



## *St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church*

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### **PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Msgr. Frank G. Del Prete  
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Janue Vargas, Asst Dir of Music

Tom Pagano, Youth Minister

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Patricia Pula, M.A.R.E.  
Director, ext. 304  
Safe Environment Coordinator

### **PARISH SCHOOL**

St. John's Academy, Hillsdale



### **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. 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](http://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

Today's feast celebrates another central mystery of our faith—the mystery of the Eucharist. Like the mystery of the Trinity, the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist can never be fully understood, but can only be believed. Just as the Israelites in the desert were invited to put their trust in God's word to them, we are invited to trust wholly in the word of Jesus. In today's Gospel Jesus promises to give us a share in his very own flesh and blood, and a share in eternal life besides. We are called to take him at his word and open our hearts to receive true nourishment and life from our participation in the Eucharist.

Peace,  
Fr. Frank

My Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It is with a 'heavy' heart I inform you of this news today. I have been asked by my Community to begin a new foundation (convent) at St. James Parish in Basking Ridge, NJ. You all know that I profess three perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Since this request came from my Community, I consider this transfer in obedience to be from God. Therefore, I know that God is sending me to minister in a new location and will be with me to help me minister with a joyful, happy attitude as I have hopefully done at St. Gabriel's. St. James has a convent where three Sisters can live in Community. As you know, I have been living away from my Community for 4 years now staying all but one day a week at Villa Marie Claire. Without that kindness I never could have ministered this long here in Saddle River at St. Gabriel's. It is now possible for me to live in Community and still work in a parish as a Pastoral Associate. Many of you may have heard me say that I will be here as long as Fr. Frank is Pastor. But, that was *me* talking, not God. He has other plans for me at this time. So, I will go with a willing heart to do His bidding.

This does not preclude the fact that I will find it very hard to leave Fr. Frank, Fr. Marty and all my dear friends at St. Gabriel Church. Very hard, indeed! We have been a part of each other's lives for five wonderful years. And I have loved every day here at St. Gabriel's. Fr. Frank has allowed me to be as creative and active as I wanted to be in all my ministries. And his sense of humor, guidance and teasing kept me on my toes and happy to be in ministry with him. And, on weekends the same is true of Fr. Marty. I love them dearly and owe them both a debt of gratitude. I can assure you that Fr. Frank will see that all the ministries will continue. I am not indispensable. Life goes on, but may change.

My deepest gratitude goes out to you, my dear friends of St. Gabriel Parish for your support, cooperation, participation, and kind friendship you have always shown to me in all the phases of my ministry. A line in a hymn comes to my mind at this time: "You are ever a part of my life. All the good you have done will live on in my heart". Please join me for a Mass of Thanksgiving thanking God for all you have been to me on Sunday, June 25 at 11:30 AM followed by a light reception in Kavin Center.

With Love, Prayers and Gratitude,  
Sister Esther



## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

**Our Newly Baptized**  
Nicholas Cash Gebbia

**Our Recently Joined in Matrimony**  
Brian Patrick Donaghy & Jenny Frances Connell

### Our Sick and Homebound:

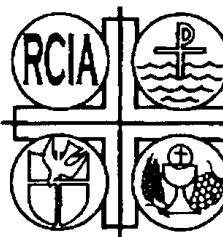
Jane Ball, Jean Cohen, Josephine D'Elia,  
Baby James Jack D'Agostino, Christine Danza,  
Helen DeLorenzo, Ada Fields,  
Tommy Fitzpatrick (4 years old)  
Meg Gallagher, Baby Grace Gilbert  
Tony Galante, Lauren Harpster Hines,  
Bob Kleinknecht, Lou Perrin, Joan Snow  
Richard Straut, Nicole Trotta

### FALL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.'

When someone we love has been taken from us, we often find ourselves dealing with change and transition. Many offer their help, but do not always understand the loss we are feeling. Bereavement support groups are one way to find support from others who are going through the same process. We cannot go around the grief process, over it, or under it. We need to go through it; we need to be good to ourselves, putting balance into our lives through prayer, reading, resting, relaxation and work. Grief takes time. Unrealistic expectations undermine the healing process. The parishes of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Gabriel and St. Catharine are jointly sponsoring a Bereavement Support Group. You need not be a parishioner to attend. The group will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:00pm at St. Catharine in Glen Rock and will run for eight weeks beginning on September 19.

Pre-registration is required - please contact Drew at 201-670-9480. All calls are confidential.



### 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 Fr. Frank at (201) 327-5663 ext 303 or stop by the parish office.

## **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

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

**AA Meetings Monday thru Saturday  
7 AM Parish Center**

**Saturday, June 17, 2017**

5 PM Mass—Celebrating Fr. Frank's  
40th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood  
Reception immediately following

**Friday, June 23, 2017**

Parish office Closed

**Sunday, June 25, 2017**

12:30 PM—Farewell reception for Sr. Esther



Our worship experience at St. Gabriel's has always been enhanced by the best music possible. Ten years ago we mounted our successful plan to install a world-class pipe organ, which, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, was achieved with great success and critical acclaim throughout the sacred music community. Alongside our organ and no less important in our ministry is the sanctuary piano. It has allowed us to present versatile styles of music both in performance and for congregational singing, especially at our 6:00 pm Sunday evening Mass. However, the sound quality of the current baby grand piano we have been using has been rapidly going downhill, and the engineering of this particular instrument is now obsolete such that repair parts are no longer available. As a result, keeping the instrument in regular tune has been a challenge, and has begun to cost the parish dearly in service calls. We feel it is time to replace the sanctuary piano. The ideal grand piano to fill our beautifully acoustic space should be twice as large as the existing baby grand (between 6-7'), so as to encourage congregational singing and also to provide an appropriate instrument for accompaniment for our parish events such as our annual Christmas concert. Quality does matter here, and we have identified an impressive and beautiful pre-owned Steinway Model A grand piano through a reputable dealer which has been impeccably maintained. A Steinway, whether it be in someone's living room or a church, is an asset that holds its value and provides the finest sound available. The Model A we have identified is currently being offered for \$43,000. With the support of Fr. Frank and the Parish staff, we are asking for parishioners to consider making a special contribution to the music ministry so that we can make this instrument a reality. Please think about this opportunity and how important a quality instrument can be to all of the aspects of our parish life. If you have any questions, please chat with Stacie Yao, our Director of Music.



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.

## **ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY NEWS**



Special Graduates

Congratulations to our Pre-K students and Kindergarteners who graduated in early June!



Congratulations to our 8th Graders who graduated on June 13!

May God continue to be with you on your journey into high school!



to all our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, uncles, spiritual fathers and all those who help guide us.  
May God bless you today and always!

### **SUMMER@THE HEART ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township, is hosting various co-ed summer enrichment courses through its popular Summer@theheart program. Courses, beginning July 10 and running through August 3 are open to students of several age levels. Two large sessions and four mini sessions are held Mondays–Thursdays, 9 AM to 12 PM. Courses include Broadcasting, STEAM (Art Meets STEM), Young Artists Workshop, Personal Leadership, Beginning Theatre, T-shirt Quilt Making and many more! For more information or to register, visit [www.ihanj.com](http://www.ihanj.com) or contact Kelly Tweed at [Ktweed@ihanj.com](mailto:Ktweed@ihanj.com) or (201) 445-6800.

### **HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS PREP**

Students who plan to attend Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Paterson or Newark in the fall of 2018 are required to take an entrance examination in November of 2017. In order to prepare for the HSPT exam, eighth grade boys and girls may enroll in a preparation course offered by Sandt's Excel. The program provides an intensive review of math, reading and language skills, instruction in quantitative and verbal reasoning, practice with all sections of the examination and training in appropriate test taking strategies. Students also preparing for SSAT Test will receive additional instruction and materials. Summer locations include Mary Help of Christians Academy and Immaculate Heart Academy. Weekend fall classes are held at St. John's Academy in Hillsdale. For information visit us at [www.sandtsexcel.com](http://www.sandtsexcel.com) or call Kathleen Sandt at (201) 666-5956.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The amount of the June 11 collection was \$10,164.50. Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Gabriel's. God bless you and your families.

**JUNE 18, 2017**

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**SATURDAY, June 17, 2017**

- 9:00 AM Antone LaSala  
5:00 PM All Fathers Living & Deceased

**SUNDAY, June 18, 2017**

- 8:00 AM All Fathers Living & Deceased  
10:00 AM All Fathers Living & Deceased  
11:30 AM All Fathers Living & Deceased

**MONDAY, June 19, 2017**

- 9:00 AM Camille K. Walsh  
Living Intention

**TUESDAY, June 20, 2017**

- 9:00 AM Marie Swigh

**WEDNESDAY, June 21, 2017**

- 9:00 AM Raymond Tese

**THURSDAY, June 22, 2017**

- 9:00 AM Frank DiBartolo

**FRIDAY, June 23, 2017**

- 9:00 AM Phil Ross, Sr.

**SATURDAY, June 24, 2017**

- 9:00 AM Jose G. Mercado  
5:00 PM Richard J. Shoy

**SUNDAY, June 25, 2017**

- 8:00 AM Thomas W. Heafy  
10:00 AM Frances Masselli  
11:30 AM Peter Torillo



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of June 18 for Kevin Dalton as requested by his family.

The Altar Bread & Wine to be consecrated during the week of June 18 is for John Maita requested by the Maita family.