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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

When the prophet Jeremiah coined the term “new covenant” he was actually doing something quite radical. For the Jewish people, there was only one covenant, the one made between the Lord God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. For Jeremiah to suggest that God would somehow supersede the covenant with a new one would have sounded audacious to Jewish ears. But in this way he is a predecessor of Jesus who, in the Gospel of John, is continually portrayed as superseding the past, establishing the reign of God in a new way. And in today’s Gospel passage, Jesus the “new covenant” speaks the language of his “new commandment” of love when he tells of the dying grain of wheat, and of our own need to die to self in order to be raised with Christ. As Lent ends and we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the dying grain of wheat serves as an excellent symbol of the kind of dying and self sacrifice to which disciples are called, a symbol of that new covenant written deep within our hearts.

Peace and stay safe,
Fr. Frank

If the altar bells that are rung during mass sound different to you; they are! I am very grateful for the new altar bells that were donated to St. Gabriel's in memory of Sophia Rose Meo. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the monthly **Men's Mass** on March 23th at 8:00am. All men of the parish, and guests, are welcome. Mass is followed by light snacks and discussion about issues of the day that affect us as

Catholic men. The next Knights of Columbus sponsored **coffee social** will be held after all Masses on the morning of March 24th. This is a great way for you to meet fellow parishioners. Please join us! The Knights will be holding our annual **Easter plant sale** at all Masses on the weekend of March 23rd and 24th. Thanks in advance for your support.

Did you know? One reason Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey is that in ancient times, a king rode a horse if he was coming for war and a donkey if coming in peace. Jesus was not mounted on a horse but on a lowly foal – a young donkey. This is in stark contrast to the Jewish people’s expectation of a mighty military king who would overthrow and drive out the Romans from their land. What the people didn’t realize was that Jesus didn’t come to free them from Roman bondage but to free them from the bondage of sin itself. 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for March 10 was \$12,728.00. The Christmas collection was \$98,305.00. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

Our recently deceased who have entered Eternal Life:

Emilio Alonso

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

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!

Easter Dinners for St. Michael's

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

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.

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 withdraw from an account.

Faith Direct Link:
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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.





In Loving Memory

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

Patti Ross

In memory of Richard Ferro

Denyse & Bill Galda

In memory of Edward & Trudee Coyle, Muriel Polgus, Ellen M. Galda, John F. Galda

Thomas & Diana Pascale

In memory of Carmen Pascale, Mrs & Mrs. Albert Pascale, Mr & Mrs. Carmen Marano

Marilyn & John Weindler

In memory of Eleanor & Vincent Starace, Anna & John Weindler

Mr & Mrs John Mongelli

In memory of Theresa & Leonard Marcel, Rose & Salvatore Mongelli

Christine Hauser

In memory of Gregg Hauser, Meany Family Hauser Family

Tony & Sue Scrimenti

In memory of Bob & Frances Scrimenti, Patrick & Angelina Massaro

Greg & Laura Boyajian

In memory of Ron Boyajian, Ivan Tarabokia, Maria Tarabokia

Domenick & Aimee Santucci

In memory of Beatrice Lolacona

Marie Maita

In memory of John G. Maita, Christopher J. Maita

Grisoni

In memory of Mr & Mrs. John Grisoni, Sr. Mr & Mrs Anthony Caliaro

Linda & Ted Pintard

In memory of deceased members of the Emmens & Pintard Families

Edward W. Marron, Jr.

In memory of Evelyn Marron, Darline L. Marron Joseph Corso, Michael Litton

**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@stgabriele.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.

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.

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. 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.

MARCH 17, 2024

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, March 18, 2024

6:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Anne & Edgar Schweibold

TUESDAY, March 19, 2024

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

WEDNESDAY, March 20, 2024

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

THURSDAY, March 21, 2024

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

FRIDAY, March 22, 2024

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

SATURDAY, March 23, 2024

9:00 AM Albert Sanchez
5:00 PM Annette Tedeschi

SUNDAY, March 24, 2024

8:00 AM Ronald Boyajian
10:00 AM Chela Sanchez
11:30 AM Mary Dunne
6:00 PM Christopher Maita



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of March 17 for Gregg Hauser requested by Christine Hauser.

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of March 17 is for Gregg Hauser requested by Christine Hauser.

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