



St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church

88 EAST SADDLE RIVER ROAD
SADDLE RIVER, NJ 07458
(201) 327-5663 — (201) 327-7881 — Fax (201) 327-7063
WWW.STGABRIELSR.ORG
EMAIL: OFFICE@STGABRIELSR.ORG
Like us on Facebook at *Stgabrielsr*

PARISH STAFF

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

Rev. Msgr. Peter Smutelovic
In Residence

Rev. Martin Rooney
Weekend Assistant

Maureen Straut
Office Administrator, ext. 301

Luis Alfredo Lozano, Pastoral Assoc.
Christine Ferreri, PT Pastoral Assoc.

Stacie Yao, Director of Music
Janue Vargas, Asst Dir of Music

John Glynn, Youth Minister

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Safe Environment Coordinator

PARISH SCHOOL

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

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty.

Happy Easter- Stay Safe!

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.

HELP YOUR PARISH DURING THIS CRISIS

As of this 4/14 we have \$7,175 pledged to the GoFundMe page the Archdiocese of Newark has asked each parish to set up. If you would like to contribute this way, please visit our parish GoFundMe page:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/st-gabriels-saddle-river-nj>

The GoFundMe page is in addition to the offerings we receive on Faith Direct and the weekly envelopes. If you have not signed up for Faith Direct and would like to do so, please go to www.faithdirect.net. There you can register for an online account by using our parish code **NJ361**.

I am so grateful for your prayers and generosity during this most difficult time. Let us continue to pray for each another!

Fr. Frank

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - April 19

In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the “Feast of Mercy.” Jesus promised those who honor him as the King of Mercy and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy would receive special graces and great mercy.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

Our recently deceased who have entered Eternal Life:

Marie Boland
Fran Bush Frey
Tom O’Connor
Tony Riario
Joan Snow

Our sick and homebound:

Daniel Castillo
Dawn Conguisti
James Jack D’Agostino
Ada Fields
Meg Gallagher
Grace Gilbert
Bill Hamilton
Lauren Harpster Hines
Bob Kleinknecht
Nicole Trotta

CAN WE BE HAPPY ON EARTH

Catholics know that God intends us to be happy with him in Heaven, but does that mean we aren’t meant to be happy while we are on Earth? That depends upon what we mean by happy.

True happiness - Popular theologian C.S. Lewis wrote, “Aim at heaven and you will get Earth thrown in. Aim at Earth and you get neither.” We are made for God and can’t be truly happy unless we are united with him. If we focus on things of Earth, we will never know the meaning of true happiness. If we focus on God, we will know happiness even on Earth.

Peace on Earth - When trouble arises turn to God first. If we seek his help before all earthly remedies, he will care for us better than we can care for ourselves. And we will have the grace of knowing God intimately and of strengthening our friendship with him as never before. Nothing life throws our way will ever disturb us again.

God’s loving care - One key to happiness is to avoid being attached to what you have, or complaining about what you lack. We don’t always have control over those factors. Instead, place yourself entirely in God’s hands. Then your happiness won’t depend on a changeable world but on a God who never changes.

WHY DO CATHOLICS NEED GRACE

Grace is a free and undeserved gift God gives us so we can become his adopted children. The seven sacraments are the primary way through which God conveys grace. There is Sanctifying Grace which makes us holy by the indwelling of the Blessed Trinity (the Father, Son and Holy Spirit). Through this grace, we share in God’s divine life. There is also Actual Grace which gives us the help we need to live our lives in harmony with God’s will

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Rosalia



Rosalia was born of a Norman noble family that claimed descent from Charlemagne. Devoutly religious, she retired to live as a hermit in a cave on Mount Pellegrino, where she died alone in 1166. Tradition says that she was led to the cave by two angels. On the cave wall she wrote "I, Rosalia, daughter of Sinibald, Lord of Roses, and Quisquina, have taken the resolution to live in this cave for the love of my Lord, Jesus Christ." In 1624, a plague beset Palermo. During this hardship Saint Rosalia appeared first to a sick woman, then to a hunter, to whom she indicated where her remains were to be found. She ordered him to bring her bones to Palermo and have them carried in procession through the city. The hunter climbed the mountain and found her bones in the cave as described. He did what she had asked in the apparition. After her remains were carried around the city three times, the plague ceased. After this Saint Rosalia was venerated as the patron saint of Palermo, and a sanctuary was built in the cave where her remains were discovered.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The following is a Communion prayer that can be said when not being able to receive the Eucharist. This is from Bishop Barron's televised mass from "Word on Fire."

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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.

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.

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 Protec-



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.

HOT MEALS IN HACKENSACK

As you know St. Gabriel's was scheduled to serve a hot meal in Hackensack on Saturday March 21. That was 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



FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for April 12 was not available at the time the bulletin went to press and will be reported to you at a later date.

APRIL 19, 2020



SATURDAY, April 18, 2020

9:00 AM Kashton Alfred Rodriguez
5:00 PM Barbara Lee Murray

SUNDAY, April 19, 2020

8:00 AM Martin Meany
10:00 AM Sandy Fragleasso
11:30 AM Tommy FitzPatrick
6:00 PM Special Intention

MONDAY, April 20, 2020

9:00 AM William Deegan

TUESDAY, April 21, 2020

6:30 AM Camille K. Walsh
Living Intention
9:00 AM Richard Bradley

WEDNESDAY, April 22, 2020

6:30 AM Eddie Kelly
Living Intention
9:00 AM Richard Cancilla

THURSDAY, April 23, 2020

6:30 AM Mary Rose Walsh
Living Intention
9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, April 24, 2020

9:00 AM William Yee

SATURDAY, April 25, 2020

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish
5:00 PM Barbara Lee Murray

SUNDAY, April 26, 2020

8:00 AM Violet Pera
10:00 AM William Deegan
11:30 AM William Deegan
6:00 PM Benjamin Stani
Living Intention



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament and the Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week are available as memorials for loved ones. Please contact the parish office at 201-337-5663