two struck up a friendship and Katie thinks they'll stay in touch.

Katie says watching the scenario unfold was powerful. "It was so meaningful for my kids to witness the power of prayer and how present God and Our Blessed Mother are, in the little details of our daily life."

For Gerard, it was a reminder to trust in God and never give up — as well as a reminder that his heavenly mother and earthly mother are always there for him, ready to help.

This article was written by Zoe Romanowsky and can be found: <https://aleteia.org/2021/07/15/man-finds-his-miraculous-medal-in-the-ocean-after-losing-it-on-vacation/>

**"GO, therefore, and MAKE DISCIPLES** of all nations..."  
-Matthew 28:19

### Clergy

**Fr. Peter Ly, Pastor**  
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#### Weekend Mass Times

Saturdays: 5:00pm  
Sundays: 9:30am

#### Daily Mass Times

Tues - Thurs @ 8:00am  
Fri @ 8:45am

**Adoration:** Mon-Fri, 2pm-12am

### Sacraments

#### Drive-Thru/In Reconciliation

Tues & Thurs, 5:00-5:45pm  
Sat, 4:00-4:45pm

In the Reconciliation Room in the church, *or by appointment.*

**Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony, Anointing & Funerals:** Contact Parish Office.

### Contact

#### Address:

1725 Kennard Street  
Maplewood, MN 55109

**Office Hours:** 9:00am-3:30pm

**Parish Office:** (651) 777-8116

#### Parish Email:

Mail@PresentationOfMary.org

**School Office:** (651) 777-5877

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## Church News

Let's talk... If you ever start a sentence with, "The Church needs to..." then this is for you! Archbishop Hebda asks all parishes to gather to discuss and provide input this fall about the best ways for the local Catholic Church to form:

- Parishes that are in the service of evangelization;
- Missionary disciples who know Jesus's love and respond to his call; and
- Youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

Register [here today](#) to join a small group or print a [pdf registration form here](#). Synod small groups will meet for 6 consecutive Wednesdays at the parish from September 22 to October 27, 2021. Each meeting will last 2 hours and include videos. Both morning and evening sessions are offered. For questions contact Kay Mottaz at [kmottaz@presentationofmary.org](mailto:kmottaz@presentationofmary.org) or call 651-842-6022.



**Are you ready to harvest?** The Gardens of Giving program is ready to begin receiving the fruits of your harvest for distribution of vegetables to those in need! Anyone with excess produce from their gardens is welcome to donate also. Drop off vegetables by Fridays at noon to the Parish Center office for weekend distribution, or place items in baskets at the Kennard Street entrance of church. Thank you for participating and providing others in need with fresh and healthy produce!

**The Director of the Ignation Volunteer Corps Mpls/St. Paul,** Kathleen Groh, will be here the weekend of August 7-8 to speak about the mission of the IVC and the work they do for those in need. Learn more about this organization at <https://tinyurl.com/ivcmpls-sp>.

## Upcoming Events

Thanks to all that helped **orchestrate** our "Get Grilled" Sunday Fun Day. It was a beautiful day to gather as a parish family and enjoy the food grilled by the Boy Scouts and to hear the responses from the good spirited panel who were also grilled! Stay tuned for the next Sunday Fun Day coming in August!



**Our Festival Committee** has begun planning for the Presentation of Mary Parish Festival to take place September 11 & 12, 2021. There are a few places we already know help is **desperately needed**:

- Set-up & take-down coordinator
- Chair or Co-Chairs for Kiddieland

These spots could be filled by one person or a few people working together, and are positions that are integral to keeping the Festival running smoothly. Please contact the Parish Office to get involved. Many hands make light work—and we need your hands!

**Don't forget to pick up your raffle tickets as well!** We have tickets for church and school families!

## Employment Opportunities

**Presentation of Mary has openings for the following:**

- Business Administrator
- Music Director & Teacher

Visit <https://presentationofmaryschool.org/> to view above positions.

## Panther News

**Don't miss Panthers in the Park Playdates!** Meet at a local park every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10am and 4th Wednesday of the month at 5pm to play with friends! The next meet up will be Wednesday, July 28th at 5pm at Casey Lake Park in North St. Paul. No need to RSVP, just show up!

**Get Involved!** There is a lot of work to be done to get the school building ready for students to return at the end of the summer. Please join us **Tuesday, July 27 and Tuesday, August 10 from 5:30-9:00 p.m.** to help with some cleaning. Bring the family—kids can help too!



**Presentation's 4th Annual Beer Bust** will take place on Saturday, July 24th from 1-4pm at Roddy's Bar in North St. Paul. Tickets are \$10 ahead of time and \$15 at the door. Buy yours

at the parish office, Roddy's Bar, or contact Mary Davini or Tracy Aguirre directly. Prize donations are now being accepted. Contact [mdavini@presentationofmary.org](mailto:mdavini@presentationofmary.org) or [Tracy.Aguirre@securian.com](mailto:Tracy.Aguirre@securian.com) if you are interested in donating or have questions.

**Remember to follow us** on social media for the latest school news!

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## Mass Readings: July 19th—July 25th

Mon., July 19	Tues., July 20	Wed., July 21	Thurs., July 22	Fri., July 23	Sat., July 24	Sun., July 25
Ex 14:5-18 Ex 15:1-6 Mt 12:38-42	Ex 14:21—15:1 Ex 15:8-12, 17 Mt 12:46-50	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-28 Mt 13:1-9	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18	Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 13:18-23	Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1-6, 14-15 Mt 13:24-30	2 Kgs 4:42-44 Ps 145:10-18 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15

## Calendar and Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for your intention(s), please contact the Parish Office to find an available time at 651-777-8116 or [mail@presentationofmary.org](mailto:mail@presentationofmary.org).

<b>Sunday, July 18—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:30 a.m. Mass Intention († Robert Rebeck)
<b>Monday, July 19</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 20—Saint Apollinaris</b>
8:00 a.m. Mass Intention (The David Family)
<b>Wednesday, July 21—Saint Lawrence of Brindisi</b>
8:00 a.m. Mass Intention († Duane Hustings)
<b>Thursday, July 22—Saint Mary Magdalene</b>
8:00 a.m. Mass Intention (Holy Priests, Deacons, & Religious)
<b>Friday, July 23—Saint Bridget</b>
8:45 a.m. Mass Intention (President Joe Biden)
<b>Saturday, July 24—Saint Sharbel Makhlūf</b>
5:00 p.m. Mass Intention († Ervin David)
<b>Sunday, July 25—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:30 a.m. Mass Intention (For the People)

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Weekend Contributions for July 10 & 11, 2021

	Weekly	Year-to-date
Sunday Offertory	\$8,095	\$15,473
Electronic Contributions	\$3,204	\$8,447
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$11,299</b>	<b>\$23,920</b>
Budget	\$TBD	\$TBD
Variance	\$TBD	\$TBD
 Renew Funds Collected (July 10 & 11, 2021)		<u>\$516</u>

### Online Giving

If you are interested in switching over to online giving, please scan this QR code with your phone camera today or visit the Parish website and Online Giving.



## Presentation's Past

I did not know that!

At the center of our church the ceiling stands at 121'4" high and above that is the church's aluminum cross that reaches another 40' high! And did you know that our church is located on the highest point in Ramsey County?

Built in 1966, the style of our church is a contemporary square building with sacred character influenced by Vatican II. The pews are designed to ramp down to the beautiful Italian green marble on all three sides. There are 27 stained-glass windows surrounding the church. Hanging just behind the altar is a stained-glass window "The Queenship of Mary", donated in 1992. In the Narthex is a red stained-glass window that represents the New Law and The blue stained-glass window that represents the Old Law and on the entrance doors, the Bi-Centennial windows.

The altar is made from St. Cloud white granite designed in an octagon shape as is the granite base that the presider chairs rest on, the tabernacle, the lector podium base and the baptismal font.

We are fortunate to have a grand piano and a beautiful semi-pneumatic pipe organ that has 23 ranks, 1,438 pipes ranging from 16 feet to less than 6 inches. When do you think this beautiful instrument was made? *Hint: its really old!* Take a guess and send it in to [mail@presentationofmary.org](mailto:mail@presentationofmary.org)!

### Like Playing 500?

The 500 Card Club is looking for men and women who would like to play 500 one Monday night per month (September through May). We are looking for singles and/or teams of 2 people. If single, we will try to match you with another single as your partner. Contact Mary Rebeck, 651-777-6247 or Pete Koegle 651-705-2626 for details.



### Rest In Peace

Please remember in your prayers

**Barbara Mangan.**

Our sympathy to her family and friends.



### Pastoral Care

The Church's primary task is for the care of souls. If you or someone you know could use a conversation, prayer, or need assistance that we may be able to provide or redirect, please contact us.

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