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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

Picture a nativity scene in your mind's eye. The scene likely includes figures arriving on camels, some elaborately dressed, with jeweled boxes containing precious gifts. These magi arrived from distant lands to pay homage to the Christ Child. We know little about the magi, but we do know that these visitors were not Jews. They represent people of all nations who will be drawn to the Lord. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." The Good News of Jesus cannot be limited to one people; all share in the promise of God's mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Happy New Year and stay safe,
Fr. Frank

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

Thank You

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

On behalf of the entire staff, I wish all of you God's peace and blessings for the New Year! I also take this opportunity to thank all of you who remembered us with cards, gifts and goodies this past Christmas. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

I also thank all the "decorating elves" who helped to make the church look so beautiful this Christmas. I am very grateful for Pat Pula who coordinated the Christmas decorating.Fr. Frank

LAYING OUR GIFTS AT THE FEET OF THE KING

The three Wise Men gave Jesus gifts worthy of a king. We can also present Him with our own royal gifts. While ours may not be actual gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we can still give to Him the best we have. Give God the first and the best of what you have and He will give you more than you can imagine in return

CHOOSE NOT TO BE OFFENDED

In the news or on social media, it can appear that there is more polarization around issues now than in the past. Each side wants to persuade the other. Being right is not compensation for broken friendships, however. If there is someone in your life who deliberately pursues you to argue, don't take the bait. Rather than let arguments create a rift, look the other way when feeling slighted. Being kind is more rewarding than being right.

"I have told you this that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world"
(John 16:33)

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



The St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus, in conjunction with several other Councils and parishes in the area, are bringing Chris Stefanick to our area on May 17th. Chris is an internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and television host who has devoted his life to sharing the love of Jesus, and helping others do the same. There are many of Chris' videos available in the FORMED app, which St. Gabriel's has made available to its parishioners for free. To learn more about Chris' message, the Knights will be selling a limited number of his Living Joy books after Masses on January 14 and January 15 for \$10 each (discounted from online retailer prices). We will be there to answer any questions. At right is the QR code for the event.



Our Monthly council meeting will be held on Monday, January 9th, starting with a social gathering at 6:30pm, followed by our business meeting at 7:00pm.

Did you know? Benedict XVI and his predecessor John Paul II were the first consecutive non-Italian Popes since the 14th century. If you are interested in joining the St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus, contact a current member or send us an email at knights@stgabrielsr.org.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for January 1 was \$10,752.63. The Christmas collection will be reported to you at a later date. Thank you for your continued generosity & God bless you and your families.

**GOD WATCHES GOOD EFFORTS WITH
LOVING EYES**

We start the New Year with the best of intentions but life can get in the way of success. Household expenses leave little for charity, work encroaches on family time, daily tasks distract from prayer time, and healthy habits fall away. It can be discouraging when we stumble, but its important to keep trying. God watches our efforts with loving eyes. God knows our limits. Our Father understands that we are weak and that we struggle. Even Peter, Jesus' close friend, promised devotion but later denied knowing him (John 13: 37-38) Not only did Jesus forgive him, he made Peter the first head of his beloved Church.

Don't let fear of failure keep you from trying again. "Fear not, I am with you: be not dismayed. I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you." (Isaiah 41:10). The key is to get back to the plan.

We aren't meant to do it alone. Jesus is the source of our true strength and wants to help us get it right. "Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." (John 15:4) "Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power." (Ephesians 6:10)

FORGIVENESS MAKES GOOD SENSE

"My best friend hurt me terribly, hasn't apologized and doesn't act sorry. I refuse to forgive her." "When my parents died, my brother took more than his share of their estate. I'll never speak to him again."

Refusing to forgive merely prolongs the hurt feelings and traps us in the past. It forces us to dwell on bad feelings and keep them alive. That feels awful. Forgiving is something we do for ourselves. But when we forgive, the energy that sustained the anger and hurt is now available for better purposes. That feels better.

Need another reason? Jesus taught us that to receive forgiveness of our own sins we must forgive those who have hurt us. If we can't or won't - how can we obtain it for ourselves? Instead pray for those who hurt you and ask God to bless them. Not only will you find the pain start to lessen, you will be saying one of God's favorite kinds of prayers. Its exactly how Jesus prayed while on the cross.

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE THE SABBATH ON SUNDAY?

The first Christians were Jews who observed the traditional Sabbath Friday night and then celebrated the Eucharist in homes on Sunday in honor of the Resurrection (Acts 20:7) Eventually, they were excommunicated from Judaism and expelled from the temple and synagogue. No longer permitted to practice the Hebrew faith, they moved the Sabbath to Sunday. Thus the first Christians transformed the Sabbath service into the Liturgy of the Eucharist or the Mass that eventually evolved into the Lord's Day we observe today.

 **In Loving Memory**

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

The Gallucci Family
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*In memory of Joseph R. Letcher
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In memory of Maria Vaccarino

Dale, Karen & Steph Smith
*In memory of Catie Smith
Jeanne & Ernie Stukowski*

Leah & Ken Malley
In memory of Tim Leixner

Lucille T. LaSala
In memory of Antone LaSala

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

JANUARY 8, 2023

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 7, 2023

9:00 AM Leonardo Lucanie
5:00 PM Barbara Murray

SUNDAY, January 8, 2023

8:00 AM Raymond Tese
10:00 AM Katherine Ferro
11:30 AM Richard Stefanacci
6:00 PM Patricia Straut

MONDAY, January 9, 2023

9:00 AM Tiffani Loughnane

TUESDAY, January 10, 2023

6:30 AM Carey Hamilton
9:00 AM Tiffani Loughnane

WEDNESDAY, January 11, 2023

6:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Dr. Richard Stefanacci

THURSDAY, January 12, 2023

6:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM William Yee

FRIDAY, January 13, 2023

9:00 AM William P. Deegan

SATURDAY, January 14, 2023

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

SUNDAY, January 15, 2023

8:00 AM Alfred & Beverly Nash
10:00 AM Hon. Anthony J. Sciuto
11:30 AM Richard Stefanacci
6:00 PM Diann Speranza

 **IN LOVING
REMEMBRANCE**

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of January 8 is for Raymond Tese requested by Lucille Tese.

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