

# The Parish Community of St. Gabriel the Archangel SADDLE RIVER

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## **PARISH STAFF**

*Rev. Msgr. Frank G. Del Prete, Pastor, ext. 303*

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*Tom Pagano, Youth Minister*

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

*Mrs. Patricia Pula, M.A.R.E., Director, ext. 304*

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## **PARISH SCHOOL**

*St. John's Academy*

*Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, N.J. 07642 • 664-6364*

*Principal—Mrs. Elizabeth Viola*

## **MASSES:**

Weekdays: 9:00 AM (including Saturday) — (Summer)

Monday and Friday: 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

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. Godparents who are not members of St. Gabriel's must provide a Sponsor Certification, from the parish which they attend, attesting to their eligibility to serve as Godparent. 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 parish 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](http://www.rcan.org).

## **MINISTRY TO THE SICK:**

For those of advanced age and those seriously ill, contact the parish office. 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. If you move or change your address, please notify the parish office.

**From the Pastor**

In last Sunday's Gospel, when Jesus referred to the destruction of the temple, the account from today's first reading is what would have come to the minds of his listeners. But, as Jesus was speaking on a deeper level, so does today's first reading. In the first paragraph we hear that Israel had, in effect, "fallen" already through its infidelity to the covenant. For fear that we get too cozy, this account reminds us that God, though just, loving, and merciful, is capable of punishing sin when that sin is unrepentant. But we are also reminded that God, rich in mercy, anoints individuals to be vessels of salvation as well.

In the Gospel reading, we hear of another Messiah being "lifted up" for our salvation in one of the best known passages from the New Testament. As we continue in our Lenten journeys, we need to keep our gaze steadfast upon the cross of Christ, the Son of God who came into the world to raise us who had fallen.

Peace,  
Fr. Frank

**JOE ZAMBON CONCERT**

**Sunday, March 15th at 7:15pm in the Church.**



Joe Zambon, a singer and songwriter from Toronto, Canada, will join us to offer his powerful, reflective music and his inspired witness. Joe has travelled across Canada, USA, India, Australia and New Zealand, sharing his reflective, soaring folk songs. Following his debut album *Coming Home* (2005), he released *You Are I Am* (2008), *There and*

*Here* (2009), *Sleeper*. *Rise* (2012). His latest LP is *Brothers*.

Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. Proceeds will support the Youth Group's mission trip this summer.



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. As always, thank you for your support of St. Michael's.

**OUR PARISH COMMUNITY  
PRAYS FOR:**

***Our sick and homebound:***

Jane Ball, Josephine D'Elia,  
Helen DeLorenzo  
Ada Fields, Baby Grace Gilbert  
Bill Hamilton, Catherine Heafy Rose  
Joan Snow, Richard Straut

**Thank You**

Dear Friends at St. Gabriel's Church

Birtright is so grateful for the wonderful and generous collection of diapers, wipes, baby clothes, blankets, necessities and more that you donated to our ministry for women and babies. We were so glad to receive these gifts. Even though we received many baby items during the holidays, they are distributed very quickly. There is a constant need for these and they are not inexpensive. This is one of the concerns that women in crisis pregnancy have. How will they afford a baby? Birtright is there to help women with these concerns and encourage them to have their babies. Your faithful support makes it possible to assist these struggling moms with their material needs for their babies. They are so grateful to receive diapers, wipes, clothes and other necessities. They have so many living expenses and these supplies provide some relief. Birtright also supplies maternity clothes, furniture and accessories. We often help our moms with other expenses such as rent, utilities, food, day care or medical. We also spend time with our moms guiding them towards finding ways to support themselves and their children. Your assistance is such a blessing and we thank God for all of you and what you do for Birtright. May the good Lord bless you and keep you in 2015.

Yours for life, Kathy Semsey. And Birtright.

**ST. GABRIEL'S ANNUAL WOMEN'S  
COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

**April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am**

Please join us to socialize and enjoy a lovely breakfast as we welcome Guest Speaker Major Meghan L. Cumpston who currently serves as an instructor of International Relations at the United States Military Academy, West Point. Major Cumpston served in Afghanistan and Iraq, as Military Intelligence Battalion Commander, Military Intelligence Battalion Operations Officer and Strategic Policy Planner, to name a few of her commands. She received, the Gen. Douglas Mac Arthur leadership award, the Bronze Star among other medals for her service.

Tickets are \$25 and will be sold after each Mass on March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, and also at the Parish office.

**THE WEEK AHEAD AT ST. GABRIEL'S**

AA Meetings Monday thru Saturday  
7 AM Parish Center

**Sunday, March 15, 2015**

7:15 PM—**JOE ZAMBON CONCERT**

**Thursday, March 19, 2015**

6:30PM—KidsChoir Rehearsal

7:30 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, March 20, 2015**

7:00 PM—Stations of Cross

**Sunday, March 22, 2015**

7:00 PM—Youth Group Meeting

***IT IS TIME TO THINK ABOUT REGISTERING  
FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2015!***

If you have a child currently enrolled in our CCD program, you will receive a registration form in a few weeks. For those families who will have their oldest child in first grade September 2015, please make sure you are registered in the parish and provide us with an email address. CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS must register for the First Communion preparation program as well as Confirmation.

Please make sure we have your email address. All communication from registration forms to program notices are done through email. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Pula at [ppula@stgabrielsr.org](mailto:ppula@stgabrielsr.org).

***YOUNG HAITIAN ARTISTS***

On the weekend of March 21 & 22 Sister Esther will have a display of hand-painted and hand-crafted articles from young teens in Haiti. These children are working with Srs. Marilyn and Inga who are Sr. Esther's contact in Haiti in dealing with our partner parish of St. Yves. The items are placemats or hot plates, coasters, napkin or letter holders, and a couple of small trays. Sr. Esther's hope is that the parishioners of St. Gabriel's will support the endeavors of these youngsters who show great talent and are encouraged to make good use of their workmanship at such an early age. All the profits will be sent to the Sisters in Haiti for these youngsters and their supplies.

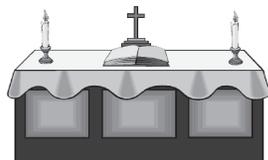
***SPRING CRAFT SHOW/SALE AT ST JOSEPH***

On Sunday, March 22, St. Joseph Regional HS in Montvale will be hosting its annual Spring craft Show/Sale from 10 AM until 4 PM, showcasing the talents of 100 crafts people and fine artists. Admission is \$2.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. No strollers permitted. For information visit our website [www.saintjosephregional.org](http://www.saintjosephregional.org).

***FINANCIAL REPORT***

The amount of the collection for March 8 was \$12,509.00. Thank you for your continued generosity. God bless you and your families.

**ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY**



***SJA CELEBRATES LITURGY TOGETHER!***

In January, students celebrated both Catholic Schools Week and the feast day of St. Thomas Aquinas with a school liturgy. The fourth grade planned the Mass and provided the music. On February 11, we celebrated Our Lady of Lourdes with the eighth grade planning the Mass. We will be together again for the feast of St. Joseph on March 19. This feast day is especially important as we remember the Sisters of St. Joseph, who taught for many years at St. John's. We are thankful for our own faculty member, Sr. Ellen Casey

***Moon vs. Mars?***

Sixth grade students were assigned to one of two teams to research Mars and the Moon to determine if space colonization would be feasible in either location. After in-class research, students presented their findings to their classmates. This fun activity encouraged students to work as a team and combine their creative talents with hands-on research. Perhaps we should send our findings to NASA!

***COMMUNION DRESSES /SUITS NEEDED***

The First Communion Day of our child is a very special occasion – a day to be celebrated and always remembered. Please help to make another child's First Communion Day one that will be cherished by donating any Communion dresses, suits, head pieces or shoes. Please bring all articles, clean on hangers, and covered in plastic to St. John the Baptist Church Parish Center by March 28th or call Kathy at (201) 666-4185. Monetary donations will also be accepted. If you or anyone you know may need an outfit, please contact Kathy. Thank you

***ALTAR SERVER THANK YOU!***

On a recent Monday evening the altar servers had a fun evening tubing at Campgaw Mountain in Mahwah to thank them for their service to the parish. Even though it was rather brisk outside, it did not stop the servers from making the most of the evening. It was difficult to get some of them to stop and come in for pizza! A special word of thanks goes to Ellen Higgins for organizing the outing.



*MARCH 15, 2015*

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# Mass Intentions

## **SATURDAY, March 14, 2015**

9:00 AM John Junkers  
5:00 PM John Junkers

## **SUNDAY, March 15, 2015**

8:00 AM Ann Stricker  
10:00 AM Maria Melograno  
11:30 AM Sheila Krasnomowitz  
6:00 PM Mary Sanzari

## **MONDAY, March 16, 2015**

9:00 AM Anne & Edgar Schwaibold  
Noon Irene, Francis & Edward Lagno

## **TUESDAY, March 17, 2015**

6:30 AM John Junkers  
9:00 AM Dr. Dermot O'Herlihy

## **WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2015**

6:30 AM People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Alan Post

## **THURSDAY, March 19, 2015**

6:30 AM Eugene DeLorenzo  
9:00 AM Joseph R. Letcher

## **FRIDAY, March 20, 2015**

9:00 AM Domenico Mircovich  
Noon Vincent Altomare

## **SATURDAY, March 21, 2015**

9:00 AM George Paddock  
5:00 PM Vincent Altomare

## **SUNDAY, March 22, 2015**

8:00 AM Joan O'Connor  
10:00 AM Carole Ann King  
11:30 AM Ralph R. Garramone  
6:00 PM Mary L. Azzariti

 **IN LOVING  
REMEMBRANCE**

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament and the Altar Bread and Wine are available as memorials. Please contact the parish office at 201-327-5663 for further information.