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### **PARISH STAFF**

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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Amanda Perfetti, M.Ed, M.S.

### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

Please see Archdiocese of Newark  
website for information on Catholic  
Schools at [rcan.org](http://rcan.org).



### **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](http://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 scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Frank

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO GROW IN HOLINESS

All Christians are called to holiness. "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). These are tools on which every Catholic can rely to attain greater holiness.

**Daily prayer.** God meets us in a very real and present way when we come to him in prayer. Start in the morning and pray throughout the day.

**Weekly Mass.** The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal. We receive Jesus' body and blood as a real food for our souls. He said, "For flesh is food indeed and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" That's why we call it "Communion."

### VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth at St. Walburga Monastery will host a Vocation Discernment Retreat from January 5 through 7 for single women ages 18 to 55. For more information, please contact Sr. Rosemary Kenny, Vocation Director, at 908-352-4278 x206 or by email at Rosemaryosb@bensisnj.org. The Spirituality Center at St. Walburga Monastery will also present two retreats for lay Catholics in January: "Wintering With God" - a morning mini retreat - will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2024, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and "Thomas Merton-Contemplative Activist" takes place January 26 to 28. To learn more visit: <https://bensisnj.org>

### OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

Our recently deceased who have entered Eternal Life:  
Barbara Kampf

### 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



Our next monthly council meeting will be held on Monday, January 8th, starting with a social gathering at 6:30pm, followed by our business meeting at 7:00pm. We encourage all Brother Knights to attend, especially those we haven't seen in a while.

A new statue of Blessed Michael McGivney was unveiled and dedicated Dec. 8th in the Hall of American Saints at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., with Cardinal Christophe Pierre and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori presiding. The statue will share the K of C founder's mission of unity and charity with the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who visit the shrine annually.

Happy New Year to the entire St. Gabriel community!!

**Did you know?** Millions of Americans gather around their television sets (or on the streets of Times Square, despite freezing temps) to watch the ball drop at the stroke of midnight each year. Kicking off in 1907 to ring in January 1908, *New York Times* owner Adolph Ochs created the event to draw attention to the *Times*'s new headquarters, and it's been an annual spectacle and one of the most popular New Year's Eve celebrations ever since.

However, in Brazil, people usually go to the beach since it's the summer there. Immediately after midnight, you're supposed to jump seven waves while making seven wishes. The tradition is rooted in paying homage to Yemanja, the goddess of water. Before you get in the water, you're supposed to wear all white, as it symbolizes purity.

If you are interested in joining the St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus, contact a current member or send us an email at [knights@stgabrielesr.org](mailto:knights@stgabrielesr.org).

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



### In Loving Memory

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

Aurora & Ken Kelly  
*In memory of the So & Kelly Families*  
*Bob Re, Pat Scorese,*  
*John Marra & Family*  
*Tony & Marguerite Riario, Tina Raia*

Doris Jergensen  
*In memory of Bill Jergensen*

Dale, Karen & Steph Smith  
*In memory of Catie Smith*

Brian & Nancy Trim  
*In memory of Ernie & Jeanne Sutkowski*

Lucille LaSala  
*In memory of Antone LaSala*

Edward Norton  
*In memory of the Brennan and Norton Families*

Rimvida Obeleniene  
*In memory of Cibai, Obeleniai, Plindziai, Liutvinai,*  
*Cervinskai Families*

Kathleen A. Gallagher  
*In memory of Breeje Ryan, Sr. Kathleen,*  
*Rogan O'Carroll, Fr. Desmond Quinn*

Angela Scorese  
*In memory of Pat Scorese*

Emmanuel & Zenda Lai  
*In memory of the Garcia & Lat Families*

John & Debie Rossi  
*In memory of Mike & Eileen Rossi, Jean Moore*  
*Cookie Roni Pirano*

Anita & John Fiorino  
*In memory of Lucille & John Fiorino*  
*Catherine & Jimmy Damato*

Dean & Filomena Zanedis  
*In memory of the Miele-Zanedis Family*

Maria Beatriz Baldovino  
*In memory of Alicia Baldovino, Alberto Baldovino*

Mr & Mrs Anthony Scrimenti  
*In memory of Bob & Frances Scrimenti*  
*Patrick & Angelina Massaro*



### In Loving Memory

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

Barbara Clyne  
*In memory of Mr & Mrs Danile Clyne*  
*Mr & Mrs. Chris Jansen*

Anna Mattessich  
*In memory of Jerry Mattessich*  
*Antonia & Ottavio Bussanich*

Margaret & Marco Minuto  
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### 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.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for December 17 was \$13,567.00. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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# Mass Intentions

## **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

## **MONDAY, January 1, 2024**

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

## **TUESDAY, January 2, 2024**

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Robert Benetti

## **WEDNESDAY, January 3, 2024**

6:30 AM Lois Giugliano  
9:00 AM William McGovern

## **THURSDAY, January 4, 2024**

6:30 AM Mary Connolly  
9:00 AM Richard Cancilla

## **FRIDAY, January 5, 2024**

9:00 AM Alberto Sanchez

## **SATURDAY, January 6, 2024**

9:00 AM Tara Hamilton  
(Living Intention)  
5:00 PM Tiffani Loughnane

## **SUNDAY, January 7, 2024**

8:00 AM Alfred & Beverly Nash  
10:00 AM Marie Palmeri  
11:30 AM Richard Stefanacci  
6:00 PM Patricia Straut



The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of December 31 is for Brendan Cole requested by the Maita Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of December 31 for Brendan Cole requested by the Maita Family.

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