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St. John's Academy, Hillsdale



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

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have "fallen asleep" along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today's Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim "Christ our Light" as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

Peace,
Fr. Frank

Let us pray for each other during these most difficult days we are experiencing. I will keep you informed through our email system, Facebook and the parish website of any information I receive from the Archdiocese of Newark.

THE PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

HOT MEALS IN HACKENSACK



As you know St. Gabriel's was scheduled to serve a hot meal in Hackensack on Saturday March 21. That has been canceled but we recognize that the need is still there and could be greater than ever. Our Hot Meal program is part of Family Promise of Bergen County whose mission is to help the homeless. So many of you care deeply about those at greatest risk and may wish to make a contribution. That may be done by sending a check made out to Family Promise of Bergen County with a notation for the Walk-In Dinner Program. It can be mailed to

Family Promise of Bergen County
100 Dayton Street
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Thank you
Carol Lee Crowley and Laura Galluscio

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

Our recently deceased who have entered Eternal Life:

Julie Sawyer

Our sick and homebound:

Daniel Castillo

Dawn Conguisti

Margaret Cucciniello

Sharon D'Acuto

James Jack D'Agostino

Ada Fields

Meg Gallagher

Elaine Greene (Joan Masotti's sister)

Grace Gilbert, Bill Hamilton

Lauren Harpster Hines

Bob Kleinknecht

Joan Snow, Nicole Trotta

In Loving Memory

The following parishioners have made Easter Flower donations in memory of their loved ones.

Lucille Tese

In memory of Raymond Tese

In memory of Annuciata Madonia

In memory of Santo Madonia

Dr. & Mrs. Gerard Makhoul & Family

In memory of Eleanor Makhoul

In memory of Stephanie Makhoul

In memory of Frederick Makhoul

In memory Cooper Makhoul

In memory of Thomas Ryan

David Dickey

In memory of George & Helen Dickey

Patricia & James DiBetta

In memory of Jimmy DiBetta

ST TORIBIO DE MOGROVEJO

Born in Mayorga, Spain, St. Toribio was educated in law and became the Professor of Law at Salamanca University. His work and his holiness earned him the notice of the king who named him to be the next Archbishop of Lima. Despite his arguments, Toribio was ordained a priest, consecrated and sent to Peru. He spent his office reforming the then-corrupt diocese, catechizing the native Peruvians and defending them from the abuses of the Spanish conquistadors.

ST. JOHN OF EGYPT - March 27

Born in modern Assiut, Egypt, St. John became a hermit when he was twenty. He lived an ascetic life but preached publicly on weekends. Also a prophet, he made two accurate predictions for Emperor Theodosius I.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

FOUR REASONS TO BE HOPEFUL RIGHT NOW

It's hard to not worry these days with reports of viruses and financial concerns. Yet we in God's family have more reasons to be hopeful no matter how uncertain the world.

God, our Father, knows what we need. "If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him." (Matthew 7:11) He will take care of us when we trust him.

He can work miracles when we ask. "Know that the Lord works wonders for the faithful, the Lord hears when I call out" (Psalm 4:4). "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear ... for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6). Just when life looks bleak, God can surprise us. He will never abandon us. "You Lord, are near to all who call upon you (Psalm 145:18). Know that he is always close.

Worrying won't do any good. "Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan? If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest?" (Luke 12:25). Don't waste energy on worrying about what is beyond your control. Enjoy your blessings.

FIND YOUR NEW HEART DURING LENT

The foot of the word "convert" means to "change," or "transform." Think of turning from sin and evil toward grace, virtue, goodness and God. It is the transformation of the human heart, by an act of God's grace. "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of the your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 36:26)

A new heart. God desires our conversion more than we ever could. With the perfect heart of a Father, he pursues and draws us to himself. Conversion begins by offering him our whole hearts so he can remake it as his own.

Break the heart of stone. There can be no healing or conversion when we harbor unconfessed sin. Make a full Confession to a priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Don't worry if you have been away for a while. The priest will be happy to guide you and to welcome you back to God's friendship.

A new spirit. When we have a soft and tender heart of flesh, we are able to receive God's holy will. Our new spirit requires renewal every day. Daily prayer, frequent Confession, and regular reception of the Holy Eucharist will keep our hearts filled with God's love.

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

The parish recently purchased an altar cloth and a priest stole to use for our parish celebrations. If you are interested in memorializing one of these items in memory of a loved one, and would like more information, please contact Fr. Frank.



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.

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE



The Archdiocese requires us and all parishes to provide the following information to the general public. We do so here as a sign of our commitment to the safety of our children. In every activity of St. Gabriel's Parish, parents are encouraged to participate. Every employee and volunteer has passed a background check. Mrs. Patricia Pula serves as our Safe Environment Coordinator. The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

2020 LENTEN REGULATIONS



1) The days of both Fast and Abstinence during lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil as the paschal fast to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one full meal is permitted and two smaller meals

which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2) The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially" or as a whole is a serious obligation.

3) The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4) The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2020, to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 7, 2020.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for March 15 was \$6,481.04. Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Gabriel's. God bless you and your family.

MARCH 22, 2020



SATURDAY, March 21, 2020

9:00 AM James O'Rourke
5:00 PM Tommy FitzPatrick

SUNDAY, March 22, 2020

8:00 AM Gregg Hauser
10:00 AM Dustin Valenti
11:30 AM Frederick Makhoul
6:00 PM Deceased members of the
Cudina Family

MONDAY, March 23, 2020

6:30 AM George Sheridan
9:00 AM James Hinish

TUESDAY, March 24, 2020

6:30 AM Frances Masselli
9:00 AM Chela Sanchez

WEDNESDAY, March 25, 2020

6:30 AM William & Donna Shannon
Living Intention
9:00 AM Cathy Boncino

THURSDAY, March 26, 2020

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM Susan Fahy

FRIDAY, March 27, 2020

6:30 AM George Sheridan
9:00 AM Nelson Perez

SATURDAY, March 28, 2020

9:00 AM Michael Menakis
5:00 PM Andrew Hernon

SUNDAY, March 29, 2020

8:00 AM Christopher Westdyk
10:00 AM Roland & Lillian Nardone
11:30 AM Eleanor Makhoul
6:00 PM Virgilio Arcilla



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of March 22 for Gregg Hauser as requested by Christine Hauser.

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of week of March 22 for Gregg Hauser as requested by Christine Hauser.