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Weekdays: 9:00 AM (including Saturday) — (Summer)
Monday and Friday: 9:00 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 6:30AM and 9:00 AM — (Winter)
Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM and 6:00PM (Sept. - May)
Holy Days: Please see bulletin for schedule

PENANCE:

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 PM. At the Parish anytime by appointment. Communal Celebration of Penance periodically throughout the year.

BAPTISMS:

Our parish family rejoices in the birth of your children. To prepare for baptism, parents are expected to attend one preparation meeting. Please call the parish office for the schedule of preparation meetings and Baptism celebration.

MARRIAGES:

Our parish is honored to host your marriage celebration. In order to accomplish all of the necessary preparations, arrangements should be made with one of the priests at least one year in advance. Pre-Cana and God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage classes can be arranged through the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark at www.rcan.org.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK:

For those of advanced age or seriously ill, Holy Communion will be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound. Please contact the parish office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Please register at the parish office. This is a wise way of acquiring a sense of belonging to our Parish Community.

From the Pastor

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.

Happy New Year!
Fr. Frank

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



Once again, our wonderful parish community came through in a big way by supporting the Knights of Columbus Poinsettia and Christmas Card sale. Through your generosity, we were able to raise well over \$1,000!! And for the second consecutive year, we were completely sold out. This fund raiser, along with our chocolate sale in February and our Easter plant sale in March, is a major revenue producer for our charitable efforts throughout the year. A special thank you to those parishioners who donate a bit extra when purchasing a plant or, in some cases, contribute without taking a plant at all. The Knights would also like to thank Luigi at Bel Fiore Greenhouses in Woodcliff Lake for providing the poinsettias at a discounted rate in support of our efforts.

Did you know? The Line Islands (part of the country of Kiribati) and Tonga, in the Pacific Ocean, are the first places to welcome the New Year, while American Samoa, Baker Island, and Howland Island are among the last. Happy New Year to all.

If you are interested in joining the St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus, contact a current member or send us an email at knights@stgabrielSr.org.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for December 18 was \$11,800.63. The Christmas collection will be reported to you at a later date. Thank you for your continued generosity & God bless you and your families.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

Our recently deceased who have entered Eternal Life:

Joan M. Ramppen

Our sick and homebound:

Salvatore Averso

Daniel Castillo

Dawn Conguisti

Ada Fields

Meg Gallagher

Grace Gilbert

Bill Hamilton

Bob Kleinknecht

Joan Massotti

Bob Re

Nicole Trotta

FALL DEEPER IN LOVE WITH CHRIST IN THE NEW YEAR

All the center of all we do as Catholics must be a close and personal relationship with Jesus. He offers to each of us a deep, intimate, "I love you forever" kind of relationship. Make time to fall deeper in love with Christ:

T-Talk: Prayer is an amazing privilege. Through it, we have an open invitation: "Call to me, and I will answer you" (Jeremiah 33:3). We have a promise that He hears us: "When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you" (Jeremiah 29:12). The God of the universe wants to hear from you.

I-Intimacy: To love Christ, we must know Him. In Scripture, God tells us who He is (Exodus 34:6), how He feels about us (Isaiah 43:4), what He desires for Us (Luke 12:32), and how being His will make us happy (Matthew 5-7). Make Scripture a part of every day.

M - Meet Him: Relationships grow through shared experiences. We meet Jesus in prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, and above all during the Mass.

E-Everything for love: St. Theresa of Lisieux discovered that she could delight God by simply picking up a pin out of love. He wants to hear us. His beloveds, say, "I love you, too" in words and actions. Essential to falling in love with God is making time for Him.

A KINDER, GENTLER YOU

Kindness is contagious. A recent study found that witnessing an act of kindness produces good feelings and inspires imitation. In the new year, make efforts to be kinder - more friendly, generous, and consider - and inspire others to do the same.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

WHY DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE THINGS THAT AREN'T IN THE BIBLE?



Catholics recognize the Bible as the inspired, inerrant Word of God, and we reject beliefs that contradict Scripture. Long before the Gospels were written down, the Apostles passed on to their disciples all that Jesus taught and did. This is what we call, Tradition," or what was "handed on" from Scripture,". Not everything that was handed on could be written down. It was impossible to include everything Jesus did (John 21:25). Catholic beliefs don't depart from Scripture, but delve deeper into it.

MAKE ONE CHANGE FOR GOD THIS YEAR

When making New Year's resolutions this year, consider one change that will bring you closer to God. Here are some ideas other Catholics have used to strengthen prayer, serve the poor and evangelize our faith.

Laura felt her prayer life growing stale, so when her parish asked for adorers for the perpetual adoration chapel, she jumped at the chance. Now, Mondays at midnight, Laura can be found in the presence of the Eucharist. She said, "I really look forward to my peaceful hour each week. Its just me and Him."

Peter's law practice is incredibly busy, but he takes an afternoon off every month to work at the local soup kitchen serving hot meals to the homeless and working poor. When asked why he said, "Jesus said, 'When I was hungry, you gave me to eat.'"

JoAnn's children are grown, yet she teaches a religious education class at her parish. "What better way to spread our faith than to children? That's where I can do the most good," she said.

WHAT QUALITIES CAN I PURSUE TO MAKE ME A BETTER FOLLOWER OF JESUS?

Actually, when you were baptized, made your First Communion, or got Confirmed, the Holy Spirit conferred gifts to help you grow in strength and holiness. Recognizing these gifts and nurturing them will certainly make you a better Christian.

Wisdom: This gift helps us stay focused on God's will and His plan for us.

Understanding: Let us grasp truths. It means seeing with the heart and mind.

Counsel: Also called "right judgement," counsel enables us to weigh alternatives to make the right choice.

Fortitude: The ability to remain firm against pressure. Also called courage.

The more you use these gifts, the more you will grow in faith and holiness. Then you will certainly become a better Christian.

In Loving Memory

The following parishioners have made Christmas Flower donations in memory of their loved ones.

Melanie & Warren Boardman
In memory of Salvatore Sinatra

Barbara & Steve Milone and family
In memory of Annette Tedeschi

Jennifer Edelson
In memory of Jane & Peter Ball

Maryellen & Dennis Adams
*In memory of Eleanor McGuirk Hynes
Robert Francis Hynes*

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In memory of Carmine D'Alessio

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In memory of the Olive & Eugene Parks

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In memory of the Scorese & Marcose Families

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*In memory of Brian & Camie O'Rourke
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Sr. Theresa Chiappa*

Patricia & James DiBetta
In memory of Jimmy DiBetta

Madeleine Cudina
In memory Marcus Cudina

Bill & Denyse Galda
*In memory of Edward & Marie Coyle
Ellen M. Galda*

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT IHA

Biology/Environmental Science Teacher



Immaculate Heart Academy seeks a full-time leave replacement Biology/Environmental Science teacher beginning in April 2023 and continuing for the entirety of the 2023-24 school year, capable of teaching Biology at the CP and honors levels for 9th grade and Environmental Science at the CP and AP levels for 11th and 12th grades. Teacher certification and AP experience preferred. Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to Mrs. Maureen Layng, Assistant Principal for Academics at employment@ihanj.com

JANUARY 1, 2023

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 31, 2022

9:00 AM Tiffani Loughnane
5:00 PM Philip Ross

SUNDAY, January 1, 2023

8:00 AM Anne Savastano
10:00 AM Leon Dario Velez
11:30 AM Richard Stefanacci

MONDAY, January 2, 2023

9:00 AM Ed Fok

TUESDAY, January 3, 2023

6:30 AM Christopher Maita
9:00 AM Tiffani Loughnane

WEDNESDAY, January 4, 2023

6:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Richard Cancilla

THURSDAY, January 5, 2023

6:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Josephine Maher

FRIDAY, January 6, 2023

9:00 AM Alberto Sanchez

SATURDAY, January 7, 2023

9:00 AM Leonardo Lucanie
5:00 PM Barbara Murray

SUNDAY, January 8, 2023

8:00 AM Raymond Tese
10:00 AM Katherine Ferro
11:30 AM Richard Stefanacci
6:00 PM Patricia Straut



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be light-
ed during the week of January 1 for Christopher Aitken
requested by Don and Jen Maita

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of
January 1 is for Christopher Maita requested by Penny Gra-
ziano.



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