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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

Peter was Jesus' choice to lead the fragile band of apostles. In today's Gospel, Simon is given a new name, Peter, the "rock." In John's Gospel, Peter is called to be a shepherd. He is expected to lay down his life for his sheep. And tradition tells us that he did just that. But today we think about the durable rocklike quality that Jesus needed in a leader.

Peter was appointed to his leadership position for reasons we are not able to fathom. God knows, and Jesus knew well, that Peter was flawed. We cannot mistake his enthusiasms, though, his manifest love, and his great, exuberant faith. Those virtues saw him through. They are durable, tough, beautiful virtues. They make Peter a sympathetic and lovable person. They provide us with the balance and humor that we need as we consider our own roles in the universal church.

Peace and stay safe, Fr. Frank

#### FALL MASS SCHEDULE

The regular weekday mass schedule will resume next Tuesday, September 5. The 6:00pm Sunday evening mass will resume on Sunday, September 10th.

#### THE KNIGHTS CORNER

The shocking scenes of destruction in Maui, due to the



wildfires, are unforgettable, and the loss of life is devastating. In the midst of this tragedy and its long-term consequences, many still unknown, Knights of Columbus are already stepping up to help those in the greatest need. It is often said that "where there's a need, there's a Knight" and our

brother Knights in Hawaii are proving it once again by providing clothing, sleeping bags, tents, food items and other aid. They are coordinating temporary housing, serving meals, and assisting with the cleanup.

If you are able, we ask that you please donate to the Knights of Columbus Charities Disaster Relief Fund by going to **KofC.org** and clicking on the DONATE tab. 100% of your donation will support recovery efforts in Hawaii.

<u>Did you know?</u> Blessed Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, was ordained at the Baltimore Basilica in 1877. The Baltimore Basilica was declared a Minor Basilica in 1937, a National Landmark in 1972, and a National Shrine in 1993.

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

#### **OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:**

#### Our sick and homebound:

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Daniel Castillo
Dawn Conguisti
Ada Fields
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Joan Massotti
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Nicole Trotta
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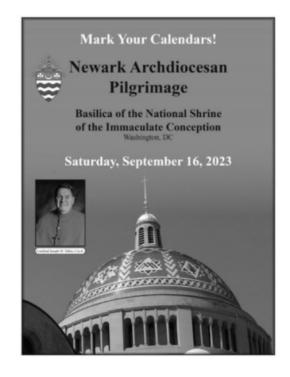
#### R.C.I.A.

#### 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.



#### 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.







#### DON BOSCO FALL OPEN HOUSES

Don Bosco Prep will be hosting its Fall Open Houses: September 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 PM and October 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

#### 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 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="mailto:aperfetti@stgabrielsr.org">aperfetti@stgabrielsr.org</a>. We deeply appreciate your willingness to serve.



#### 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.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for August 20 was \$10,506.25. Thank you for your continued generosity. God bless you and your families.

#### CAN YOU SEE GOD?

Are you aware of God's presence in your life? Looking for ways in which he blesses us rather than thinking about prayers he hasn't yet answered makes us more aware of how he moves in our lives. Of course, God is always with us whether we see him or not. Ask him to give you eyes to see him. "Trust always in your God. He does not lose battles." - St. Josemaria Escriva.

## Mass Intentions

#### SATURDAY, August 26, 2023

9:00 AM Richard Cancilla 5:00 PM Jim Sutliff

#### **SUNDAY**, **August 27**, 2023

8:00 AM Beverly & Alfred Nash 10:00 AM Frank Zuniga

11:30 AM Christopher Maita

#### MONDAY, August 28, 2023

9:00 AM Vinod Pallan

#### TUESDAY, August 29, 2023

9:00 AM Jose Moscoso

#### WEDNESDAY, August 30, 2023

9:00 AM Bob Re

#### THURSDAY, August 31, 2023

9:00 AM Tiffany Loughnane

#### FRIDAY, Septmber 1, 2023

9:00 AM Tiffany Loughnane

#### SATURDAY, September 2, 2023

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

5:00 PM Macus Cudina

#### SUNDAY, September 3, 2023

8:00 AM John Falcone 10:00 AM Robert J. Lawson 11:30 AM Christian Sabin

# THE IN LOVING

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of August 27 for Tatiana Jovic Aliotta requested by Carmela Aliotta and Family.

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of August 27 is for Tatiana Jovic Aliotta requested by Carmela Aliotta and Family.

#### **FREE Pest Control Service**

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