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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

The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God's true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God's power is redefined, present not in coercion and violence, but in Jesus' unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others' sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God's power as compassion and mercy.

Peace and stay safe, Fr. Frank

Please join us as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter.

2023 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - April 2 5:00 pm (Saturday) 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 6:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week April 3,4,5 Regular Mass schedule

Holy Thursday - April 6 7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper Eucharistic devotion will follow

Good Friday - April 7 3:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00 pm - Tenebrae Service

> Holy Saturday - April 8 9:00 am - Blessing of Food 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - April 9 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 12 noon

THERE WILL BE NO 6:00 PM MASS

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for March 26 was \$13,578.50. Thank you for your continued generosity & God bless you and your families.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

Our sick and homebound:

Salvatore Averso
Daniel Castillo
Dawn Conguisti
Ada Fields
Meg Gallagher
Grace Gilbert
Bill Hamilton
Bob Kleinknecht
Joan Massotti
Nicole Trotta
Bill Zima

2023 LENTEN REGULATIONS

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash



Wednesday and Good Friday.

If possible, the fast on Good
Friday is continued until the
Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday
night) as the "paschal fast" to
honor the suffering and death
of the Lord Jesus, and to pre-

pare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted and two (2) smaller meals which if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

- 3) The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
- 4) The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023, to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity June 4, 2023.

*Canon 920, 1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obliga-

PALM SUNDAY

Place palms around each image of Jesus in your home. Welcome the Messiah into your heart.

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



Now that Lent is behind us, we encourage you all to maintain the jump-start your faith hopefully has received. As a way to continue the "Reboot" of your faith, we offer the following resource. The St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus, in conjunction with several other Councils and par-

ishes in the area, are bringing **Chris Stefanick** to our area on May 17th. Chris is an internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and television host who has devoted his life to sharing the love of Jesus, and helping others do the same. (He is also a local product, having been baptized at O.L.M. in Park Ridge and then later growing up in Ringwood.) There are many of Chris' videos available on the FORMED app, which St. Gabriel's has made available to its parishioners for free. The event will be held at Our Lady Mother of the Church in Woodcliff Lake. Tickets are \$39 each, \$30 if you purchase 4 or more, and are available on-line. Below is

the QR code for the event. This event is open to all, young and old, Catholic and non-Catholic. Nearly 200 tickets have already been sold. Please consider joining us and inviting someone else who may also need a "Reboot" of their faith.



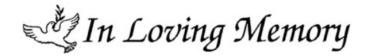
Our Monthly council meeting will be held on Monday, April 10th, starting with a social gathering at 6:30pm, followed by our business meeting at 7:00pm.

<u>Did you know?</u> Easter is known around the world for multi-colored, decorated eggs. But in Greece you will find only red eggs. Red is the color of life and a representation of the blood of Christ. From ancient times, the egg has been a symbol of the renewal of life, and the message of the red eggs is victory over death.

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.



"No mommy, the big one!"



The following parishioners have made Easter flower donations in memory of their loved ones.

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Andrelisa & Michael Russo

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Dulis Michel In memory of Antonio M. Michel

Julia Recaman & Jose Recaman

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Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online at faith.direct/NJ361.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, April 1, 2023

9:00 AM People of the Parish 5:00 PM Bill O'Donnel

SUNDAY, April 2, 2023

8:00 AM Albino Porto
10:00 AM Frances Woods
Noon Richard Stefanacci
6:00 PM Christopher Maita

MONDAY, April 3, 2023

6:30 AM People of the Parish 9:00 AM Robert Muscarelle

TUESDAY, April 4, 2023

6:30 AM Stipe Ranic 9:00 AM William Kelly

WEDNESDAY, April 5, 2023

6:30 AM Richard Straut 9:00 AM Nellie Madonia

THURSDAY, April 6, 2023

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, April 7, 2023

3:00 PM Celebration of Lord's Passion

7:00 PM Tenebrae Service

SATURDAY, April 8, 2023

9:00 AM Blessing of Easter Meals 8:00 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, April 9, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish 8:00 AM People of the Parish 10:00 AM People of the Parish Noon People of the Parish



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of April 2 for Ben Kleinbard as requested by the Sylvia Re.

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