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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

Today's Gospel story of John and his disciples seeing and following Jesus sounds so simple and casual, it's easy to miss the significant acts of faith that are made.

John points to Jesus: "Look," he says, "there is the Lamb of God." John's faith in Jesus is evident, so evident that John's disciples immediately leave his side to follow this Jesus.

The two disciples make their own act of faith. They follow Jesus, spend time with him, and are quick to spread the good news of their discovery: "We have found the Messiah."

It is easy to forget that the expectations of generations, the hopes of many ages of faithful people were being fulfilled in these simple acts of faith. The Lamb of God, the Messiah, foretold by the prophets, had finally come. Nearly everyone among the Jewish people was watching for the Messiah back then; who in our own society watches for signs of the presence of the Messiah today?

Peace and stay safe,
Fr. Frank

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



The next Knights of Columbus sponsored coffee social will be held after all Masses on the morning of January 21st. This is a great way for you to meet fellow parishioners. Please join us!

Just in time for your Super Bowl party and Valentines Day, the annual chocolate sale is scheduled for the weekends of February 3&4 and 10&11. This is one of our most popular fundraisers each year. We look forward to your support.

Did you know? The Church has entered Ordinary Time. This is the season of the Church year when we are encouraged to grow and mature in daily expression of our faith outside the great seasons of celebration of Christmas and Easter and the great periods of penance of Advent and Lent. Green is the color of Ordinary Time. It symbolizes life, hope, and anticipation.

If you are interested in joining the St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus, contact a current member or send us an email at knights@stgabrielr.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.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

Our Newly Baptized:
Dylan Astrid Arcilla

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

Baby Shower!
January 13 - 28

Gift registry:
Diapers
 Sizes 4 & 5
 Newborn
Onesies
Receiving blankets
Toddler clothing
 18-24 months
Towels
Wash cloths,
Wipes
Baby wash
Desitin ointment

Please bring your **unwrapped** gift to the vestibule of the church from **January 13 - January 28, 2024**

Gifts support Birthright - an organization that supports women facing crisis pregnancies.

The essence of Birthright is love. Birthright is unique and committed to offering free, non-judgmental help to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Birthright offers love, hope and support to each woman, to help her make a realistic plan for her future and the future of her unborn child whether she needs a pregnancy test or friendship and support lasting through the pregnancy and beyond. Every woman is special and deserves to be treated with love and respect, as well as personal attention to her unique situation. Birthright helps any girl or woman regardless of age, race, religion, marital status or financial situation, who is facing an unplanned pregnancy and maintains a 24/7 toll-free helpline: 1-800-950-4900. For more information on Birthright go to www.birthright.org

Show your support for the sacredness of life through your donations—all gifts are appreciated!

Questions? Contact Patti Ross at 201 962 3793

Birthright CANNOT accept donations of equipment! (i.e. cribs, strollers, car seats, etc.) If you already have these items in good condition and are looking to donate them, try searching for worthy organization through websites like pickaplease.org or donationtown.org—they'll come to you to pick up.

MEN OF THE PARISH

SAVE THE DATE! ! A mini-retreat will be held for the Men of the Parish on the morning of Saturday, February 24th. The morning will start off with Mass at 8:00am, followed by a light breakfast. The retreat will focus on **The Season of Lent** and will include speakers, videos, and discussion. The retreat will end around noon with a pizza lunch. The previous retreat, held in November of 2022, focused on Advent and was greatly received. Your participation in this retreat will make for another big success.

In order to plan properly, please RSVP to rvlasak@optonline.net by Feb. 10th.



**SAINT JOSEPH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS LES MISERABLES**

St. Joseph Regional High School's Nationally-Recognized and Award-Winning Performing Arts Program will present what many consider to be the "greatest musical of all time," **LES MISERABLES**. The cast is made up of talented boys from St. Joe's and girls from a variety of high schools in Bergen, Rockland, Westchester Counties, as well as from NYC.

Performances will take place at the Inserra Theater, on the campus of St. Joseph Regional HS in Montvale, NJ on January 26 (7pm), January 27 (2pm & 7pm), January 28 (3pm), February 1 (7pm – student-discounted show - \$15), February 2 (7pm), and February 3 (2pm & 7pm). There is a special Senior Citizen's Preview Performance on January 24 at 3pm, including a "special nosh and a pre-show discussion" at 2:15pm, all for \$10.

Discounted tickets are available for all shows for groups of 10 or more by contacting assel taj@sjrnj.org. Regular tickets are \$17 & \$23 and are ON SALE NOW purchased through

SJR.Booktix.com or in-person one half-hour before each show. Questions should be sent to SJRTheater@sjrnj.org or by calling 201-391-7422

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for December 24 was \$10,525.40, December 31 collection was \$10,704.40 and January 7 was \$9,499.40. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

**THIS YEAR,
DON'T NEGLECT "THE ONE THING NEEDED"**

When St. Martha complained to Jesus that her sister Mary was sitting at His feet instead of helping to host Him, He corrected Martha for neglecting the "one thing . . . Needful" (Luke 10:42) - Intimacy with Him. In the New Year, resolve not to neglect the "one thing needful" and remain intimate with Him.

Build an "inner chapel." While on mission in the world, St. Catherine of Siena maintained an "inner chapel" in her soul to speak with God, heart to heart. Jesus urged us to do the same (Matthew 6:6). Shut out the world for a while and take refuge in your inner chapel every day.

Sit at His feet. Mary believed in Jesus and gave Him her best. He must be our hope, our salvation, our all. This is absolutely necessary.

Encounter Him in others. Mother Teresa said, "Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear him saying "I thirst" in the hearts of the poor." The closer we grow to God, the better we'll "see" and love Him in others

Serve Him. Although Mary wasn't waiting on Christ like Martha, she was ministering to him in a deeper and truer sense. No one serves Christ better than by hearing His Words and doing His will.

All families of the parish are invited to attend!



OPEN HOUSE
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CELEBRATE LIFE

January is the month during which our Church celebrates life. This is when we take time to recognize that we are all reflections of God and have great value in His eyes from the moment of conception to a natural death. Celebrating life means being pro-human every day of the year.

JANUARY 14, 2024

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 13, 2024

9:00 AM Katherine Schubert
5:00 PM Tiffani Loughnane

SUNDAY, January 14, 2024

8:00 AM Gregg Hauser
10:00 AM William P. Deegan
11:30 AM Rosario Solis
6:00 PM Arthur Carine

MONDAY, January 15, 2024

9:00 AM Eleanor Walsh (living intention)

TUESDAY, January 16, 2024

6:30 AM The Arscott Family
(living intention)
9:00 AM Alysia Kelly
(living intention)

WEDNESDAY, January 17, 2024

6:30 AM Richard Dodd (living intention)
9:00 AM Steve & Anne Burlew
(living intention)

THURSDAY, January 18, 2024

6:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Mariann McGovern

FRIDAY, January 19, 2024

9:00 AM Howard Walsh

SATURDAY, January 20, 2024

9:00 AM Eleanor Makhoul
5:00 PM Delores Graham

SUNDAY, January 21, 2024

8:00 AM Arlene Iovino
10:00 AM Antonia Bussanich
11:30 AM Rae Ann Anemone
6:00 PM People of the Parish



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of January 14 for Gregg Hauser as requested by Christine Hauser.

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of January 14 for Gregg Hauser as requested by Christine Hauser.

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