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(Winter)

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:

from the Pastor

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

Peace and stay safe, Fr. Frank

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



On September 24th following all Masses, the Knights sponsored monthly coffee social will be held. The response to these socials has been very enthusiastic in the past. This is our first gathering after the summer hiatus. It will be a perfect time to catch up with fellow parishioners you

may not have seen in a while. Please join us.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal society that was formed, in part, to render financial assistance to members and their families. September 21st is the Feast Day of St. Matthew. He is the patron saint of bankers, accountants, bookkeepers, stockbrokers, and tax collectors. He worked as a tax collector in the fishing village of Capernaum, and after being called by Jesus and becoming one of the apostles, he was known to preach the gospel to the Jews in the city of Judea.

<u>Did you know?</u> Matthew and Levi are two names for the same person. Matthew is the Greek name and Levi was the Hebrew name. 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for September 3 was \$11,942.75 and September 10 was \$11,671.15. Thank you for your continued generosity. God bless you and your families.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

Our Newly Baptized: Joseph Anthony Nicoletti, Jr.

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

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 parish members. These gatherings that will begin in Sep-

tember 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.



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Holy Name



CHOIRS RESUME AND MEMBERS NEEDED



Our Adult Choir began their new season on September 7. We welcome all adults and will be meeting on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. If you enjoy singing, please

think about participating. It is a wonderful way to help enhance our liturgy here at St. Gabriel's. Please contact Dr. Melody Chen (<u>melodychen913@gmail.com</u>) for more details.

Our Archangel Choir began on September 14. We welcome children from 3rd - 7th grade and meet on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. This season, kids will be learning a lot of new songs, and we are also excited to learn how to play our newly purchased instruments: Handchimes.

New this year, our Teen choir, grades 8-12, will be meeting on Thursday evenings also at 6:00 PM. Novice and seasoned singers are encouraged to join as we learn to sing in harmony. Service hours towards confirmation will be fulfilled in exchange for participating. Please contact Diana Ciappina (Dianaciappina@icloud.com) for more details.

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall of 2024!

The High School Placement Test administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Exam Program for Catholic High Schools will be given on Friday, November 10, 2023. Registration for the exam is available on line at www.njcoopexam.org beginning September 1st. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, go to www.catholicschoolsnj.org. Additionally the Catholic High Schools are holding their annual HS Expo Night. Parents and students are invited to meet with representatives from many Archdiocesan High Schools from 7 - 8:30 PM on the following dates:

Sept 19 at St. Thomas the Apostle School - Bloomfield

Sept 26 at Academy of St. Paul - Ramsey

Sept 27 at St Peter's Preparatory School - Jersey City

Sept 28 at St. John the Apostle - Clark

For more information visit www.catholicschoolsnj.org or call (973) 497-4260



OPEN HOUSE AT SAINT PETER'S PREP

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will hold its Fall Open House on Sunday, October 15, from 1:00 – 4:00 at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information, please call 201-547-6389 or visit www.spprep.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 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.





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



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.

WHY DO CATHOLICS ATTEND MASS ON HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION?

Throughout the year, the Church celebrates six feasts that honor a central mystery of our faith with extra enthusiasm. These days are so important that all Catholics are required to attend Mass to celebrate. They are listed on the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' website. All Sundays are also holy days. Celebrating these holy days is a reminder that we belong firstly to God.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, September 16, 2023

9:00 AM Peter Eugenikos

5:00 PM Christopher John Maita

SUNDAY, September 17, 2023

8:00 AM Robert Re

10:00 AM Christopher Maita 11:30 AM Richard Stefanacci 6:00 PM William J. Carroll

MONDAY, September 18, 2023

9:00 AM Mary Patrice Criscietello Living Intention

TUESDAY, September 19, 2023

6:30 AM Stiles Thomas 9:00 AM Barbara Hazley

WEDNESDAY, September 20, 2023

6:30 AM People of the Parish

9:00 AM Lucille Tese

THURSDAY, September 21, 2023

6:30 AM James Turner 9:00 AM Lucille Tese

FRIDAY, September 22, 2023

9:00 AM Lucille Tese

SATURDAY, September 23, 2023

9:00 AM Maryellen Hellerman 5:00 PM Gale Steelman

SUNDAY, September 24, 2023

8:00 AM Robert Re

10:00 AM Catherine DeMatteo 11:30 AM Christopher Maita 6:00 PM Frank (Paco) Zuniga



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of September 17 for Christopher Maita.

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