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Weekdays: 9:00 AM (including Saturday) — (Summer)

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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:

from the Pastor

Today's psalm response exclaims, "Let all the nations praise you!" In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone, not just the Chosen People, to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty, as it was for Jesus. to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

Peace and stay safe, Fr. Frank

THE KNIGHTS CORNER

Attention all Men of the parish. If you have ever consid-



ered becoming a Knight of Columbus, now is the perfect time to join. The time commitment is up to each individual member. You may choose to help organize and run one of our many events. You may choose to only attend our monthly meetings (a commitment of only 1 hour a month). Or

you may choose to simply support our activities with your annual dues (less than the cost of a couple of pizzas!) and make no time commitment at all. There are many ways to serve and to be involved. We welcome all of you. And what a wonderful way to set an example for your families. 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.

<u>Did you know?</u> The following are all titles the Pope holds: Bishop of Rome; Vicar of Jesus Christ; Successor to the Prince of the Apostles; Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church; Patriarch of the West; Primate of Italy; Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Province of Rome; Sovereign of the Vatican City; and Servant of the Servants of God.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for August 13 was \$10,788.40. 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
George Parowski
Nicole Trotta
Bill Zima

Our recently deceased who have entered Eternal Life: Virginia Krauss

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? We will begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our par-

ish members. These gatherings that will begin in September are for inquirers and are open to: People who are unbaptized; Baptized Christians from other faith backgrounds; Adults who are already baptized Catholic, but who need to prepare for Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. For further information or help in this matter please contact Christine Ferreri at christineferreri79@gmail.com or the parish office at (201) 327-5663.



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



DON BOSCO FALL OPEN HOUSES

Don Bosco Prep will be hosting its Fall Open Houses: September 28th 6:30-8:30 PM and October 22nd 1:00- 3:00 preceded at 12 by mass. Our Open House is a fantastic way to learn more about the school and the Ironmen community and Spirit. Tour our campus. Engage with faculty and staff. Meet current Ironmen. Do not pass up this chance to explore all that Don Bosco Prep has to offer! Register at donboscoprep.org

A Gentle Nudge: SEEKING CATECHIST VOLUNTEERS

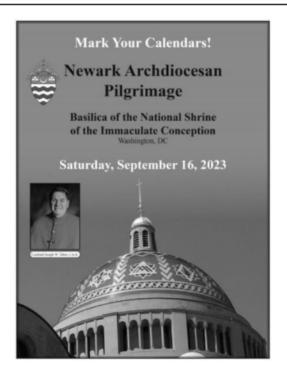
"This is the true joy of life: the being used up for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one..."
-George Bernard Shaw

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 <a href="majorage-appreciate-

"When we serve the poor and the sick we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors because in them we serve Jesus."

St. Rose of Lima



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 forth-coming 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.



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.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, August 19, 2023

9:00 AM Josephine O'Shea 5:00 PM Tiffani Loughrane

SUNDAY, August 20, 2023

8:00 AM Christopher Maita Rosa Scardigno 10:00 AM Reese Ward 11:30 AM

MONDAY, August 21, 2023

9:00 AM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, August 22, 2023

9:00 AM Pat Scorese

WEDNESDAY, August 23, 2023

Antonio Tarabocchia 9:00 AM

THURSDAY, August 24, 2023

9:00 AM Rosemary Mantei

FRIDAY, August 25, 2023

9:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, August 26, 2023

9:00 AM Richard Cancilla

5:00 PM Jim Sutliff

SUNDAY, August 27, 2023

Beverly & Alfred Nash 8:00 AM

10:00 AM Frank Zuniga 11:30 AM Christopher Maita

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of August 20 for James D'Amico requested by the D'Amico family.

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of August 20 is for James D'Amico requested by the D'Amico family.

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