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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

Last week, when Jesus referred to the destruction of the temple, the account from today's first reading is what would have come to the minds of his listeners. But, as Jesus was speaking on a deeper level, so does today's first reading. In the first paragraph we hear that Israel had, in effect, "fallen" already through its infidelity to the covenant. Lest we get too cozy, this account reminds us that God, though just, loving, and merciful, is capable of punishing sin when that sin is unrepentant. But we are also reminded that God, rich in mercy, anoints individuals to be vessels of salvation as well (in Hebrew, King Cyrus of Persia is called "messiah.") In the Gospel reading, we hear of another Messiah being "lifted up" for our salvation in one of the best known passages from the New Testament. As Lent concludes and we enter Holy Week, we need to keep our gaze steadfast upon the cross of Christ, the Son of God who came into the world to raise us who had fallen.

Peace and stay safe,
Fr. Frank

THE KNIGHTS CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS! The Saint Gabriel Knights would like to welcome our two newest members. On February 28th, parishioners Steve Nicoletti and Jack Warner participated in the CUF induction ceremony. CUF stands for the first three degrees of knighthood, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. A number of fellow Knights were on hand for support.



Welcome Steve and Jack! We look forward to your participation as members of the Knights and are confident that you will contribute greatly to our council and the parish.

Also this past month, seventeen midshipmen recently joined the Knights of Columbus at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, nearly doubling the size of the service academy's council. More evidence that serving the Church and our country goes hand-in-hand.

Did you know? Lent is based on Jesus' 40 days in the desert overcoming temptation. Because of this, Catholic churches reflect this dry period by prohibiting festive decorations and floral displays in the church during the Lenten season.

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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for March 3 was \$12,384.00. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

Our Newly Baptized:
Maia Galofre Rodriguez

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



In Loving Memory

The following parishioners have made Easter flower donations in memory of their loved ones.

Mr & Mrs Vincent Marino

In memory of Bartola Marino, Carmela Marino,
Raffaele Napolitano, Paolina Napolitano

Angela M. Scorese

In memory of Pat Scorese, Marcone Family,
Scorese Family

Pam Re & Barry Mino

In memory of Robert Re

Dr. & Mrs. Gerard Makhoul & Family

In memory of Stephanie Makhoul, Eleanor Makhoul,
Frederick Makhoul, Cooper Makhoul

Joan Sirard

In memory of Louis Sirard, John & Sophie Rusin,
Noel & Anita Sirard, Dennis & Florence James

Doris Jergensen

In memory of Bill Jergensen, Caterina Bertinetti,
Eileen Lynch, Jean Hagerman, Mary Jergensen

Frank Mazzola

In memory of Angelo Mazzola

Mr & Mrs Ron Giancristofaro

In memory of Joseph Giancristofaro

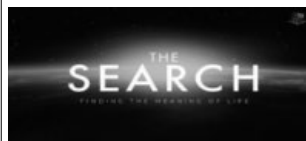
Patti Ross

In memory of Philip A. Ross, Jr.,
Katherine, Cosmo & Joan Ferro

IHA PRESENTS MAMA MIA

Immaculate Heart Academy is proud to present its 2024 Spring Musical, *Mamma Mia*, on Friday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 23 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m. *Mamma Mia* is a fun musical highlighting hit songs from ABBA and tells the story of Sophie, a bride-to-be who wants to find her father. Through music and dance, Sophie discovers the true meaning of friendship, life, and most importantly, the joy of what love can bring. Student actors performing in the musical come from many area schools including IHA, St. Joseph Regional High School, and Westwood Regional High School. Tickets are \$15 for children, students, and seniors; and \$20 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at www.performingartsattheheart.com. All performances will take place in IHA's Performing Arts Center, 500 Van Emburgh Ave., Township of Washington, NJ 07676.

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@stgabriel.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

MARCH 10, 2024

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, March 11, 2024

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM Mary Frances Cone

TUESDAY, March 12, 2024

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

WEDNESDAY, March 13, 2024

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

THURSDAY, March 14, 2024

6:30 AM Vinod Pallan
9:00 AM John Junkers

FRIDAY, March 15, 2024

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

SATURDAY, March 16, 2024

9:00 AM Jeanne Rodgers
5:00 PM Richard Cancilla

SUNDAY, March 17, 2024

8:00 AM Gregg Hauser
10:00 AM The deceased members of the
Ross, Ferro, Ammirato Families
11:30 AM John Junkers
6:00 PM William P. Deegan



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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