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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

During Jesus' ministry "he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons." This is the case in today's Gospel. Jesus fulfills the vision of Psalm 147: "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

Jesus knew, however, that he couldn't possibly heal all the illness in the world. No matter how many people he cured or how many hours he ministered, there always would be more suffering people like Job who craved his healing touch. His primary mission was not to rid the world of all suffering. His "purpose" was to preach the coming of the reign of God that heals, yes, but ultimately transcends and transforms earthly suffering. With Paul, Jesus could have said, "Woe to me if I do not preach" that good news.

Peace and stay safe,
Fr. Frank

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

On February 11th, Super Bowl Sunday, the Sunday evening mass will be held at 4:00 pm instead of 6:00 pm.

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



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.

Our next monthly council meeting will be held on Monday, February 12th, 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.

Our council mourns the recent passing of Brother Tom Parkes. Tom served as our Recording Secretary for many years and contributed to the council in countless other ways. An award-winning artist and long-time advertising executive, Tom was also an avid reader, tennis player and movie buff. Our condolences go out to his wife of 61 years, Arline, his two children, and his entire family. Rest in peace.

Did you know? Ash Wednesday falls on Valentines Day this year. It happened two other times in the last century — 1923 and 1934. It will happen again in 2029, but that will be it for this century.

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

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
John Rufin
Nicole Trotta

MINI-RETREAT FOR MEN OF THE PARISH

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 primary speaker for the morning will be Mario Costabile, a founding member, and the executive director of Array of Hope. Array of Hope is a primary source for creating and producing transformative events, films, and music for Catholic parishes, dioceses, and faith-based organizations. Seeking to address the decline of God in our culture, Array of Hope feels "empowered with His grace to capture the hearts of families and awaken an inner desire to seek a relationship with Jesus Christ".

Our 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. Guests are welcome, so please extend this invitation to friends outside the parish. In order to plan properly, please RSVP to rvlasak@optonline.net by Feb. 10th.

CAN YOU SEE GOD?

Are you aware of God's presence in your life? Looking for ways in which he blesses us rather than thinking about prayers he hasn't yet answered makes us more aware of how he moves in our lives. Of course, God is always with us whether we see him or not. Ask him to give you eyes to see him. "Trust always in your God. He does not lose battles." - St. Josemaria Escriva.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for January 28 was 12,027.25. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

**LAST CHANCE FOR THE ST. GABRIEL'S TRIP
TO LONDON AND PARIS. - May 4-12, 2024**

You may remember that we have a parish trip planned to London, Paris, and Lisieux this May. As of today, we have nine attendees, including Father Frank.

The main itinerary departs from St Gabriel's on May 4th and returns on May 12th. There are also options to go early or stay later.

The trip has been planned by Jennifer Edelson, a parishioner who owns a travel agency, JJ Travel Associates in Ho-Ho-Kus. The trip will be through Collette Tours. It is a fully guided tour with all transfers, Eurostar train and tours and some meals in the historic and beautiful cities of London and Paris.

In London, we will visit the magnificent sites of Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, and the historic Westminster Abbey, among other sites. We will travel together on the Eurostar train from London to Paris. In Paris, we will tour the city, visiting the Arc de Triomphe and Notre-Dame Cathedral. There will be an opportunity to visit Montmartre and the renowned Sacré-Cœur Basilica.

Originally, we were going to Lisieux, where St Therese was from. However, as of today we will not be able to go to Lisieux unless we get another 6 attendees because that part of the trip must have 15 people.

If you are interested, please contact the parish office ((201) 327-5663) or Jennifer Edelson (201-893-7602) or by her email, (jedelson@dreamvacations.com).

***A Day of Remembrance, Hope and Healing
Monday, February 12, 2024***

The **Respect Life Ministry of St. Paul, Ramsey**, invites all members of **St. Gabriel, the Archangel Parish** to join us at St. Paul RC Church, Ramsey, for **Adoration and Prayer** on **February 12, 2024**, to remember the 63 Million babies' lives lost in the US since 1973, their parents and families, and to pray for the end of abortion. We look forward to praying together for LIFE.

12 Noon - Mass
12:30pm to 9:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration
3:00pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00pm to 4:00 pm - Confessions
5:30pm - Evening Prayer
7:00pm - Rosary and Litany for Life
8:00pm to 8:45pm - Confessions (English and Spanish)
8:45pm. To 9:00pm - Benediction

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.



**ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL
ADULT FAITH FORMATION Studies The
AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE PRESENTATION OF
THE SEARCH**

During the Season of Lent, join us in the Parish Center Meeting Room as we view together and discuss seven sessions of The Search during which we are asked, What is this journey in between the event we call “birth” and the one we call “death”? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there. And the answers are too.

Session 1 - What do you seek?

Session 2 - Who are you?

Session 3 - Why a God?

Session 4 - What's our story?

Session 5 - Who is Jesus?

Session 6 - Am I saved?

Session 7 - Why a Church?

Fr. Frank on Tuesday Mornings – 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 after 9:30 a.m. Mass

Christine Ferreri on Wednesday Evenings – 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 at 7:30 p.m.

To register, contact Maureen at the Parish Office at 201-327-5663 or Christine Ferreri at cferreri@stgabrielstr.org to sign up for the session you will primarily attend, although you may attend either session if you miss the primary session. Provide the name of those attending, and a phone number and email address as contact information.



FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 3, 2024

9:00 AM Genevieve DiDiario
5:00 PM Frances & Pasquale Carbone

SUNDAY, February 4, 2024

8:00 AM Peter Marron, Jr
10:00 AM Nicola Tafuri
11:30 AM Maryann McGovern
6:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, February 5, 2024

9:00 AM Mary Carson

TUESDAY, February 6, 2024

6:30 AM Jean Miller
9:00 AM Ashley Anne Riggitano

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 2024

6:30 AM Holy Souls
9:00 AM John & Anita Pastier
(Living Intention)

THURSDAY, February 8, 2024

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM Giulio Hroncich

FRIDAY, February 9, 2024

9:00 AM Henry Quilen
(Living Intention)

SATURDAY, February 10, 2024

9:00 AM Donna Lynn Bassano
5:00 PM Antonio Covello

SUNDAY, February 11, 2024

8:00 AM Mildred DeKoskie
10:00 AM William E. Johnson
11:30 AM Richard Stefanacci
4:00 PM Christopher Maita

 **IN LOVING
REMEMBRANCE**

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of February 4 is for Vic Bet requested by Terri and Kim.

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