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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Patricia Pula, M.A.R.E.  
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### **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

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

Peace and stay safe,  
Fr. Frank

### THE KNIGHTS CORNER

We will be conducting our annual chocolate sale fundraiser after all Masses on the weekends of February 4&5 and 11&12. Perfect timing for the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day! Once again, we will be featuring chocolates from Gertrude Hawk. Flavors include milk chocolate, chocolate peanut butter, sea salt caramel, dark chocolate, dark chocolate raspberry, and more. Warning, many of the more popular varieties sold out quickly last year. Buy early!!



**Did you know?** Six of the saints who were martyred during the persecution of Catholics in Mexico in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century were members of the Knights of Columbus.

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](mailto:knights@stgabrielsr.org).

### ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

We are please to announce that we are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2023. These anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 16, 2023 - 3 PM - 50 years  
May 7, 2023 - 3 PM - 5 & 25 years

To register, please contact Maureen Straut in the St. Gabriel's office at 201-327-5663. If you celebrated one of these anniversaries in 2020, 2021 or 2022, and would like to attend one of the masses this year please be sure to indicate this when registering so that the certificate can be completed correctly.

### OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

*Our recently deceased who have entered  
Eternal Life:*

Howard Walsh

*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

### OPEN HOUSE – ACADEMY OF ST. PAUL

Academy of St. Paul, located at 187 Wyckoff Avenue, Ramsey, will hold an open on **Sunday, January 29th** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join them for classroom demonstrations, school tours, and meet their faculty. Refreshments will be served. For additional information call (201) 327-1108.

### 2023 ANNUAL APPEAL



The 2023 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Our Parish goal is \$75,836. There are two financial benefits to our Parish if we achieve this goal. First, if we reach this goal in cash by June 30th, our Parish is eligible for a 2% assessment reduction on our fiscal obligations to the Archdiocese. Second, all monies pledged over goal as of June 30th, will make us eligible for a 50% rebate, which comes back to our Parish, unassessed, to be used at our own discretion.

Please make a gift online today by visiting [rcan.org/sharing](http://rcan.org/sharing) or join us for In-Pew Weekend on February 4th-5th.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of love,  
Our world is wrought with war and violence,  
as brother turns on brother,  
and the innocent awake to gunfire and bombs.  
May Your compassion and healing  
move hearts and bring a new day to Ukraine.  
Fortify your children to resist aggression  
And instead become instruments of peace.  
We ask this in the name of the One  
who is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

### HELP US TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU

The parish uses a communication system called Flocknote to send email and text messages to parishioners. Flocknote has been an important way for us to stay in touch with you during the pandemic. If you have not been receiving emails or texts from the parish and would like to receive them, please call the parish office at (201) 327-5663 to give your contact information.

### 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)

### WELL PLACED FAITH

Our world is filled with pain, sorrow and suffering. Putting our faith in worldly powers guarantees disappointment. Putting faith in God guarantees that we will never be disappointed.

*"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel." (Luke 2:29-32)*

### ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE ROSSI

Born in Voltaggio Italy, St. John Baptist de Rossi was born to devout middle class parents. Being an excellent student, he was invited to join the Roman College at the age of thirteen! Ten years later, John was ordained a priest. He spent his days serving prisoners, workers and the patients of the local hospitals, and his nights ministering to the poor people of the street. He died of illness worn out by his labors.

### DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE JESUS' WAY

People who argue, fight, or refuse to cooperate can make our lives downright miserable. Yet, Jesus was masterful at dealing with difficult people. Following his example can save our sanity and our relationships.

**Know when to ignore.** When Jesus made his Nazareth friends and neighbors so mad that they wanted to throw him off a cliff, he knew there was no reasoning with them. "Passing through the midst of them he went away" (Luke 4:30). When people speak harshly or offensively, the best response can be to disengage and walk away.

**Know when to say "no."** Sometimes others demand more from us than we are able or willing to give, yet we give in out of guilt or fear of displeasure. Two of his best friends, James and John, said to Jesus, "we want you to do whatever we ask of you." (Mark 10:35). In response to this stunning breach of boundaries, Jesus was calm and firm. He said "no" and didn't make his loved ones happy.

**Know when to stay calm.** When Jesus took a Sabbath stroll with his friends (Matthew 12), Pharisees barged in and accused him of breaking the Sabbath. He remained calm and answered them peacefully. He wasn't afraid of being tripped up or trapped because he was unconcerned about others' opinions.

### PLEASE FORGIVE ME!



Throughout history, there has been only one person who never made mistakes. The rest of us make plenty but few of us are comfortable with asking for forgiveness for them. Yet owning up to our mistakes is a big step toward preventing their recurrence. Try this:

**Start by looking at the other person when you apologize.** This communicates that you know you have caused harm and are ready to accept the consequences of your behavior.

**Name the actions for which you are sorry.** Be specific. Assure the other person that the actions won't happen again and detail the steps you will take to rectify any harm you caused. Remember true contrition involves making amends for your sin.

**Give some visible sign that you are sincerely sorry.** Shake hands or give a touch on the shoulder. Such an action will help start the healing of your relationship.

Taking steps to achieve sincere contrition and forgiveness will help you grow in holiness as you work to eliminate an occasion of sin.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for January 22 was \$10,785.04. Thank you for your continued generosity & God bless you and your families.

*JANUARY 29, 2023*

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# Mass Intentions

## **SATURDAY, January 28, 2023**

9:00 AM Thomas Kileen  
5:00 PM Tiffani Loughane

## **SUNDAY, January 29, 2023**

8:00 AM Alfred & Beverly Nash  
10:00 AM Frank J. Sciro, Jr.  
11:30 AM Michael Guerriero  
6:00 PM Elaine Chester

## **MONDAY, January 30 2023**

9:00 AM Ann Schnell

## **TUESDAY, January 31, 2023**

6:30 AM Everett A. Straut  
9:00 AM Howard Walsh and the  
Living intentions of Eleanor Walsh

## **WEDNESDAY, February 1, 2023**

6:30 AM Christian Hobbis  
9:00 AM Robert Roy Colombo

## **THURSDAY, February 2, 2023**

6:30 AM Gianmartino Matestic  
9:00 AM Bill O'Donnel

## **FRIDAY, February 3, 2023**

9:00 AM Richard Allen Ketrow

## **SATURDAY, February 4, 2023**

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
5:00 PM Tiffani Loughane

## **SUNDAY, February 5, 2023**

8:00 AM James D'Amico  
10:00 AM Sylvia Mulvaney  
11:30 AM Richard Stefanacci  
6:00 PM Ruth F. Daly

 **IN LOVING  
REMEMBRANCE**

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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