

The Parish Community of St. Gabriel the Archangel SADDLE RIVER

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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
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.

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

A mere seven weeks ago thousands of new Church members were baptized. Their new life in Christ has once again infused new life into the Church. Their new-found faith has inspired and bolstered the faith of those who have followed Christ for many years. As the Easter season nears its end, we revisit the scene of our baptisms. In the second reading we hear Christ calling us: "Come. Let the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water."

But our baptism is not one of water only. John refers to washed robes, and we know that this washing is to be "in the blood of the Lamb." To make sure we get this message, we have today's first reading from Acts. It is the story of Stephen, the first Christian to be killed for his faith in Jesus. We remember the promise and also the cost of being a disciple of Christ.

Peace,
Fr. Frank

A Note From Joe Scorese, Director of Music:

It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as Director of Music for our parish since late 2001. I wanted to share the news that I will be stepping down in that role after the 11:30 Mass on May 30. The increasing demands of my law practice have made it challenging to juggle my time and effectively allocate my resources between these two spheres. After 15 years (really 18 years, counting my time establishing the KidsChoir program) I'm ready to enjoy musical endeavors at home which enable me to spend more time with my family. I am extremely proud of our accomplishments during my tenure which have contributed to the growth of our Parish. The installation of a world-class (yes, that is accurate) pipe organ that is the envy of churches with serious music programs; the spiritual and musical impact on literally dozens of young people through my KidsChoir program; and the commitment to quality, musicianship and spirituality with our Parish Organists Rich D'Amore and now Stacie Yao, are but a few which stand out. And speaking of Stacie, I am extremely pleased to announce that she will assume the post of Director of Music upon my retirement, and we are actively searching for an additional qualified organist to support her and our ministry. I am looking forward to participating in Mass as a member of the congregation and enjoying the beautiful music our ministry makes for us and the greater glory of God.

ATTENTION STUDENTS 4TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE

Are you interested in being an altar server? What a wonderful way to serve your parish. On Sunday May 15th at 3:30p there will be a training session for students who are currently 3rd graders or older and who are interested in being altar servers starting this summer. The training session will take place in the church. Please e-mail Ellen Higgins at ehiggins@stgabrielsr.org if you will be coming to the training session.



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

Our recently baptized
Gavin Thomas Giurleo
Alistair William Viar

Our recently deceased who have entered Eternal Life
Mark A. Melli

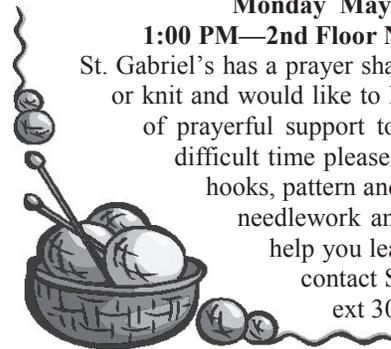
Our sick and homebound:
Jane Ball, Jean Cohen, Josephine D'Elia,
Baby James Jack D'Agostino, Helen DeLorenzo
Ada Fields, Meg Gallagher, Baby Grace Gilbert
Tony Galante, Lauren Harpster Hines,
Mary Noone, Lou Perrin, Joan Snow
Richard Straut, Nicole Trotta

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

Monday May 9, 2016

1:00 PM—2nd Floor New Parish Center

St. Gabriel's has a prayer shawl ministry. If you crochet or knit and would like to help us offer a tangible sign of prayerful support to someone going through a difficult time please bring your yarn, needles or hooks, pattern and join us! . If you are new to needlework and want to participate, we'll help you learn. For information, please contact Sister Esther at 201-3275663 ext 305 .



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Get a Car Wash and Support the Youth Group!



The Youth Group is selling Car Wash Coupons to help fund its 2016 Summer Mission Trip. The coupon earns you a "Classic Car Wash" Package at the Classic Auto Spa - 506

Route 17 North in Ramsey. The coupons will be sold for \$20 (car was valued at \$22.95), and 50% of all proceeds go directly to the Youth Group!

Please purchase your coupons at the Parish Office through the month of May. If you have further questions, please email our youth minister, Tom Pagano, at tpagano89@gmail.com.

During the school year the Youth Group meets every Sunday night in the Kavin Center from 7:00-8:30pm. All high school teenagers are welcome to join us. Meetings are structured yet informal, and they usually consist of a discussion topic, group dynamics, prayer, and socializing. Feel free to bring a friend along with you. Whether you've been involved in our program before or not, you are always welcome to attend our meetings. Refreshments are served.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WEEK AHEAD AT ST. GABRIEL'S

AA Meetings Monday thru Saturday
7 AM Parish Center

Sunday, May 8, 2016

All Masses—Monthly Food Collection for St. Michael's
11:30 AM—May Crowning

Monday, May 9, 2016

1:00 PM—Prayer Shawl Meeting
7:30 PM—Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, May 11, 2106

9:30 AM—Respect Life Meeting

Thursday, May 12, 2016

4:00 PM—Kids Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 15, 2016

11:30 AM—May Crowning
12:45 PM—Baptisms
7:00 PM—Youth Group Meeting



SAINT JOHN'S ACADEMY NEWS

All are invited to the SJA

FineArts FESTIVAL

May 11-13, 2016

Wed., May 11 - 2:15-3:15 p.m.

Thurs., May 12 - 8:00a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Fri., May 13 - 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Our Evening Art Gala will be on May 12 beginning at 5:00 p.m.
The school band and choir will perform at 6:30 p.m.



PLEASE JOIN OUR CHORUS
FOR THEIR
SPRING CONCERT!
May 18, 2016
7:00 p.m.



My heartfelt 'Thank you' goes out to our dear parishioners who gave so generously to our partner parish of St. Yves in Jacmel, Haiti. To date we have \$9,459 to send Fr. Gaston. I was hoping for \$10,000, but maybe there are parishioners still wanting to contribute since I said you have until May to do so. I am scheduled to go to Haiti from May 27 – June 3. I can't wait to see Fr. Gaston's face when he sees your contributions! I promise to take many good pictures of the parish and its progress. May my face reflect the joy in your hearts that I take with me. Praise God!

Sister Esther

YEAR OF MERCY

Excerpts from Pope Francis' letter on the Year of Mercy



In the Gospel of Luke, we find another important element that will help us live the Jubilee with faith. Luke writes that Jesus, on the Sabbath, went back to Nazareth and, as was his custom, entered the synagogue. They called upon him to read the Scripture and to comment on it. The

passage was from the Book of Isaiah where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and freedom to those in captivity; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour". A "year of the Lord's favour" or "mercy": this is what the Lord proclaimed and this is what we wish to live now.

SPECIAL NOON MASS

A special mass and support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter, NJ on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 12:00 noon. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly infected with the abuse of alcohol or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. For information please call 201-768-7565.

RETREAT FOR MEN

The men of this parish are invited to spend a weekend with the Lord on May 13-15, 2016, at the Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown. The silent retreat offers a singular opportunity for quiet reflection and spiritual renewal. The cost is a free-will donation.

For additional information call Steve Beiter at (973) 304-1023 or Andy Coll at (973) 304-1832

THANK YOU!!!!

The collection of first communion outfits was a huge success! We were able to dress about 50 children with the beautiful dresses, suits, jackets, head-pieces, shoes and monies that were donated. Thank you for your continued wonderful caring and very generous support.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the May 1 collection was \$11,840.25. God bless you and your family for your continued support.

MAY 8, 2016

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 7, 2016

9:00 AM Howard and Eleanor
 Living Intention
5:00 PM All Mothers Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, May 8, 2016

8:00 AM All Mothers Living and Deceased
10:00 AM All Mothers Living and Deceased
11:30 AM All Mothers Living and Deceased
6:00 PM All Mothers Living and Deceased

MONDAY, May 9, 2016

9:00 AM Alan Post

TUESDAY, May 10, 2016

6:30 AM Liam Joseph Salmon
 Living Intention
9:00 AM Emil Stefanacci

WEDNESDAY, May 11, 2016

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM Helen McGrath

THURSDAY, May 12, 2016

6:30 AM Special Intention
9:00 AM Elaine Yee

FRIDAY, May 13, 2016

9:00 AM People of the Parish

SATURDAY, May 14, 2016

9:00 AM Steven Salmon and Family
 Living Intention
5:00 PM Erna Feichtinger

SUNDAY, May 15, 2016

8:00 AM Stanley Banyra
10:00 AM Rosemary Murray
11:30 AM Alfred DiPasqua
6:00 PM Salvatore LaMura

 **IN LOVING
REMEMBRANCE**

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week and the Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament are available as memorials for loved ones. For additional information contact the parish office at (201) 327-5663.