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CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Please see Archdiocese of Newark
website for information on Catholic
Schools at rcan.org.



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 solemnity of today's readings invites us into silent contemplation of the mystery of our redemption. There are so many levels on which to understand the events of the Passion. The woman who anoints Jesus acts prophetically in a way that the other disciples do not yet grasp. Anointing is for priests, prophets, and kings, and also for the preparation of the dead. It is for healing and for holiness. Her action acknowledges the imminent events of the passion and death of the Lord, and points toward his resurrection and triumph over evil and death. He is priest and victim, prophet and God, King and Lord. All these things are acknowledged in her prophetic anointing.

Peace and stay safe,
Fr. Frank

Join us as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter.

THE KNIGHTS CORNER

Our next **monthly council meeting** will be held on Monday, April 8th, starting with a social gathering at 6:30pm, followed by our business meeting at 7:00pm. Discussions on two very important topics will be on the agenda: the distribution of charitable funds and proposals for the upcoming slate of council officers. Both items need to be finalized during our May and June meetings. We encourage all Brother Knights to attend, especially those we haven't seen in a while.



On this Palm Sunday, let us remember that Jesus entered Jerusalem as our Messiah. Let our palms be for us, signs of His victory, and grant that we who bear them in His name may forever hail Him as our King and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life.

Did you know? The Church calls for the removal of holy water from the fonts during the Sacred Triduum only (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). This is done in preparation for the blessing of water at the Easter Vigil when the fonts are refilled.

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.

WHY DO CATHOLICS CALL GOOD FRIDAY "GOOD"?

Although it recalls a terribly sad event, Good Friday is "good" because it is the day when Jesus saved us from our sins, reconciled us with God, and reopened Heaven. Out of what seemed like defeat, God brought victory. By His death, Jesus conquered sin and death. On Good Friday, we see more clearly God's goodness, justice, wisdom, power and love.

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

2024 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - March 28
7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic devotion will follow until 10 PM
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Good Friday - March 29
3:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00 pm - Tenebrae Service
*
Holy Saturday - March 30
9:00 am - Blessing of Food
8:00 pm - Easter Vigil
*
Easter Sunday - March 31
8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon

THERE WILL BE NO 6:00 PM MASS

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/NE6146630>
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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



In Loving Memory

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

George Hazley

In memory of Barbara Hazley

Nadia Altirs

In memory of Nadia Behette, John Behette

Zatorski Family

In memory of Brian & Camie O'Rourke, John Zatorski, Sr. Theresa Chiappa, Molly Pearson

Patricia DiBetta

In memory of Jimmy DiBetta

Mike Altirs

In memory of Antonios Teress

Sandy Alworth

In memory of Mildred & Frank Dekoskie;
Jean Caruso

Anne & Michael Sullivan

In memory of the members of the Sullivan Family, Quinn Family, and Walsh Family

Maria Troiani

In memory of Vincenzo Marcuccilli, Vincenzo Troiani, Matthew Marcelli, Mr. & Mrs. G. Viscogliosi

Margaret Minuto

In memory of the Minuto Family
In memory of the Moscatello Family

Anita & John Fiorino

In memory of Catherine & James Damato,
Lucille & John Fiorino

Patricia & Michael Peyko

In memory of Marina Cesarini

Ken & Aurora Kelly

In memory of John Bello, Bob Re, John Murray Family,
Tina Raia, Tony & Marguerite Riario

David Dickey

Dila Pjeternikaj

In memory of Michael Pjeternikaj

Cordelia Bergamo

In memory of Olive & Eugene Parks, Isabelle Parks,
Evelyn Edwards

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.*

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 famili@stjohns.org

PALM SUNDAY

Place palms around each image of Jesus in your home. Welcome the Messiah into your heart.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for March 17 was not available at the time the bulletin went to press and will be reported to you at a later date. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

MARCH 24, 2024

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, March 25, 2024

6:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Sr. Monica Kevin

TUESDAY, March 26, 2024

6:30 AM Pete Briggs
9:00 AM Albert Sanchez

WEDNESDAY, March 27, 2024

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

THURSDAY, March 28, 2024

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, March 29, 2024

3:00 PM Service - Celebration of
Lord's Passion
7:00 PM Tenebrae Service

SATURDAY, March 30, 2024

9:00 AM Blessing of Easter Meals
8:00 PM For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, March 31, 2024

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
10:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Noon For the People of the Parish



The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of March 24 is for Eleanor Makhoul requested by Dr. & Mrs. Gerard Makhoul

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