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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 we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ.

Peace and stay safe, Fr. Frank

VILLA MARIE CLAIRE HOSPICE Open House – July 7

Michael Maron, Patrick Maron and Charlie Vialotti extend a cordial invitation to members of St. Gabriel's Parish to visit the renovated Villa Marie Claire at 12 West Saddle River Road on Friday July 7 between 4 PM and 7 PM for a tour of the Villa and the property. Light refreshments will be served.

Please respond by 7/3 to Gretchen Reding at greding@ holyname.org or to Patrick Maron at pmaron@holyname.org if you are able to attend.

PARISH TRIP TO LONDON AND PARISH

St Gabriel's is planning a parish trip to London, Paris and Lisieux in May of 2024. Jennifer Edelson, a parishioner who owns a travel agency, JJ Travel Associates (Dream Vacations franchise), will be coordinating every detail of the trip which will be through Collette. If you are interested

in attending, please scan the QR code and enter your information. More information will be forthcoming soon. If you have any questions please call Jennifer at 201-786-6275. Alternatively you can email Jennifer at jedelson@dreamvacations.com. Please do not call Collette.



FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for June 25 was \$9,979.50. 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

Our Newly Baptized:

Stella Rome Gilsenan Grayson Vincenzo Crapanzano

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



The St. Gabriel's Knights recently elected our officers for the 2023-2024 Columbian year, which starts July 1. John Haiduk will return as Grand Knight. John Deegan and Paul Ibarrola will also continue in their roles as Financial Secretary and Recorder respectively. They will be

joined in leadership roles by new Deputy Grand Knight Tim Bigley and new Treasurer Steve Zak.

The Brothers would like to thank past Deputy Grand Knight Mike Mazza and past Treasurer (for over 20 years!) Mike Vaupotic for their tremendous contributions to the council and the parish. We are grateful that they will remain active within the council as sounding boards for their successors.

<u>Did you know?</u> The youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence was Edward Rutledge (age 26). The oldest was Benjamin Franklin (70). Thomas Jefferson was the first President to host a 4th of July celebration at the White House. The author of the Declaration of Independence, he somewhat fittingly died on July 4th.

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.

HELP US TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU

The parish uses a communication system called Flocknote to send email and text messages to parishioners. If you have not been receiving emails or texts from the parish and would like to receive them, please call the parish office at (201) 327-5663 to give your contact information.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of love.

Our world is wrought with war and violence, as brother turns on brother, and the innocent awake to gunfire and bombs.

May Your compassion and healing move hearts and bring a new day to Ukraine.

Fortify your children to resist aggression And instead become instruments of peace.

We ask this in the name of the One who is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

Amen

SUMMER MONASTIC LIVE-IN

July 9-16, 2023

Join us at St. Walburga Monastery for our annual Monastic Live-In. The program is open to women 18 years and older who would like to experience "ora et labora" (prayer and work), and the rhythm of monastic life for one week. The cost for the program is \$350 and includes lodging and meals.

For more information or to register, please contact Sr. Marlene Milasus at 908-352-4278 Ext. 205 or by email at center@bensisnj.org



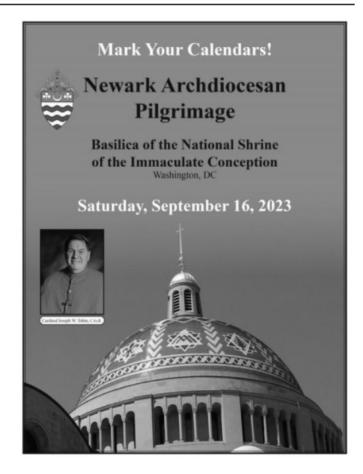
WHY DO CATHOLICS FOLD THEIR HANDS WHEN THEY PRAY?



The custom of folding our hands comes from ninth century Europe where folded hands symbolized obedience by those subordinate to the lord or king. This gesture was also used by priests to show respect to bishops. The faithful

adopted it to signify obedience to God's will.

In some cultures today, such as India and other parts of Asia, clasped hands are also a sign of reverence. In fact, Mother Teresa was often photographed greeting people with this gesture.



RESPOND TO THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



God loves us so much, He gives us what He values most - His only Son (John 3:16) and His Holy Spirit in Baptism (Romans 5:5) so we can have access to God's divine life and love. The Holy Spirit's presence with the entire Church throughout the centuries is a

comfort, consolation, leader and guide. To accept this gift, we can ...

Listen for Him: Spending time with Scripture can help tune our hearts to hear the "still small voice" (1 Kings 19:12) of the Holy Spirit. The better we are attuned to God's voice, the more likely we'll hear Him amidst the noise of the world.

Consult Him: Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, to lead His disciples to truth (John 14:6). He helps us to see, evaluate and choose like Christ. Call on the Holy Spirit when you're facing a difficult situation or decision

Take refuge in Him: Every day, entrust yourself to the Holy Spirit and dedicate your day to His service. Let Him guide your actions.

Actualize Confirmation graces: Upon our Confirmation the Holy Spirit fortified and empowered our souls with His seven Gifts: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2). When we rely on the Holy Spirit, we can overcome temptations to fear, distrust, and selfishness with His powerful gifts.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, July 1, 2023

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

5:00 PM Vivian Tulloch

SUNDAY, July 2, 2023

8:00 AM Martin Donahue 10:00 AM Robert Muscarelle 11:30 AM Joseph Carucci

MONDAY, July 3, 2023

9:00 AM Scott Strange

TUESDAY, July 4, 2023

9:00 AM People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, July 5, 2023

9:00 AM Mara Babic

THURSDAY, July 6, 2023

9:00 AM Brian Buckley

FRIDAY, July 7, 2023

9:00 AM Francine Pensec

SATURDAY, July 8, 2023

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

5:00 PM Domenico Mircovich

SUNDAY, July 9, 2023

8:00 AM Richard Cancilla 10:00 AM Christopher Maita 11:30 AM Christian Hobbis



The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of July 2 is for Nan Euler requested by Cathy Sutliff.

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