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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

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

Stay safe,
Fr. Frank

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? We will begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These gatherings that will begin in September are for inquirers and are open to: People who are unbaptized; Baptized Christians from other faith backgrounds; Adults who are already baptized Catholic, but who need to prepare for Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. For further information or help in this matter please contact Christine Ferreri at christineferreri79@gmail.com or through the parish office at (201) 327-5663.



PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive your Body and Blood. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. Stay close to me, Jesus, so that I may be close to all our sisters and brothers, especially those who are most in need of your loving care. Amen.

HELP US TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU

The parish uses a communication system called Flocknote to send email and text messages to parishioners. 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.

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

BE PERFECT

AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PERFECT

Popular culture would have us believe that happiness comes from having the perfect spouse, the perfect home, the perfect job and the perfect body. Without all that, happiness isn't possible. Consider this:

God's way leads to perfection. Adam and Eve were in Paradise until society convinced them that by eating a piece of fruit, they could become perfect and be even happier. Had they listened to God instead, their lives would have stayed perfect.

Only God loves perfectly. Sometime we fear that showing our failings to others will lessen their regard. The more perfect we appear, the more we will be loved and respected. Human love is unpredictable, but we can never lose or lessen God's love. He loves us as we are right now. In fact, Jesus created the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) to remind us of God's unconditional love.

God's idea of perfect is possible. Jesus said, "be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48), but he wasn't talking about muscles or homes. Perfection in Jesus' eyes means loving God with all our hearts, praying for our enemies, and taking care of the poor. To Jesus, love, obedience and service is the true measure of perfection and he wants us to let go of anything that gets in the way. That's the only "perfect" that is possible.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

On September 15th we commemorate Our Lady of Sorrows. The title refers to Simeon's prediction that Mary would experience sorrows as if "...you yourself a sword will pierce" (Luke 2:35).

Her greatest sorrow may have been watching her son die on the Cross. If we ever want someone who understands our difficulties, we have only to look to Mary

TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY



It is bitter and sweet to share that Angela Scorese Jr. (former KidsChoir assistant director) decided to move forward and focus on her career in New York City.

We wish her all the best in her musical endeavors. However, I am excited to introduce our new assistant director, Diana Jelmini Ciappina. Diana and I have been busy planning and putting music together for upcoming season. With her experiences and enthusiasm, I'm sure this will be a great opportunity not only nurturing our choristers' faith, exploring their musical talents but also sharing their gifts with our parish. If you are interested in joining our music ministry, please reach out to Stacie (syao@stgabrielsr.org) or church office for more information.

Diana Jelmini Ciappina is a devote Catholic who has grown up singing in church. Her love for teaching was born after founding and directing the youth choir at St. Paul's Church in Princeton, NJ. Currently music directing and choreographing Ramapo College's fall production, and previously a professor of music, theatre, and dance at Bergen Community College, she has had much experience connecting with young artists. A native of Bakersfield, CA, she began her singing career at a young age when she toured Japan. Singing internationally: Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, and France, have contributed to her success. A lyric coloratura, Ms. Jelmini has sung at Carnegie Hall, Avery Fischer Hall, Boston Symphony Hall, and St. Patrick's Cathedral NYC (where she was a weekly cantor). She holds a Masters of Music in musical theatre from The Boston Conservatory and a Bachelors of Music in vocal performance from Westminster Choir College of Rider University. Diana maintains a private voice and piano studio in Ramsey, NJ where she resides with her husband and three children. www.dianajelmini.com

MASS FOR OUR COUNTRY

Holy Spirit Church
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Patriotic Rosary - 7 PM
Holy Mass - 7:30 PM

An opportunity to come together and pray for God's blessings and mercy on our country. All are welcome.

October 7, 2021
November 4, 2021
December 2, 2021



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**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.

OPEN HOUSE—REGIS HIGH SCHOOL

Regis High School, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys invites students and their parents to its New Jersey Virtual Admissions Information Night, Tuesday, September 28, 2021, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Learn about Regis and meet current students and parents, alums and alumni parents from your region. To register, visit <https://www.regis.org/section/?id=2>. Regis



High School will also hold an Open House for students and their parents on Monday October 11 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. For more information, contact Eric DiMichele, Director of Admissions, Regis HS, 55 East 84th Street, New York, NY 10028, (212) 288-1100 ext 2057 or edimichele@regis.org.

BOX TOPS FOR ST. MICHAEL'S

St. Gabriel's continues to collect Box Tops for St. Michael's School in Newark. The Box Top program is one of the nation's largest school fundraising loyalty programs and has been helping schools succeed since 1996. With over 250 participating products, it's an easy way for schools to earn cash for the things they need. Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10¢ and they add up fast! The coupons are on products we buy at our local supermarkets everyday. St. Michael's will be able to use the Box Tops cash to buy whatever they need most, from books to supplies and other school programs. So please look for these coupons on your groceries and start to clip. There is a collection box display in the lobby of the church. Thank you for your support of St. Michael's.



FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for September 5 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.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, September 11, 2021

9:00 AM Arsenio Arcilla, Jr.
5:00 PM Domenick Mircovich

SUNDAY, September 12, 2021

8:00 AM Lou Mastriano
10:00 AM Richard Stefanacci
11:30 AM Arlene Pinyuh
6:00 PM John T. Virgona

MONDAY, September 13, 2021

9:00 AM Marion O'Donnel

TUESDAY, September 14, 2021

6:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Lucille Tese (Living Intention)

WEDNESDAY, September 15, 2021

6:30 AM Myles Fedo
9:00 AM Mark Murray

THURSDAY, September 16, 2021

6:30 AM Vincent Starace
9:00 AM Max Walsh (Living Intention)

FRIDAY, September 17, 2021

9:00 AM William J. Carroll

SATURDAY, September 18, 2021

9:00 AM Ernest Zima
5:00 PM Carolyn Schrodt

SUNDAY, September 19 2021

8:00 AM Louis Bianchi
10:00 AM James Sutliff
11:30 AM Margaret Cucciniello
6:00 PM Nunzio Guarnieri

 **IN LOVING
REMEMBRANCE**

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament and the Altar Bread and Wine consecrated each day are available as memorials for loved ones. Please contact the parish office at 201-327-5663 to arrange.



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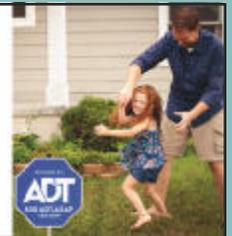
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