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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

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

Stay safe,
Fr. Frank

STEWARSHIP REFLECTIONS

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.

THE PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS DURING THE CORONOAVIRUS PANDEMIC

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for January 24 was \$8,628.88
God bless you and your family.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

Our sick and homebound:

Salvatore Averso
Daniel Castillo
Dawn Conguisti
Ada Fields
Meg Gallagher
Grace Gilbert
Bill Hamilton
Lauren Harpster Hines
Bob Kleinknecht
Nicole Trotta

GROW IN LOVE DURING LENT

The point of the season of Lent is to transform our hearts - to become new, ready to greet our new life at Easter. "*A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*" (Ezekiel 36:26). We can use this time in the desert to live lives of love for God and for one another.

Affirmation: Recognizing and acknowledging the valuable qualities of a beloved builds feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing. Offer God praise from your heart. Don't keep it to yourself, speak it out loud. Tell others how awesome He is and what He can do for them.

Attention: Spending time with God, one on one, is vital to getting through the day in His friendship. Give Him your attention each day, tell Him everything, and listen to what He says back to you. Being a good listener will benefit all your relationships, too.

Gifts: There is no point trying to impress God. He needs nothing that we have. However, we can give Him a gift from the heart. We can tithe, offer service, attend Mass, repent, change our lives to live His law. We can act as His hands and feet on Earth.

STRUGGLE AND PRAYER

During hard times, we can bring our true emotions, concerns, and fears into prayer. Lay it all at the feet of Jesus. Let His wisdom and love provide confidence and hope, even when our own emotions are in disarray. Struggling is normal and helpful to growing in faith. Standing before God in truth is a sign that we are in a right relationship with Him.

WHY DO CATHOLICS PRAY

Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, asking for good things in harmony with His will. Christian prayer is the lifeblood of an intimate relationship of the children of God with their Father, with his Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts. God continues to draw every person to the mysterious encounter known as prayer.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Timothy



St. Timothy (1st c.) was born in Galatia in Asia Minor, the son of a Greek father and a Jewish mother. Timothy was a convert of St. Paul the Apostle around the year 47 A.D. Timothy became a trusted friend and a beloved spiritual son to Paul, laboring faithfully alongside him in his apostolic work for many years. Paul mentions Timothy repeatedly in his letters and dispatched him on important missionary work to the local churches he founded. Timothy was ordained to the priesthood at the hands of St. Paul and was later made bishop of Ephesus. St. Timothy was stoned to death thirty years after St. Paul's martyrdom for having denounced the worship of the false goddess Diana. St. Timothy is the patron of intestinal and stomach problems, because Paul admonished him to ease his penance and drink a little wine for the sake of his health, instead of only water.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES TEACHER

IHA seeks a teacher for a short-term leave coverage for 2 Religious Studies I sections and 3 Church sections (Course IV. in the Bishop's Framework) to begin in February and to last for approximately 12 weeks. Candidates should possess a B.A. or higher in Theology, Religious Ed, or Catholic Studies and be a practicing Catholic in good standing. This is a fantastic opportunity to join a collaborative and supportive community. Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to Mr. Jason Schlereth at jschlereth@ihanj.com.

ST GABRIEL'S UPDATES

We will continue to live stream mass at 9:00 am on weekdays and Saturday as well as 10:00 am on Sunday. Please remember that Cardinal Tobin has continued to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days. Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are 60 or older are strongly encouraged to avoid the risks posed by attendance at public celebrations of the Mass. Following the guidelines we received for resuming the public celebration of mass, in order to assure the safety of all who attend, St. Gabriel's can hold 70 people for mass.

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.

If YOU PLAN TO ATTEND MASS

Please follow the following guidelines



- a. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to another infected person, you are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days. Check your temperature before coming to mass.
- b. Maintain 6 feet distancing entering and exiting church at all times
- c. Seats will be clearly marked as available for one individual. Seating is restricted to 3 per row in the middle and 2 per row on the sides. Many pews will be unavailable to maintain social distancing
- d. Masks MUST be worn at all times except at the moment of reception of the Body of Christ
- e. It would be helpful if you would bring Purell with you to be used before you enter church and before you receive communion.
- f. Only the front doors of the church may be used to enter the church - If handicap access is needed, please contact Fr. Frank. Once mass begins, the doors of the church will be closed and you will not be able to enter. Please be on time for mass.

Baby Shower!
January 24 – February 7, 2021



Due to Covid 19, we will not be collecting baby items. We are asking for gift cards (for example) for ShopRite, Acme, CVS, Walgreens, Bed Bath and Beyond.

There will be a basket in the lobby of the church to drop off gift cards between January 24th – February 7th.

Questions? Contact Patti Ross at 201-962-3793.

FOOD PANTRY OPENS



St. Paul Parish, 200 Wyckoff Avenue, Ramsey recently opened its newly expanded food pantry to serve the Ramsey community and surrounding areas. The pantry is open every Saturday morning at 9 am and is located in the rear of the church, next to Mary's Cottage. Anyone in need is welcome. Special arrangements can be made for those who need to come at other times. For more information, please call Donna Schifano at (201)327-0976 ext. 103

JANUARY 31, 2021

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 30, 2021

9:00 AM Dody Moriarty
5:00 PM Eileen Maloof

SUNDAY, January 31, 2021

8:00 AM Mary Higgins Clark
10:00 AM Mary Higgins Clark
11:30 AM Kevin O'Halloran
6:00 PM Everett A. Straut

MONDAY, February 1, 2021

9:00 AM Mary Higgins Clark

TUESDAY, February 2, 2021

6:30 AM Pat Scorese
9:00 AM John Gundersen

WEDNESDAY, February 3, 2021

6:30 AM Rosemarie Pekarck
Living Intention
9:00 AM Charles Gildea

THURSDAY, February 4, 2021

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

FRIDAY, February 5, 2021

9:00 AM Theodore Masotti

SATURDAY, February 6, 2021

9:00 AM Julia Simpson
5:00 PM Antonia Bussanich

SUNDAY, February 7, 2021

8:00 AM RonaldOlender
10:00 AM Richard Stefanacci
11:30 AM Lawrence Mullaly
4:00 PM For People of the Parish



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of January 31 for Sheamus O'Connor as requested by the Bascio Family.



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