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### **PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Msgr. Frank G. Del Prete  
Pastor, ext. 302

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Luis Alfredo Lozano, Pastoral Assoc.  
Christine Ferreri, PT Pastoral Assoc.  
Dr. Melody Chen, Director of Music

Jessika Santulli, Youth Minister

### **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

Today's readings are as familiar to most of us as the carols we sing and the commercials that overwhelm this holiday season. Often Christmas finds us tired, struggling with preparations and expectations. What we really want to feel is joy and peace. The stress of preparation, of waiting, is reflected in both Isaiah and Paul's letter to Titus. Luke tells us of the exhaustion that Mary and Joseph felt: a young pregnant wife and her husband, forced to travel just as she is about to give birth, unable even to find a room to stay in. It must have been miserable. They must have been afraid. In the midst of this exhaustion, misery, and fear, a child is born, a Son is given. The world is then filled with light and hope, joy and peace. In that moment they, and we, know what all the waiting has been for.

Merry Christmas!  
Fr. Frank

### THE KNIGHTS CORNER



The Saint Gabriel's Knights, along with their spouses, recently enjoyed a wine and cheese social in the parish center. This event was funded entirely by the Knight's themselves and did not use any contributions from our fund raising activities. Special thanks to Fr. Frank for volunteering the parish center for the event. Thank you also to Alice Vlasak and Maura Deegan for helping with the planning and set-up for the evening. Finally, the Knights would like to acknowledge all their wives. Without their staunch support, we would not be able to accomplish all the good works the council performs throughout the year.

A very Blessed and Happy Christmas from all of us to the entire Saint Gabriel's Family!!

Did you know? Keeping Christ in Christmas is an opportunity to remind people that Christmas isn't about the frenzied commercialization of the holiday, but rather it's about the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and spreading the light of Christ and the spirit of giving within the family, parish and community.

### 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)

### OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

**Our Newly Baptized:**  
William Robert Fabbri

**Those recently joined in Matrimony**  
Peter Benjamin LoParo & Nicole Josephine Hroncich

**Our recently deceased who have entered Eternal Life:**  
Joann T. D'Orazio  
Barbara Bares

#### Our sick and homebound:

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



Grand Knight John Haiduk (left) enjoys some snacks with Betty Ann and Jay Bouton

### OPEN YOUR HEART TO THE CHRISTMAS PROMISE

This time of year reminds us of our hope for a future of peace. But we cannot achieve this peace on our own. We must open our hearts to the promise of Christmas

***"One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."*** (Isaiah 2:4) Violence flourishes if the world accepts it as inevitable. The world can change if the love of the Christmas Child takes root in our hearts. Peace flows from hearts that love.

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT THANK YOU!



ists.

I extend a special thank you to Melody Chen, our new Music Director, Susan Dromsky-Reed, Assistant Director and Diana Ciappina, who directs the Archangel Choir, and to all those who are part of our music ministry for all that they did to make the concert so moving; it was a wonderful way to get us into the Christmas spirit. Both the St. Gabriel Adult and Archangel Choirs were outstanding. We are so fortunate to have such talent in our parish!

Finally, I am so very grateful for all that Melody has done to enhance our music ministry at St. Gabriel's in the 2.5 months she has been with us. We are so very blessed to have Melody with us.

Merry Christmas!!  
Fr. Frank



Members of St. Gabriel's Choirs

### ENCOUNTER CHRIST THIS CHRISTMAS

God came to us in the most vulnerable human form possible so that He could draw us to Himself for all eternity. This Christmas, answer His call and come close to Him:

**In song:** Listen to and ponder the words of your favorite Christmas hymns. Imagine the reality of heavens filled with angels and faraway kings answering the call to pay Him homage.

**In service:** The newborn Jesus is the physical sign of God's love for us. When we give our time and resources in His service, we become an instrument of that love. Share His love in your parish, in your neighborhood, in your community.

**In prayer.** Jesus came to live among us so He could be intimate with us. He wants to connect on a deep level - more than rushed prayers or perfunctory devotions. Find quiet time to give Him your full attention and speak to him heart to heart.

## In Loving Memory

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

Lucille Tese

*In memory of Raymond Tese, Nancy Madonia,  
Peter Madonia, Santo Madonia, Annuciata Madonia*

Joseph J. Felice

*In memory of Josephine J. Felice*

Anne & Michael Sullivan

*In memory of Quinn, Walsh & Sullivan Family Members*

Anna Mattessich

*In memory of Jerry Mattessich*

Kacey O'Brien

*In memory of Kathleen Bowen*

Amy & Phil Ross

*In memory of Sharon Kells*

Cathleen Sutliff

*In memory of the James & Kevin Sutliff  
The Sutliff, Jacoby, & Lynch Families*

Barbara Clyne

*In memory of Daniel & Jeannette Clyne  
Chris & Mary Jansen*

Barbara Crocker

*In memory of Margaret & Joseph Quin  
Kathleen O'Sullivan*

Mr & Mrs. Russo

*In memory of Mr & Mrs Dulis Michel  
Mr & Mrs William Russo*

Mr & Mrs John Weindler

*In memory of Anna & John Weindler,  
Eleanor & Vincent Starace,  
Dr. John M. Driscoll, Jr.*

Dr. & Mrs. Gerard Makhoul & Family

*In memory of Eleanor Makhoul, Frederick Makhoul,  
Stephanie Makhoul, Cooper Makhoul*

David & Joni Sanzari

*In memory of Alfred & Mary Sanzari,  
John & Annette Garafano*

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for December 11 was \$13,338.88. Thank you for your continued generosity & God bless you and your families.

DECEMBER 25, 2022

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# Mass Intentions

## **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

## **MONDAY, December 26, 2022**

9:00 AM Richard Stefanacci

## **TUESDAY, December 27, 2022**

9:00 AM Susan Hatch Noel

## **WEDNESDAY, December 28, 2022**

9:00 AM William A. MacDonald

## **THURSDAY, December 29, 2022**

9:00 AM Peg Richardson

## **FRIDAY, December 30, 2022**

9:00 AM Richard Cancilla

## **SATURDAY, December 31, 2022**

9:00 AM Tiffani Loughnane  
5:00 PM Philip Ross

## **SUNDAY, January 1, 2023**

8:00 AM Anne Savastano  
10:00 AM Leon Dario Velez  
11:30 AM Richard Stefanacci



The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of December 18 was for Christopher Maita requested by Carol Lee and Herman Crowley.

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of December 25 for Christopher Maita requested by Penny Graziano.

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of December 25 is for Bill Jergensen requested by Doris Jergensen.





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