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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 entire history of the Jewish people is directed toward one goal: that God might be glorified through the chosen people. Christians, too, are called to “do everything for the glory of God.” In today’s scriptures Paul reminds us that the best way for us to glorify God is to seek to benefit “the many,” as Christ did when he shed his blood for all of humankind.

The reading from Leviticus explains one way the Jews sought to benefit the many, by keeping lepers and leprosy away from the chosen people. Jesus finds a better way. He cures the leper, who immediately re-enters the community to spread the good news about Jesus to everyone who will listen. In this way both Jesus and the leper fulfill their calling to glorify the God who fills us “with the joy of salvation.”

Peace and stay safe,
Fr. Frank

2024 LENTEN REGULATIONS

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted **and two (2) smaller meals which if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3) The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4) The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2024, to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity May 26, 2024.**

*Canon 920, 1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for February 4 was \$12,670.25. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

Those recently joined in Matrimony
Charles Paul Kaliades & Christina Frances Lewis

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 Rusin
Nicole Trotta

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



The next Knights of Columbus sponsored coffee social will be held after all Masses on the morning of February 18th. This is a great way for you to meet fellow parishioners. Please join us!

The response by the parish to our annual chocolate sale has been tremendous. Thanks to all who participated. The financial results of the sale will be reported in an upcoming bulletin. A special shout out to our Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Tim Bigley, for organizing and running this year’s event, and to all Brother Knights who helped out.

Did you know? The final day of ordinary time before the solemn season of Lent is known as Fat Tuesday. The custom of making pancakes on Fat Tuesday started as a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of 40 days of Lent. This day is also referred to as Shrove Tuesday, which comes from the word ‘shriving’, meaning to listen to someone’s sins and forgive them. In Anglo-Saxon England, Christians would go to church on Shrove Tuesday to confess their sins and clean their souls. In other words, they would be ‘shriven’.

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.

HELP US TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU

The parish uses a communication system called Flocknote to send email and text messages to parishioners. Flocknote has been an important way for us to stay in touch with you during the pandemic. 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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).



Future Knights, the Govenara boys, performing God's work by encouraging their parents to support the Knight's chocolate sale.

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 9:00 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@stgabrielesr.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.

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.

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, February 12, 2024

9:00 AM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, February 13, 2024

6:30 AM Special Intention & Holy Souls
9:00 AM Jean Bouchemoire

WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2024

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM Richard Cancilla
4:00 PM SERVICE ASHES
7:00 PM Tiffani Loughnane

THURSDAY, February 15, 2024

6:30 AM For Holy Souls &
Special Intention
9:00 AM Robert Re

FRIDAY, February 16, 2024

9:00 AM Elaine Yee

SATURDAY, February 17, 2024

9:00 AM For Holy Souls &
Special Intention
5:00 PM Anne Warner

SUNDAY, February 18, 2024

8:00 AM Peter Marron, Jr
10:00 AM Robert Vasquez
11:30 AM Rosario Solis
6:00 PM Benedict C. Priolo



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be light-
ed during the week of February 11 for Bob Re requested by
the Re Family.

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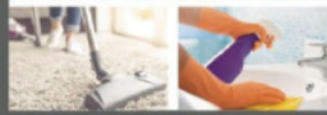
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