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### **PARISH STAFF**

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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Patricia Pula, M.A.R.E.  
Director, ext. 303  
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](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

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation; God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.

Peace and stay safe,  
Fr. Frank

### THE KNIGHTS CORNER

Several of our brother Knights joined other men from the Parish in attending the Men's Retreat on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was a big success. The day started with a nice Mass (thank you Fr. Marty) followed by coffee and pastries. The attendees then heard presentations and were shown videos about the season of Advent. These presentations led to some very meaningful discussions. Pizza was then served for lunch. The highlight of the morning, however, was the fellowship enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Fr. Frank for supporting this event and making it all possible.



Did you know? This year's Knight's of Columbus Coats for Kids drive in the U.S. and Canada raised \$812,803!! This will provide over 40,800 coats for children in the communities we serve in North America.

If you are interested in joining the St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus, contact a current member or send us an email at [knights@stgabrielr.org](mailto:knights@stgabrielr.org).

### CHRISTMAS TREES AT ST. PAUL'S ABBEY



St. Paul's Abbey, on 289 Route 206, Newton, NJ 07860 one mile south of Newton, has thousands of Christmas trees ready to choose 'n' cut. Open 7 days a week from November 26 to December 20, 10 AM to 3:30 PM. Also visit their gift shop with many items that make ideal Christmas gifts, including books, statues, jewelry and more. For

additional information visit [www.newtonosb](http://www.newtonosb) or call (973) 383-2470.

### OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

#### Our sick and homebound:

Salvatore Averso  
Daniel Castillo  
Dawn Conguisti  
Ada Fields  
Meg Gallagher  
Grace Gilbert  
Bill Hamilton  
Bob Kleinknecht  
Joan Massotti  
Bob Re  
Nicole Trotta

### CHRISTMAS FOR ST. MICHAEL'S



Once again we will be able to have Giving Trees set up in the church vestibule for those who would like to give gifts to the children of St. Michael's in Newark. We will also be able to collect food items for Christmas Dinners. The gifts and food donations will need to be at the church by the weekend of December 17-18. There are flyers in the church vestibule with additional information. For those who would like to purchase gift cards, the following stores are recommended: Sear's, Kohl's, Target, Shop-Rite and Walmart. To facilitate an effortless way to make a donation from your computer using Faith Direct, we have a link that will enable you to use a credit card or withdrawal from an account. <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/NJ361/45528>. If you would rather send a check to the parish for the donation please do so by December 18th. Please make the check payable to St. Gabriel's and mark on the envelope St. Michael's Christmas Gifts & Dinner.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY AT IHA

Biology/Environmental Science Teacher



Immaculate Heart Academy seeks a full-time leave replacement Biology/Environmental Science teacher beginning in April 2023 and continuing for the entirety of the 2023-24 school year, capable of teaching Biology at the CP and honors levels for 9th grade and Environmental Science at the CP and AP levels for 11th and 12th grades. Teacher certification and AP experience preferred. Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to Mrs. Maureen Layng, Assistant Principal for Academics, at [employment@ihanj.com](mailto:employment@ihanj.com)

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for December 11 was not available at the time the bulletin went to press and will be reported to you at a later date. Thank you for your continued generosity & God bless you and your families.

# In Loving Memory

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

Tony & Sue Scrimenti  
*In memory of Bob & Frances Scrimenti  
Patrick & Angelina Massaro*

The Miele - Zanedis Family  
*In memory of Angelo & Adelina Miele  
Bryon, Angelica, Elena Zandis*

Jim Malone  
*In memory of Robert J. Malone, Sigrid Frawley  
Jane M. Donohoe*

### HOLIDAY ADVICE

The holiday season is an exciting time but it can also be a time when money worries, family worries, and every kind of worry intrudes. Instead, try to follow this advice from St. Paul, "Finally brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is an excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

*"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.*  
(Matthew 1:21)

### ST. DOMINIC OF SILOS

St Dominic was a Benedictine monk, born around 1000 AD in Navarre, Spain. Recognized for his leadership abilities, he was appointed abbot of St. Sebastian's monastery at Silos.

### 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.

### CHARLOTTE RILEY HONORED



On Sunday, December 4, at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark, 62 teens from parishes and schools throughout the Archdiocese were honored at a special awards ceremony service celebrated by Bishop Michael Saporito. Charlotte

Riley of St. Gabriel's received the Parish Youth Discipleship Award at the ceremony. Charlotte, a junior at Northern Highlands, has been a member of St. Gabriel's Youth Group since her freshman year. During this time she has displayed leadership in organizing service projects, especially in her work with Several Sources Shelters. Charlotte regularly attends youth group and is committed to learning more about her Catholic faith. She is a great example of a young disciple and we are so thankful to have her as part of the youth group. Congratulations, Charlotte!" (see photos below).



DECEMBER 18, 2022

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# Mass Intentions

## **SATURDAY, December 17, 2022**

9:00 AM Richard Stefanacci  
5:00 PM Michael Fitton

## **SUNDAY, December 18, 2022**

8:00 AM Alfred & Beverly Nash  
10:00 AM William P. Deegan  
11:30 AM Richard Stefanacci  
6:00 PM Edward & Mary Spitaletta

## **MONDAY, December 19, 2022**

9:00 AM Bill Jergensen

## **TUESDAY, December 20, 2022**

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Msgr. Joseph Petrillo

## **WEDNESDAY, December 21, 2022**

6:30 AM Richard Fernandez  
9:00 AM Angela Del Prete

## **THURSDAY, December 22, 2022**

6:30 AM Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 AM Leonard Marcel

## **FRIDAY, December 23, 2022**

9:00 AM Bill Jergensen

## **SATURDAY, December 24, 2022**

4:00 PM People of the Parish  
6:00 PM People of the Parish  
10:00 PM People of the Parish

## **SUNDAY, December 25, 2022**

7:00 AM People of the Parish  
8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM People of the Parish  
Noon People of the Parish



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





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