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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](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

Most of us, if we were asked “Does the phrase ‘the Ten Commandments’ appear in the Bible?” would likely get it wrong, because the answer is “no.” “The Ten Commandments” is a post biblical, phrase that developed along with an image of God as police officer that is not found in today’s passage from Exodus. The first phrase is the key: God is the one who brings us out of slavery; following God’s law or commands is our path to freedom. The moneychangers whom Jesus drove from the temple were not explicitly breaking any of the commandments, but neither were they helping people to find God’s path to freedom as they came to worship at the temple. This is an important Lenten lesson for us. We need to stop asking ourselves whether or not we are breaking specific rules or regulations and instead examine our lives to see if we are truly following a path to God’s freedom through Christ.

Peace and stay safe,  
Fr. Frank

### THE KNIGHTS CORNER



Our next monthly council meeting will be held on Monday, March 11th, 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.

The Knights will be holding our annual Easter plant sale at all Masses on the weekend of March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday weekend). Thanks in advance for your support.

The Men’s Mini-Retreat this past weekend, sponsored by the Knights, was a great success. Twenty-four men participated in the event, which included talks and discussions on Lent, the Cross, the devotion of The Stations of the Cross, and our journeys in faith. The attendees ranged from those in their late 30s to those in their late 80s. This offered a wide range of perspectives that really made the morning special. Thanks to all who participated. Thanks also to Fr. Frank for allowing us the use of the church facilities and to Fr. Marty for offering Mass to start off the morning.

**Did you know?** One of the devotions practiced in the Church, especially during lent, is The Stations of the Cross. Three of the stations describe Jesus falling while carrying the Cross. But, while certainly possible, and perhaps probable, there are no biblical references to these falls.

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](mailto:knights@stgabrielsr.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 Rusin  
Nicole Trotta

*Easter Dinners for St. Michael's*

Help provide a delicious Easter dinner with a Shop-Rite gift card.

To facilitate an effortless way to make a donation from your computer using Faith Direct, we have a link that will enable you to use a credit card or withdrawal from an account.

If you would rather send a check to the parish for the donation please do so by March 27. Please make the check payable to St. Gabriel's and mark on the envelope St. Michael's Easter Dinner Drive.

Faith Direct Link:  
<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/NJ36146830>  
or use our friendly QR code.

As always we are so grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

*May God bless you for your continued generosity to the families of St. Michael's.*

### ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

The anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. The liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

Anniversary Liturgies  
5 years & 25 years May 5, 2024 at 12:00 PM –  
50 years June 2, 2024 at 12:00 PM

Forms can be obtained in the parish office and can be mailed or simply email the needed information to [familylife@rcan.org](mailto:familylife@rcan.org).

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### **KNITTING & CROCHETING CLUB** Monday, March 4, 2024 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM



St. Gabriel's has a knitting and crocheting club. If you crochet or knit please bring your yarn, needles or hooks, pattern and join us! . If you are new to needlework and want to participate, we'll help you learn. For information, please contact Trish Townsend-Martinez at 646 996 7621. **Our next meeting will be held on March 4 at 1 PM in the Parish Center.**

### **FIRST COMMUNION OUTFITS – Needed**

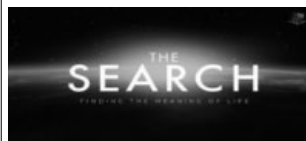
The First Communion Day of a child is a very special occasion – a day to be celebrated and always remembered! There are several families in our community, and many just beyond our community, who cannot afford to purchase a Communion outfit for their child. Please help to make another child's First Communion Day one that will be cherished by donating used or new Communion dresses, suits, shirts, ties, head pieces or shoes.

We have set aside ONE DAY when donations will be received: Saturday, March 23 from 10AM to 2Pm at St. John's Parish Center (or call Kathy at 201-666-4185). Please bring all articles, clean, on hangers, and covered in plastic. Monetary donations will also be accepted. If you or anyone that you know may need an outfit, please contact Kathy. Thank you so very much!

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The amount of the collection for February 18 was \$12,411.75. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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](http://www.bergenfamilypromise.org/raffle)

*MARCH 3, 2024*

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# Mass Intentions

## **SATURDAY, March 2, 2024**

9:00 AM Paul Doherty  
5:00 PM Paul Doherty

## **SUNDAY, March 3, 2024**

8:00 AM Jose Ampudia  
10:00 AM Joseph Hyde  
11:30 AM Paul S. Doherty  
6:00 PM People of the Parish

## **MONDAY, March 4, 2024**

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:00 AM For the Holy Souls &  
Special Intention

## **TUESDAY, March 5, 2024**

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Joseph Giancristofaro.

## **WEDNESDAY, March 6, 2024**

6:30 AM Aleth Hamilton  
Living Intention  
9:00 AM Phyllis & Vincent Marella

## **THURSDAY, March 7, 2024**

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

## **FRIDAY, March 8, 2024**

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:00 AM For the Holy Souls &  
Special Intention

## **SATURDAY, March 9, 2024**

9:00 AM Michael Acciardi, Jr.  
5:00 PM James Spinella

## **SUNDAY, March 10, 2024**

8:00 AM Albino Matesic  
10:00 AM Elizabeth Lawson  
11:30 AM Richard Stefanacci  
6:00 PM Michael DiRuggiero



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament and the Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week are available as memorials for loved ones. To arrange, please contact the parish office at (201) 327-5663.

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