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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

The angel Gabriel today confronts Mary with a mystery. The mystery of salvation in Christ is not a mystery that is solved, but a reality beyond our comprehension that we must choose to enter into. In the liturgy of the Eastern Church, everyone waits to see if Mary will enter into the mystery: God waits, Adam and Eve and all the souls of the dead who long for paradise wait, angels wait for new heavenly companions. And there is much rejoicing when her decision is "yes."

We have less dramatic choices offered to us, but the mystery of our salvation in Christ is by no means "solved." We may understand it a bit better due to Mary's "yes." We may be a bit closer to it through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But it still remains a mystery to which we all must give our own "yes." Soon we will be singing "O come, let us adore him." May our Advent prayer, our echo of Mary's "yes," continue then, so we may enter into the mystery of our salvation in Jesus Christ, God among us.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Frank

CHRISTMAS CONCERT THANK YOU!



On December 10th our music ministry held their annual Christmas Concert. Even though it was a rainy afternoon, in no way were our spirits dampened. We had a great number of families and friends join us for this beautiful celebration of Christmas music, which included musical selections from a variety of instruments.

I extend a special thank you to Melody Chen, our Music Director, Susan Dromsky-Reed, who accompanied on the piano, Diana Ciappina, who directs the Archangel Choir, and to all those who are part of our music ministry for all that they did to make the concert so moving; it was a wonderful way to get us into the Christmas spirit. Both the St. Gabriel Adult and Archangel Choirs were outstanding. The Holiday Chime Choir did a wonderful job as well. We are so fortunate to have such talent in our parish!

Merry Christmas!!

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.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

Our Newly Baptized:
Abigail Josephine Lo Paro

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



Congratulations to Brother Jay Bouton on his recent Exemplification of the Fourth Degree – the Knights of Columbus degree that centers around patriotism. With this, Jay can now be referred to as Sir Knight. Jay's unwavering dedication and enthusiasm in supporting all our sponsored events is unequalled. His consistent commitment and giving beyond the call of duty reflects greatly on his character. The Knights sponsored monthly Mass for the men of the parish will be held on Dec. 30th at 8:00am. The Mass will be followed by coffee and a light breakfast, along with discussion of issues of the day that affect us as Catholic men. Please join us.

The Brothers of Saint Gabriel Knights of Columbus council wish you all a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a peace filled New Year. May God bless you and your families.

Did you know? The first known instance of the phrase "Merry Christmas" has been traced to a 16th century letter from a bishop to England's Chief Minister in which the religious leader hoped God would bless the politician with a "Merry Christmas." 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.



Sir Knight Jay Bouton at his Fourth Degree Exemplification flanked by Past District Deputy Ken Schmidt and St. Gabriel's Grand Knight John Haiduk."



In Loving Memory

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

John & MJ Tarabocchia

In memory of the Tarabocchia & Mattessich Families

Tom & Diana Pascale

In memory of the Pascale & Marano Family

Jay & Betty Ann Bouton

In memory of the Bouton & Moravek Families

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In honor of Brian & Camie O'Rourke, John Zatorski, Sr. Theresa Chiappa, Molly Pearson

Marie Maita

In memory of John Maita, Christopher Maita

Domenic & Aimee Santucci

In memory of Mr & Mrs Frank Santucci

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In memory of Anne Warner

Patti Ross & Family

In memory of Philip Ross, Jr, Katherine, Cosmo & Joan Ferro

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Christine Hauser

In memory of Gregg Hauser Meany & Hauser Families

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In memory of Jimmy Di Betta

Mr & Mrs. John Weindler

In memory of Anna & John Weindler, Eleanor & Vincent Starce

Gerard Makhoul & Family

In memory of Eleanor Makhoul, Stephanie Makhoul Cooper Makhoul, Frederick Makhoul

David & Joni Sanzari

In memory of Garafano & Sanzari Families

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

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse and other misconduct. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling Karen Clark, the Director of the Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 973-497-4254. Victims in need of assistance should call the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 201-407-3256. They are also encouraged to call the Attorney General of NJ Clergy Abuse Hotline at 855-363-6548.



OPEN YOUR HEART TO THE CHRISTMAS PROMISE

This time of year reminds us of our hope for a future of peace. But we cannot achieve this peace on our own. We must open our hearts to the promise of Christmas

“One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.” (Isaiah 2:4) Violence flourishes if the world accepts it as inevitable. The world can change if the love of the Christmas Child takes root in our hearts. Peace flows from hearts that love.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for December 10 was \$12,746.25. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

DECEMBER 24, 2023

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, December 25, 2023

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
10:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Noon For the People of the Parish

TUESDAY, December 26, 2023

9:00 AM Richard Stefanacci

WEDNESDAY, December 27, 2023

9:00 AM Tiffani Loughnane

THURSDAY, December 28, 2023

9:00 AM Nan Euler

FRIDAY, December 29, 2023

9:00 AM Richard Cancilla

SATURDAY, December 30, 2023

9:00 AM Christopher Maita
5:00 PM Christopher Maita

SUNDAY, December 31, 2023

8:00 AM William A. MacDonald
10:00 AM Philip A. Ross, Jr.
11:30 AM Christian Hobbis
5:00 PM For the People of the Parish



The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of December 24 is for Christopher Maita as requested by Giacchi Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of December 24 for Christopher Maita requested by Giacchi Family.

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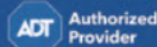
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