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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

Lent is the time of year that we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. The psalm reminds us that if we truly keep the covenant, the way of life God expects us to follow will not be a burden, but a source of love and truth. Peter's letter gives one explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal that we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words that Jesus proclaims immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived in our baptismal promises.

Peace and stay safe,
Fr. Frank

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



According to a recently released Knights of Columbus – Marist poll, 83% of Americans support pregnancy resource centers (who are these other 17%??) yet, inexplicably, these centers have been under attack in N.J. It appears that the goal is to shut these centers down. In addition to saving lives,

these centers often offer the only source of compassion and comfort to women who choose life. They also provide much needed parental services. These pregnancy resource centers continue to need our prayers, and your participation in the Saint Gabriel's council's fund-raising events allow us to help financially support some of these centers as well.

Did you know? Lent is the Old English word for spring. In almost all other languages, Lent's name is a derivative of the Latin term 'quadagesima' or 'the forty days.'

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.

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.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

Our Newly Baptized:

Cody Joseph Stueben
Laila James Sherry

Our recently deceased who have entered Eternal Life

Belina Ang

Our sick and homebound:

Salvatore Averso
Daniel Castillo
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Ada Fields
Meg Gallagher
Grace Gilbert
Bill Hamilton
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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.

DURING LENT

Offer a Rosary for the intentions of the Pope.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for February 11 was \$12,575.25. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth..."

January 31, 2024

Rev. Msgr. Frank G. Del Prete

Pastor

Saint Gabriel the Archangel Church

88 E. Saddle River Road

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Dear Monsignor Del Prete:

Thanks very much to you and all the members of Saint Gabriel the Archangel parish for your generosity to Birthright of Bergen County. We were thrilled to receive the donation of baby clothes, baby care items and diapers which will help the mothers and babies we serve. Your support helps Birthright continue the care we have been providing for pregnant women, their unborn babies and families in Bergen County for over forty years.

As you know, Birthright is here to support and aid young women in crisis pregnancy to choose Life for their children. Each year, we receive hundreds of calls and requests from mothers facing crisis pregnancy who need assistance. Birthright volunteers provide services, which include friendship, mentoring, parenting education, pregnancy tests, referrals for medical care, housing, daycare, adoption information, maternity and baby clothing, diapers and other baby care items. This support is designed to provide the means for women who call or visit our office to receive the help they need during and after their pregnancy.

Thank you for helping Birthright to continue its mission of guarding the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Wishing you many blessings in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Mary Pat Phillips
Co-Director

Barbara Boe
Co-Director

50/50 RAFFLE TO BENEFIT FAMILY PROMISE OF BC

Family Promise of Bergen County's 50/50 Raffle is a fun way to support programs that have a BIG impact on neighbors in need. The first-place winner will receive 25% of the proceeds up to \$25,000, plus there will be 16 additional cash prizes. The best part is that all proceeds help fund programs that provide temporary housing and life-changing support to working families experiencing and at risk of homelessness, and that address hunger in our communities.

The raffle drawing will take place on March 21st – so act soon! We will contact the winners and post the winning ticket numbers on our social media pages and website (open camera and click here to access): Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased with a credit card by calling Family Promise at 201-833-8009 or by mailing a check along with the order form available on our website: www.bergenfamilypromise.org/raffle

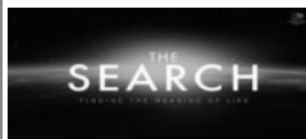
LENT 2024

Pick a saint to accompany you during Lent. Learn more about them and ask them to pray for you.

Give up worry. Write down what worries you and leave it before an image of Jesus, surrendering it to His care.

Today, choose kindness. Resolve to smile at everyone you meet.

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@stgabrielsr.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.

LIVE GENEROUSLY

In a world that judges people based on their accumulated wealth, it is easy to notice what we don't have and to wish for it. Lent, however, invites us to live in gratitude for what we do have. Gratitude then gives rise to generosity - sharing God's love and gifts with others. Generous people are encouraging, positive and appreciative. During Lent, notice and appreciate God's gifts and share them with others.

DURING LENT

***Dive deeper into your faith.** Skim the glossary in the catechism for an unfamiliar term and learn the Church's teaching about it.

***Pick an issue** in the news today and pray over it.

***Look for opportunities** to practice the virtues humility, patience and kindness.

***Attend daily Mass** or visit the Blessed Sacrament. Be present to Him who is present to you.

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, February 19, 2024

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM For Holy Souls &
Special Intention

TUESDAY, February 20, 2024

6:30 AM Pat Scorese

9:00 AM John Surless

WEDNESDAY, February 21, 2024

6:30 AM James Hinish

9:00 AM Bill Jergensen

THURSDAY, February 22, 2024

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM Pat Scorese

FRIDAY, February 23, 2024

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM Mary Sanzari

SATURDAY, February 24, 2024

9:00 AM Richard Dodd

5:00 PM Richard Cancilla

SUNDAY, February 25, 2024

8:00 AM Peter Marron, Jr

10:00 AM Louis Nepote

11:30 AM Susan Keane

6:00 PM Sonia Sepulveda



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be light-
ed during the week of February 18 for Bob Re requested by
the Re Family.

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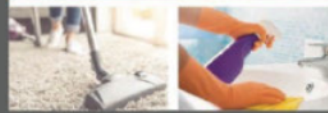
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