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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

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope." Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some."

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons." Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

Stay safe.
Fr. Frank

STEWARSHIP REFLECTIONS

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'"

- Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

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.

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

NOTE ON ASH WEDNESDAY Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic



The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 12 January 2021.

Robert Card. Sarah
Prefect

Let us remember, that the ashes are not mandatory, but are a traditional exterior sign of our interior conversion. This is the focus of our Lenten journey and our ongoing journey of faith.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for January 31 was not available at the time the bulletin went to press and will be reported to you at a later date. God bless you and your family.

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.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR ACADEMICS AT IHA

Immaculate Heart Academy seeks a full-time Assistant Principal for Academics. Primary responsibilities include the implementation, development, and continued assessment of the school's academic program and faculty development and support. Applicants must have a master's degree in Educational Leadership and work well both individually and in a team environment. Please submit a cover letter and resume to employment@ihanj.com no later than February 10, 2021.

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.

THE HUMAN PERSON

Human beings are the clearest reflection of God among us. That makes human life sacred. The Catholic Church proclaims that the dignity of human life is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Catholics are called to work to uphold the dignity and rights of all people. Catholics work for the good of everyone.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. John Bosco (1815–1888) was born in Italy to a poor farming family. His father died when he was two, leaving his religious instruction to his pious mother. At the age of nine he had his first of many powerful visions which would come throughout his life. In it Jesus and the Virgin Mary showed him that he was to instruct poor, wayward boys and bring them back to God. John eventually joined the priesthood, paying his way through school with odd jobs. As a priest he began ministering to the poor and neglected boys of Turin, Italy, who were driven to desperate conditions in the wake of the Industrial Revolution. Many of these street boys ended up in prison as teenagers. Don Bosco became a mentor and spiritual director to them, helping them to live a life of virtue and saving many from a future of crime and poverty. He met with them as a group - called the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales - and catechized them as a kindly spiritual father. He also established the Salesians of Don Bosco, priests and brothers who minister to and educate boys under the patronage of the great spiritual director, St. Francis de Sales. Don Bosco is the patron saint of boys, laborers, young people, students, and Mexican young people.

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.

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

Mark 1:40-41

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 6, 2021

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

SUNDAY, February 7, 2021

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

MONDAY, February 8, 2021

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

TUESDAY, February 9, 2021

6:30 AM Maria Busanic
9:00 AM Vincent Ascrizzi

WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2021

6:30 AM Billy & Donna Shannon
 Living Intention
9:00 AM Ted Masotti

THURSDAY, February 11, 2021

6:30 AM Max Howard Walsh
 Living Intention
9:00 AM Pete & Nan Madonia

FRIDAY, February 12, 2021

9:00 AM Tommy FitzPatrick

SATURDAY, February 13, 2021

9:00 AM Katherine Dorman
5:00 PM Marion O'Donnell

SUNDAY, February 14, 2021

8:00 AM Richard Cancilla
10:00 AM Mary Higgins Clark
11:30 AM Maria Domaradzka
4:00 PM Raymond D'Uva



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of February 7 for Robert L. Dehn as requested by Bob & Sylvia Re.



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