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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

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands - not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

Peace and stay safe,  
Fr. Frank

### OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

#### *Our Newly Baptized:*

Brynn Michaelene Dolinsky  
Bronson Thomas Utsch  
Henry Charles Utsch

#### *Our sick and homebound:*

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

### THE KNIGHTS CORNER



The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly council meeting on Monday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. The evening starts with pizza at 6:30pm. The business meeting follows promptly at 7:00pm.

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).

**Did you know?** The St. Gabriel's Knights council begins every council meeting with an opening prayer, led by our Chaplain, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meetings end with the brother Knights offering up any special intentions they may have. Then the Chaplain leads us in a closing prayer.



"2 year old Gianna (left) is an enthusiastic supporter of the Knight's chocolate sale. Results from the fundraiser will be published in next week's bulletin".

## Thank You

Dear Msgr. Del Prete,

Thanks very much to you and all the members of Saint Gabriel the Archangel parish and Respect Life Ministry for your generosity to Birthright of Bergen County. We received your generous donation of baby clothes, baby care items and diapers which will help the mothers we serve care for their babies. Your support helps Birthright continue the care we have been providing for pregnant women, their unborn babies and families in Bergen County for over forty years.

As you know, Birthright is here to support and aid young women in crisis pregnancies to choose Life for their children. Each year, we receive hundreds of calls and requests from mothers facing crisis pregnancies who need assistance. Birthright volunteers provide services, which include friendship, mentoring, parenting education, pregnancy tests, referrals for medical care, housing, daycare, adoption information, maternity and baby clothing, diapers and other baby care items. This support is designed to provide the means for women who call or visit our office to have whatever help they need during and after their pregnancy.

Thank you for extending such generosity during these challenging times which allows Birthright to continue its mission of guarding "the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born."

Wishing you many blessings in the New Year.

Sincerely  
Mary Pat Phillips, Barbara Boe  
Co-Directors

**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.

**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 will conclude in June 2023**, 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)

Immaculate Heart Academy is also seeking a **Major Gifts Officer** for immediate hire. The Major Gifts Officer is a member of IHA's Advancement Team responsible for developing strategies for the identification, cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship of donors with special focus on five-figure gifts to support IHA's annual and planned giving efforts. This position reports directly to the Director of Development, under the strategic vision of the President of IHA. Interested candidates should send letters of interest and resumes to Mrs. Sarah Hill Frasure '07, Director of Development, at [employment@ihanj.com](mailto:employment@ihanj.com).



**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.

**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.

**TAKE STEPS TO SHARE YOUR FAITH DURING LENT**

Jesus didn't intend for the Great Commission - "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) - to be a heavy burden. He meant witnessing to His love to come through the natural course of living a Christ-inspired life. Consider making more disciples this Lent.

**Live a Catholic life.** Non-believers may hear what we say about Jesus, but they are persuaded by seeing how our love for Him shapes our lives. It is critical that worship - Sunday Mass, Confession, Scripture - informs our life choices. When we spend time in Jesus' presence, His character rubs off on us.

**Bring Christ out into the world.** Jesus asked that we care for the poor and needy, thus acting as His hands and feet in the world. We may not be able to solve all of their problems, but we can show them the reality of Christ's love in their lives.

**Talk about God's plan.** God wants us each to experience the peace He offers. Help others know that God's love is personal and He has a specific plan for each of us.

**Invite.** Some people will be ready to "come and see" so consider inviting seekers to Mass. Others might be ready to "take up and read." Share your favorite inspirational reading. If you need other suggestions, ask your pastor or favorite religious.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The amount of the collection for February 5 was \$12,723.44. Thank you for your continued generosity & God bless you and your families.

*FEBRUARY 12, 2023*

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# Mass Intentions

## **SATURDAY, February 11, 2023**

9:00 AM Robert Muscarelle

5:00 PM Barbara Murray

## **SUNDAY, February 12, 2023**

8:00 AM Alfred & Beverly Nash

10:00 AM William E. Johnson

11:30 AM Elaine Chester

**4:00 PM** Mildred DeKoskie

## **MONDAY, February 13, 2023**

9:00 AM Harry P. Lane, Jr.

## **TUESDAY, February 14, 2023**

6:30 AM Barbara Murray

9:00 AM Richard Cancilla

## **WEDNESDAY, February 15, 2023**

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM Barbara Murray

## **THURSDAY, February 16, 2023**

6:30 AM Anne & Edgar Schwaibold

9:00 AM Elaine Yee

## **FRIDAY, February 17, 2023**

9:00 AM Thomas Frances Maher

## **SATURDAY, February 18, 2023**

9:00 AM Gaudenzia Mattessich

5:00 PM Michael H. Houseman

## **SUNDAY, February 19, 2023**

8:00 AM Jim D'Amico

10:00 AM Barbara K. Murray

11:30 AM Barbara K. Murray

6:00 PM Elaine Chester



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of February 12 is for Joseph Navas requested by the Lo Piccolo Family

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of February 12 is for Joseph Navas requested by the Lo Piccolo Family.

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