



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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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.

PARISH SCHOOL

St. John's Academy
Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, N.J. 07642 • 664-6364
Principal—Mrs. Elizabeth Viola

From the Pastor

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

Peace,
Fr. Frank



SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

The Senior Social Club will meet on Thursday, December 15. Please bring a gift for exchange. (\$10 limit) and wear an ugly Christmas sweater if you wish. All reservations must be made by December 11. Dues for each month is \$10 per person (if you have not paid for the year.) Come prepared for fun.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENTLY CONFIRMED 9TH GRADERS!

On Saturday, December 3rd, Bishop John Flesey celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for 64 of our 9th graders. We had two ceremonies; one at 10:00am and the other at 2:00pm. It was wonderful to see so many family members and friends at both masses. Bishop Flesey had a wonderful message for those that he confirmed; I hope they continue to allow the Holy Spirit to be the guiding force of their lives. A special word of thanks goes to Pat Pula, our parish Religious Education Director, as well as the teachers who helped prepared our young people for Confirmation. I am also grateful to Stacie Yao, our Music Director, and the Adult Schola, who played and sang at both ceremonies. I also thank all those Eucharistic ministers and altar servers who served at the masses.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Most Sundays until June we offer the children of ages 4-6 (including first graders) the opportunity to have the readings of the Mass explained on their level during the 10:00 AM Mass. They are dismissed during Mass to the cry room with either Sr. Esther or Mary Lee Costello who will teach the lesson. You are encouraged to be faithful in coming to Mass regularly so that your children have a continuous progression of instruction. The children return to their parents during the Preparation of the



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

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

MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Music Ministry's annual Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 pm. The "snow date" is Monday, December 12 at 7:30pm. This year's concert features Christmas carols and seasonal favorites by Walford Davies, John Rutter, Antonio Vivaldi, Malcolm Archer, Daniel Kanter, Donald Fraser, Leroy Anderson, Mel Torme and Robert Wells performed by our Color Bell Choir, KidsChoir and Adult Choir. Please save the date(s) and bring your friends to experience the joyous sound of the season. Admission is free.



OUR DEEP THANKS

As always, you prove once again that you are a truly special group of caring people. As God nudges us along on our journey He reminds us not to just listen to His word but to go that next step and act on it. Well, act you did!!! In spite of a time change, and a crowded parking lot (along with your holiday preparations, etc.) you made the effort to bring your food contributions for our Hot Meal in Hackensack once again last Saturday. And what a success your meal was!!! There were many grateful comments, as always, but the one that clearly stood out was made when a very satisfied guest made his way back to the serving line and eagerly grabbed the attention of everyone within earshot so that he could tell us how grateful he was to all who gave up our time to prepare that delicious meal. He wanted to announce it "in stereo" so that all could hear it!!! As you can easily surmise our guests don't have easy lives, yet, time after time they show amazing courage and gratitude for what is done for them. It is such an inspiration to see their gratitude AND your wonderful work. Thank you!!

Our next opportunity to serve in Hackensack will be March 25th and you are all most welcome to join in. As usual, there will be a bulletin announcement just prior to that date.

May you all enjoy this blessed season.

Sincerely,

Carol Lee Crowley and Laura Golluscio

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the December 4 collection was \$ 12,958.00. God bless you and your family for your continued support.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE WEEK AHEAD AT ST. GABRIEL'S AA Meetings Monday thru Saturday 7 AM Parish Center

Sunday, December 11, 2016

3:00 PM—Christmas Concert
7:00 PM - Youth Group Meeting, Kavin Center

Monday, December 12, 2016

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

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

7:00 PM—Parish Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 15, 2016

1:00 PM—Senior Club Meeting
6:00 PM—KidsChoir Rehearsal
7:30 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 18, 2016

All Masses—Christmas Dinners and Gifts to
St. Michael's
7:00 PM - Youth Group Meeting, Kavin Center

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

Monday December 12, 2016
1:00 PM to 2 PM

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 The meeting will be held in the Parish Center.



NEW DATE FOR CORNERSTONE
Women's Cornerstone Retreat will be held in
MARCH 2017.

COMING HOME
WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE 2017
GIFTED WITH GOD'S PEACE & GRACE

Contact Christine Ferreri with any questions:
Christineferreri79@gmail.com or 201-747-6371

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



As we begin this new year, members of the St. Gabriel Youth Group would like to invite all high school aged parishioners to check out the Youth Group! Our mission is to grow closer to the Lord and one another through prayer, service, discussion, and plenty of fun. Know that you are welcomed and encouraged to join us at our Sunday night meetings throughout the year.

"Dear young people, the happiness that you search for has a name and a face: Jesus of Nazareth."

-Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY



We congratulate our second graders of St. Andrew's Parish on receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation! May God continue to bless all of our second graders as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion in the Spring.



Please join us for our annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 14. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Our eighth graders took their Co-op entrance exams in early November. They will find out the results of their Catholic high school applications in January!

Birth Parents Must Take Action to Preserve Their Privacy

For well over a century, the Catholic Church in New Jersey has provided adoption services. Throughout all those years, the Church promised to honor the privacy of birth parents and adoptees. That promise of privacy also was assured by law and affirmed by the State Superior Court. Those promises can no longer be kept. On May 27, 2014, a new law took effect that will allow adoptees and certain relatives to request and obtain the names of their biological parents beginning **January 1, 2017**.

Any birth parents who wish to preserve their privacy must submit a **Redaction Request Form** to the New Jersey Department of Health no later than **December 31, 2016**. By filing this form, birth parents will be able to keep their names off any documents provided by the State to adoptees or anyone else. The State made the **Redaction Request Form** public on August 3, 2015. The form can be downloaded at <http://nj.gov/health/forms/reg-36c.pdf>

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



DECEMBER 11, 2016

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 10, 2016

9:00 AM Frank Gentile
5:00 PM Robert Kanning

SUNDAY, December 11, 2016

8:00 AM Gregg Hauser
10:00 AM Alfred N. Sanzari
11:30 AM L. Robert Pfund
6:00 PM Peter Stanley

MONDAY, December 12, 2016

9:00 AM Maria Mircovich

TUESDAY, December 13, 2016

6:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Margaret Mary Hamilton
(Living Intention)

WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2016

6:30 AM Yvonne Ibrahim
9:00 AM Declan Diego Hamilton
(Living Intention)

THURSDAY, December 15, 2016

6:30 AM Ciaran Gerard Salmon
(Living Intention)
9:00 AM Alan Post

FRIDAY, December 16, 2016

9:00 AM Claire Noel Hamilton
(Living Intention)

SATURDAY, December 17, 2016

9:00 AM Anthony Nicastro
5:00 PM Murray and Kelly Families

SUNDAY, December 18, 2016

8:00 AM David Kampf
10:00 AM Richard Sefanacci
11:30 AM Roselyn Stenzi
6:00 PM John Joseph &
Johnny Boy Iovino

 **IN LOVING
REMEMBRANCE**

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of December 11 for Sal Princiotta requested by the Maita Family. .