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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

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast, usually of one of the saints, in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life."

Stay safe,
Fr. Frank

GROW IN PATIENCE AND TOLERANCE

The past eighteen months of pandemic have tested our patience and good humor. Tempers have become shorter and tolerance limited. Yet, followers of Jesus know that is it critical for our daily treatment of others to demonstrate our love for God. We are asked to show as much patience to others as God has with us.

Fight against your own defects. Certainly it can be frustrating when the faults and mistakes of others disrupt the routine of our lives. In fairness, our own defects disrupt theirs as well. Instead of noting and resenting the weaknesses of our neighbors, we can focus on improving our own.

Help, don't judge. Developing an honest concern for those around us helps us to become generous in our relationships. Acting with love and understanding means that we aid those in our lives instead of looking for their blunders.

Become a carrier of love. Jesus asks us to be His hands and feet on Earth. As His disciples, we are to carry His love to others. It is through our actions that we bring Jesus to the world.



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

Our sick and homebound:

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



As you are probably aware, church attendance during the summer months tends to drop off as vacations and weekend sporting events often conflict. On the other hand, the services we provide within the parish and for the larger community continue year-round, as do their associated expenses. Thus, your consistent financial support of our parish is vital to achieving our stewardship mission.

The easiest way to be sure that your gift of treasure reaches us, even when you can't be here, is through enrollment in our electronic offertory program: **Faith Direct**. If you have not yet enrolled in *Faith Direct*, I encourage you to consider doing so this month. Once you have enrolled, you can relax knowing that St. Gabriel Church will receive your gifts throughout the summer.

Enrollment forms are available in the church office or you can visit *Faith Direct's* secure web site at faith.direct/NJ361 to enroll online. As always, know that your generosity is truly a gift from God.

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.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The parish office is closed on Friday's during the summer months. .

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



BERGEN CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL

Bergen Catholic will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday September 15th and Wednesday October 13th at 6:30pm. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please contact Mr. Matt Rosa '08, VP of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org

Attention ALL 8th grade students: Bergen Catholic will be hosting an HSPT prep course for interested students applying to local catholic high schools in November. Course dates and registration information can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please contact Matt Rosa '08, VP of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

RECOVERY AND HEALING MASS

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place Closter for the Third Saturday Recovery and Healing Mass on Saturday, August 21st at 12:00 noon. Current religious gathering protocol will be strictly followed. For those unable to attend in person, we do offer virtual participation through Zoom:

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This special monthly Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of those afflicted or affected by a substance use disorder. For information please contact The Father Jim McKenna Memorial Fund at 201-281-6247 or visit our website at <https://fatherjimmckenna.org/>.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY August 15

Declared a dogma of our faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary's taking up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.



FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for August 8 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 family.

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE



The Archdiocese requires us and all parishes to provide the following information to the general public. We do so here as a sign of our commitment to the safety of our children. In every activity of St. Gabriel's Parish, parents are encouraged to participate. Every employee and volunteer has passed a background check. Mrs. Patricia Pula serves as our Safe Environment Coordinator. The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Nicodemus

Feast day: August 3



The Sanhedrin, the supreme council and highest court of justice of the Jews in Jerusalem, had wanted to condemn Jesus. Any member of the Sanhedrin who showed sympathy towards Jesus would have been considered by his colleagues as a traitor and an outcast. Yet we know that at least one member, Nicodemus, did.

Even before Jesus was tried, Saint John tells us that Nicodemus came to see Jesus, secretly and at night, to talk to him about what it means to see the kingdom of God (John 3). On this occasion Nicodemus partly confessed his belief in Jesus, saying: "We know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus tried to teach him about being born again by the Holy Spirit and by baptism. Saint John even says that it was to Nicodemus that our Lord said, "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Nicodemus spoke out on Jesus' behalf before the chief priests and the Pharisees, pointing out to them that the Law demanded the accused be given a hearing before judgment was passed (John 7:50- 52). Together with Saint Joseph of Arimathea, he had the privilege of laying Jesus' body in the tomb on Good Friday. He brought with him large quantities of costly myrrh and aloes to the tomb and with Joseph wrapped Jesus' body "with spices in linen cloth".

TRAVELING CATHOLICS

To find nationwide Mass times and locations while traveling or on vacation visit www.Masstimes.org or call 1-858-207-6277 enter the zip code desired location and receive a computer generated response that gives Church locations

AUGUST 15, 2021

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, August 14, 2021

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish
5:00 PM Barbara Lee Murray

SUNDAY, August 15, 2021

8:00 AM Michael Porto
10:00 AM Pat Scorese
11:30 AM Catherine Smith

MONDAY, August 16, 2021

9:00 AM Katy Stanley & Katy Preston

TUESDAY, August 17, 2021

9:00 AM Bettie Robinson

WEDNESDAY, August 18, 2021

9:00 AM Melissa Garville Mazza

THURSDAY, August 19, 2021

9:00 AM Mary Quenneville

FRIDAY, August 20, 2021

9:00 AM Marion O'Donnel

SATURDAY, August 21, 2021

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish
5:00 PM Pat Scorese

SUNDAY, August 22, 2021

8:00 AM Adelina Miele
10:00 AM Pat Scorese
11:30 AM Pat Scorese

 **IN LOVING
REMEMBRANCE**

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of Aug 15 for Barbara Hazley requested by Janet & James Hazley..



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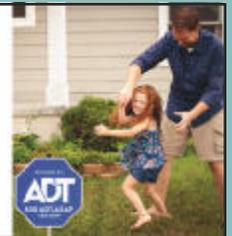
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