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MASSES:

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

Each of today's four scriptural roles, disciple, prophet, apostle, herald, forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God's reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is "sent." Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord's way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the world.

Today, in the responsorial psalm, we also hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the *Magnificat*, shows us the world we must believe in and work for: one in which God is praised, where God's favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that lasts for all ages.

Peace and stay safe,
Fr. Frank

2023 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24
4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 10:00 PM

The Archangel Choir will sing at 4:00 PM
The Adult Choir will sing at 10:00 PM

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon

New Year's Eve - Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31
5:00 PM

New Year's Day - Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1
9:00AM

Since the New Year Holy Day falls on a Monday, the obligation to attend mass has been dispensed

TOUGH TIMES?

Throughout history, God has proven his faithfulness and care over and over again. He promises that He will help you through whatever tough times you face. "God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it." (1 Corinthians 10-13). Lean on Him.

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

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



Catholic men.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the monthly Men's Mass on December 30th at 8:00am. All men of the parish, and guests, are welcome. Mass is followed by light snacks and discussion about issues of the day that affect us as

Thanks to the outpouring of donations during the Knights of Columbus Giving Tuesday campaign, **nearly \$780,000 was raised throughout the U.S. for the Coats for Kids fund!** We are humbled by the generosity of so many donors. Tens of thousands of children in need will receive new winter coats this year. **Thank you to those who joined us in our mission to give the gift of warmth this winter.**

Did you know? In some traditions there is a fifth Advent candle – a white one that is lit on Christmas Day that represents light and purity and is called "Christ's Candle".

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.

CHRISTMAS TREES AT ST. PAUL'S ABBEY



St. Paul's Abbey, on 289 Route 206, Newton, NJ 07860 one mile south of Newton, has thousands of Christmas trees ready to choose 'n' cut. Open 7 days a week from November 26 to December 21, 10 AM to 3:30 PM. Also visit their gift shop with many items that make ideal Christmas gifts, including books, statues, jewelry and more. For additional information visit www.newtonosb.com or call (973) 383-2470.



In Loving Memory

The following parishioners have made Christmas Flower donations in memory of their loved ones.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for December 10 was not available at the time the bulletin went to press and will be reported to you at a later date. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Light two violet candles and the rose one for Joy. Pray with John 1:6-9, 19-28

THIS ADVENT...

Put a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ Child. Light it every night until Christmas.

ENCOUNTER CHRIST THIS CHRISTMAS

God came to us in the most vulnerable human form possible so that He could draw us to Himself for all eternity. This Christmas, answer His call and come close to Him:

In song: Listen to and ponder the words of your favorite Christmas hymns. Imagine the reality of heavens filled with angels and faraway kings answering the call to pay Him homage.

In service: The newborn Jesus is the physical sign of God's love for us. When we give our time and resources in His service, we become an instrument of that love. Share His love in your parish, in your neighborhood, in your community.

In prayer: Jesus came to live among us so He could be intimate with us. He wants to connect on a deep level - more than rushed prayers or perfunctory devotions. Find quiet time to give Him your full attention and speak to him heart to heart.

HOLIDAY ADVICE

The holiday season is an exciting time but it can also be a time when money worries, family worries, and every kind of worry intrudes. Instead, try to follow this advice from St. Paul, "Finally brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is an excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

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DECEMBER 17, 2023

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 16, 2023

9:00 AM Joseph Giancristofaro
5:00 PM Catherine McDonnell -
The Bigley Family

SUNDAY, December 17, 2023

8:00 AM Michael P. Fitton
10:00 AM Christopher Maita
11:30 AM Charles Dudsak
6:00 PM Gloria Callahan

MONDAY, December 18, 2023

9:00 AM Ronald Pasquino

TUESDAY, December 19, 2023

6:30 AM Eleanor Walsh (special intention)
9:00 AM Bill Jergensen

WEDNESDAY, December 20, 2023

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM Msgr Joseph Petrillo

THURSDAY, December 21, 2023

6:30 AM Stephen McGratty
9:00 AM Angela Del Prete

FRIDAY, December 22, 2023

9:00 AM Joseph Giancristofaro

SATURDAY, December 23, 2023

9:00 AM Bill Jergensen
5:00 PM William P. Deegan

SUNDAY, December 24, 2023

8:00 AM Joseph Giancristofaro
10:00 AM Christopher Maita
11:30 AM For the People of the Parish

4:00 PM For the People of the Parish
6:00 PM For the People of the Parish
10:00 PM For the People of the Parish



The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of December 17 is for Bill Jergensen as requested by Doris Jergensen. .

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