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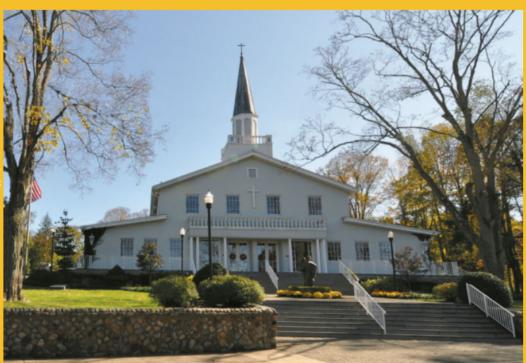
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Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM

Sundays: 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM and 6:00PM (Sent - 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

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!!

<u>Did you know?</u> 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

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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

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

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Dawn Conguisti
Ada Fields
Meg Gallagher
Grace Gilbert
Bill Hamilton
Bob Kleinknecht
Joan Massotti
Bob Re
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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT THANK YOU!



On December 11th our music ministry held their annual Christmas Concert. We had a great number of families and friends join us for this beautiful celebration of Christmas music, which included musical selections from a variety of instruments as well as solo-

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

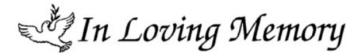
ENCOUNTER CHRIST THIS CHRISTMAS

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.



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

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In memory of Raymond Tese, Nancy Madonia,
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In memory of Josephine J. Felice

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In memory of Jerry Mattessich

Kacey O'Brien

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In memory of the James & Kevin Sutliff
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Chris & Mary Jansen

Barbara Crocker
In memory of Margaret & Joseph Quin
Kathleen O'Sullivan

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Eleanor & Vincent Starace,
Dr. John M. Driscoll, Jr.

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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.

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 IN LOVING

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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