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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

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

Peace and stay safe  
Fr. Frank

### THE KNIGHTS CORNER



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the next Men's Mass on March 25th at 8:00am. All men of the parish, and guests, are welcome. Mass is followed by light snacks and discussion about issues of the day that affect us as Catholic men.

On March 26<sup>th</sup> following all Masses, the Knights sponsored monthly coffee social will be held. The response to these socials has been very enthusiastic. Please join us.

**Did you know?** While we are part of a large international organization, each local Knights of Columbus Council operates independently according to its own by-laws. These by-laws cover many aspects of our council including how we select our officers and how we conduct our meetings. The Saint Gabriel's Council recently updated our by-laws to better reflect the current needs and operations of the council. 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).

### WHY DO CATHOLICS COVER STATUES DURING LENT?

Many churches cover statues and crucifixes in red or purple cloth for the final weeks in Lent, traditionally known as Passiontide. The veils are visual cues that we're entering into a solemn time and remind us that sin separates us from God. This helps to build anticipation for Easter when the statues are unveiled and we are restored to Him. Lastly, the veils symbolize that heavenly glories are hidden in this life, but will be revealed when we enter eternity.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for March 12 was \$12,113.50. Thank you for your continued generosity & God bless you and your families.

### 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  
Nicole Trotta



Left to right - St. Gabriel's Knights Paul Ibarrola (Recording Secretary) and John Haiduk (Grand Knight) present a copy of the council's By-Laws to District Deputy Pete Revie."

### PREPARING HEARTS FOR EASTER JOY

Lent is the Church's gift to us to help prepare our hearts for Easter by purifying our hearts, opening up to love and putting love into action.

**Purifying our hearts:** Every heart yearns for love, yet only God's love can truly satisfy that yearning. The goal of Lenten penance is to purify ourselves of whatever blocks us from God's love or closes our heart to others. This can include excessive social media, materialism, gossip, or sinful habits like lust or deceit. From what does your heart need to detach so there's room for God and others?

**Opening up to love:** Mother Teresa wrote, "Have you seen how Jesus looks at you with love? Have you heard the loving words He speaks to you?" Strive to know God's heart. Seek Him, not just His gifts. Only by receiving God's love first, beginning with prayer, can we share it with others.

**Put love in action:** God commands us to love as we've been loved - because we are loved. Find small doable ways to serve during Lent.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### FIRST COMMUNION OUTFITS – Needed

The First Communion Day of our child is a very special occasion – a day to be celebrated and always remembered! Please help to make another child's First Communion Day one that will be cherished by donating any Communion dresses, suits, shirts, ties, head pieces or shoes.

Please bring all articles, clean, on hangers, and covered in plastic, to **St. John the Baptist Church, Hillsdale on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10AM – 2PM, or call Kathy at 201-666-4185.**

Monetary donations will also be accepted. **This collection will be held on ONE DAY ONLY.** If you or anyone that you know may need an outfit, please contact Kathy. **Thank you!**

### EASTER MEALS FOR ST. MICHAEL'S



We will be having our annual Easter food collection for our sister parish, St. Michael's in Newark. Please provide a meal or bring a Gift Card from ShopRite, Walmart, Target and Kohl for a family from St.

Michael's. The list of suggested items can be found below. The meals should not be cooked and the food may be either boxed or bagged. A truck will be in the lower parking lot during each of the weekend Masses of March 25-26, 2023 The truck departs during/after 11:30 AM Mass

#### Suggested Menu Items

Turkey or Ham  
Sweet Potatoes (canned or fresh)  
White Potatoes (canned or fresh)  
Rice  
Rolls  
Stuffing  
Gravy  
Cranberries (canned or fresh)  
Vegetables (canned or fresh)  
Pies  
Any Dessert  
Fruit (canned or fresh)  
Milk (boxed, powdered or canned)  
Fruit Juices (canned or boxed)  
Coffee or tea

To facilitate an effortless way to make a donation from your computer using Faith Direct, we have a link that will enable you to use a credit card or withdrawal from an account. If you would rather send a check to the parish for the donation please do so by March 26. Please make the check payable to St. Gabriel's and mark on the envelope St. Michael's Easter Dinner Drive. As always we are so grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Faith Direct Link:<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/NJ361/46830>

### IHA SPRING MUSICAL XANADU

Immaculate Heart Academy, Township of Washington, NJ, is proud to present its 2023 Spring Musical, *Xanadu*, on Friday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 25 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 26 at 2 p.m. *Xanadu* is a fun musical based on the 1980 film of the same name. Follow the adventures of Kira, who is determined to help Sonny, a local artist, realize his dream to open a roller disco nightclub named Xanadu. Student actors come from many schools including IHA, St. Joseph Regional High School, Westwood, and Clarkstown South High School. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at [www.performingartsattheheart.com](http://www.performingartsattheheart.com). All performances will take place in IHA's Performing Arts Center, 500 Van Emburgh Ave., Township of Washington, NJ 07676.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY AT IMMACULATE HEART ACADEMY

**Biology/Environmental Science Teacher Leave Replacement** - full-time leave replacement Biology/Environmental Science teacher beginning in April 2023 and continuing through the end of the 2022-23 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.

**English Teacher** - full-time English teacher beginning in September 2023. A degree in English, AP teaching experience, and teacher certification preferred.

**Theology Teacher** - full-time Theology teacher beginning in September 2023. Candidates should possess a B.A. or higher in Theology, Religious Ed, or Catholic Studies and be a practicing Catholic in good standing.

**Physics Teacher** - full-time Physics teacher beginning in September 2023. A degree in Physics, teaching experience, and teacher certification preferred.

**Latin Teacher** - full-time Latin teacher beginning in September 2023. A degree in Latin or a related field, teaching experience, and teacher certification preferred.

These positions are fantastic opportunities to join a collaborative and supportive community. Candidates interested in any of the above teaching positions should email a cover letter and resume to Mrs. Maureen Layng, Assistant Principal for Academics, at [employment@ihanj.com](mailto:employment@ihanj.com).

**Educational Technologist** - IHA seeks an Educational Technologist beginning in September 2023. This 12-month position will be responsible for supporting teacher and student use of technology and maintaining the technology infrastructure throughout the school. The ideal candidate is a motivated professional with strong communication skills and experience in educational technology and systems administration. Prior teaching experience preferred. This is an excellent opportunity to join a collaborative environment.

*MARCH 19, 2023*

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# Mass Intentions

## **SATURDAY, March 18, 2023**

9:00 AM Noel Sheeran Drower  
5:00 PM Thomas Bouer

## **SUNDAY, March 19, 2023**

8:00 AM Roger Owens  
10:00 AM John V. Bello  
11:30 AM Richard Sefanacci  
6:00 PM Mary & Al Zakrewski

## **MONDAY, March 20, 2023**

6:30 AM Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 AM Robert Muscarelle

## **TUESDAY, March 21, 2023**

6:30 AM People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Frederick Makhoul

## **WEDNESDAY, March 22, 2023**

6:30 AM Sr. Monica Kevin  
9:00 AM Richard Cancilla

## **THURSDAY, March 23, 2023**

6:30 AM People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Michelle Paparella

## **FRIDAY, March 24, 2023**

6:30 AM People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Robert Muscarelle

## **SATURDAY, March 25, 2023**

9:00 AM Christopher Maita  
5:00 PM John Murray

## **SUNDAY, March 26, 2023**

8:00 AM James D'Amico  
10:00 AM John V. Bello  
11:30 AM Frances Woods  
6:00 PM Anthony Gallagher



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be light-  
ed during the week of March 19 for Robert Re as requested  
by the Sylvia Re.

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