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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 seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy.

Peace and stay safe, Fr. Frank

A Gentle Nudge: SEEKING CATECHIST VOLUNTEERS

"This is the true joy of life: the being used up for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one..." -George Bernard Shaw

Think of the last time you felt "true joy," peace, curiosity, or hope. We are conditioned to believe that these feelings are a consequence of getting or having the "right" things in life. But, independent of our possessions, these feelings are always accessible to us, and can be felt when we are in a close relationship with God. It is only our own thoughts that prevent us from always experiencing this feeling of closeness. We are born with this gift of acceptance of something greater than ourselves, and we naturally understood this as children. We knew where to find God's treasure chest of inexplicable peace and a quiet mind. This is a gentle nudge to come home to those feelings again and be reminded of what we are truly called to be and do: Share God's Word with others.

St. Gabriel the Archangel is seeking volunteers to share the Gospel with students grades 1-8 for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested, please call the Religious Education Office at 201-825-0275 or email Amanda Perfetti, Director of Religious Education, at <u>aperfetti@stgabrielsr.org</u>. We deeply appreciate your willingness to serve.

Immaculate Heart Academy Employment Opportunities Township of Washington, NJ 07676 Current Open Teaching Position Social Studies Teacher Immaculate Heart Academy seeks a full-time Social Studies teacher beginning in September 2023. A degree in History and teacher certification preferred.

This position is a fantastic opportunity to join a collaborative and supportive community. Interested candidates should send letters of interest and resumes to Mrs. Maureen Layng, assistant principal for academics, at employment@ihanj.com.

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

THE KNIGHTS CORNER

As recently reported in The K of C weekly newsletter, *Knightline*,



"New Haven, the Connecticut city where Father Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882, is now home

to the first parish named in his honor. Eight Catholic churches in New Haven, including the Order's birthplace of St. Mary's, have merged into what is now Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. Archbishop Leonard Blair of Hartford chose the name from among several proposed by New Haven parishioners. "Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, was an exemplar of charity and steadfast devotion to Christ," the archbishop said, "still today inspiring millions of people to action for the common good, in the name of God."

This is a proud occasion for Knights all around the world. Please join us in praying for the success of the new parish.

<u>Did you know?</u> Bergen County is not the wettest place in the America. That distinction goes to Hilo, Hawaii where it rains an average of 211 days a year.

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



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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BERGEN CATHOLIC

Bergen Catholic will be hosting Open Houses on Tuesday October 3rd at 6:30pm and Sunday November 5th at 1pm. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please contact the admissions office at admissions@bergencatholic.org. Attention ALL 8th grade students: Bergen Catholic will be hosting an HSPT prep course for interested students applying to local catholic high schools in November. Course dates and registration information can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please contact Matt Rosa '08, VP of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

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 infor-

mation. 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.



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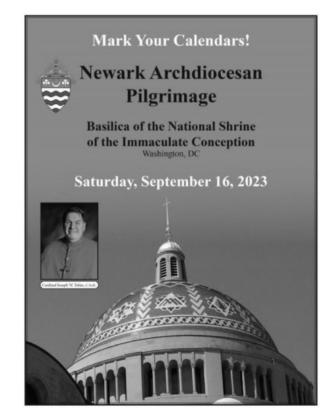
The parish uses a communication system called Flocknote to send email and text messages to parishioners. If you have not been receiving emails or texts from the parish and would like to receive them, please call the parish office at (201) 327-5663 to give your contact information.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for July 2 was \$11,211.00 and the collection for July 9 was 11,954.00. Thank you for your continued generosity. God bless you and your families.

GIVE LOVE

One way to give thanks to God for all the gifts He has bestowed on you is to work for the poor and vulnerable. Sharing your gifts with those less fortunate is how God intends you to use what He gives you. "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more" (Luke 12:48)



USE THE BIBLE WELL



There's a saying, "Bibles that are falling apart usually belong to people who aren't." The Church wants us to read the Bible daily because it contains everything we need to know to live a full, Christian life. Try these ideas to use your Bible well.

Choose the right version. We hear the New American Bible during Mass but any of the approved Catholic translations will do. Most important is having a modern edition that you can understand. If you need advice, ask your pastor or priest.

Use the aids. The Bible contains customs and terms that are foreign to us. Read the instructions and footnotes for helpful explanation.

Focus on passages. The Bible will make more sense if you read the sections that are grouped together rather than sentence by sentence.

Mark it up. Underline passages and make notes in the margins as you read to make you book more useful.

Read aloud. The Bible began as an oral tradition. Hearing the passages may help them become clearer than just reading them.

Read slowly. Let the words sink in. Place yourself in the scene. What would you do? How would you react?

JULY 16, 2023

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, July 15, 2023

9:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
5:00 PM	Stephanie Makhoul

SUNDAY, July 16, 2023

8:00 AM	Tina Raia
10:00 AM	Christopher Maita
11:30 AM	Kay Parowski

MONDAY, July 17, 2023

9:00 AM Howard Walsh

TUESDAY, July 18, 2023

9:00 AM Patrick Scorese

WEDNESDAY, July 19, 2023

9:00 AM Marie Mastroserio

THURSDAY, July 20, 2023

9:00 AM David Battini

FRIDAY, July 21, 2023

9:00 AM People of the Parish

SATURDAY, July 22, 2023

9:00 AM	Richard Cancilla
5:00 PM	Tiffani Loughnane

SUNDAY, July 23, 2023

8:00 AM	Darlene L. Marron
10:00 AM	Catherine Carroll
11:30 AM	Richard Stefanacci

HREMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament and the Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week are available as memorials for loved ones. To arrange, please contact the parish office at (201) 327-5663.



