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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Amanda Perfetti, M.Ed, M.S.

### **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

If you recently played the Powerball or Mega Millions lottery games, I am sure you asked yourself this question, "What would I do if I won?" In today's first reading, Solomon certainly hits the jackpot. What prize could be greater than having God Almighty agree to give you whatever you ask for?

Out of all the things he could have asked for, Solomon chose to ask for understanding, and was rewarded with it. We would do well to wonder what we would ask for if God made us the same offer. Actually God does make us the same offer each and every day, by granting us another day of life, a bit of the earth's goods, some gift or ability, some call to goodness, some portion of the divine will. Each of these is a "prize." We should stop and examine what we are going to do with our prize: keep it or use it selfishly, or put it at the service of the spread of the gospel?

Peace and stay safe,  
Fr. Frank

### THE KNIGHTS CORNER

Recently, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly issued the following statement to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's landmark decision in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case.



**"On behalf of more than 2 million Knights of Columbus and their families worldwide, I gratefully commemorate the one-year anniversary of the United**

**States Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade*. By allowing abortion on demand, including late-term abortions up to birth, *Roe* had a devastating impact on women and took the lives of over 60 million unborn children. Today, and for generations to come, the Court's ruling in *Dobbs* will be viewed as one of the most significant human rights achievements in our nation's history".**

**"Together, more than 2 million strong, the Knights of Columbus will continue to serve as a voice for the sanctity and dignity of every human life ... and pray until abortion becomes unthinkable."**

If you are interested in joining the St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus, contact a current member or send us an email at [knights@stgabriel.org](mailto:knights@stgabriel.org).

**Did you know?** Of the 266 popes (264 to be exact because Pope Benedict IX, during the dreadful medieval fights between popes and anti-popes, was elected three times) 205 were Italians, (of whom 106 were Romans), and 57 foreigners; comprised of 19 Frenchmen, 14 Greeks, 8 Syrians, 6 Germans, 3 Africans, 2 Spaniards, 1 Austrian, 1 Palestinian, 1 Englishman, 1 Dutchman, 1 Pole, and 1 Argentinian.

### 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  
Bill Zima

#### Those recently joined in Matrimony

Brandon Michael Saez & Olivia Mary Payne  
Olman Barrantes & Kimberly Quiros

#### Our recently deceased who have entered Eternal Life:

Dorothy A. Hotz  
Giacomo A. Castelli

#### A Gentle Nudge:

#### SEEKING CATECHIST VOLUNTEERS

*"This is the true joy of life: the being used up for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one..."*

*-George Bernard Shaw*

Think of the last time you felt "true joy," peace, curiosity, or hope. We are conditioned to believe that these feelings are a consequence of getting or having the "right" things in life. But, independent of our possessions, these feelings are always accessible to us, and can be felt when we are in a close relationship with God. It is only our own thoughts that prevent us from always experiencing this feeling of closeness. We are born with this gift of acceptance of something greater than ourselves, and we naturally understood this as children. We knew where to find God's treasure chest of inexplicable peace and a quiet mind. This is a gentle nudge to come home to those feelings again and be reminded of what we are truly called to be and do: Share God's Word with others.

St. Gabriel the Archangel is seeking volunteers to share the Gospel with students grades 1-8 for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested, please call the Religious Education Office at 201-825-0275 or email Amanda Perfetti, Director of Religious Education, at [aperfetti@stgabriel.org](mailto:aperfetti@stgabriel.org). We deeply appreciate your willingness to serve.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for July 23 was \$10,237.00. Thank you for your continued generosity. God bless you and your families.

*SEVENTEENTH 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.  
Amen

**PARISH TRIP TO LONDON AND PARISH**

St Gabriel's is planning a parish trip to London, Paris and Lisieux in May of 2024. Jennifer Edelson, a parishioner who owns a travel agency, JJ Travel Associates (Dream Vacations franchise), will be coordinating every detail of the trip which will be through Collette. If you are interested in attending, please scan the QR code and enter your information. More information will be forthcoming soon. If you have any questions please call Jennifer at 201-786-6275. Alternatively you can email Jennifer at jedelson@dreamvacations.com. Please do not call Collette.



**CAN WE BE HAPPY ON EARTH**

Catholics know that God intends us to be happy with him in Heaven, but does that mean we aren't meant to be happy while we are on Earth? That depends upon what we mean by happy.

**True happiness** - Popular theologian C.S Lewis wrote, "Aim at Heaven and you'll get Earth thrown in. Aim at Earth and you get neither." We are made for God and can't be truly happy unless we are united with him. If we focus on things of Earth, we will never know the meaning of true happiness. If we focus on God, we will know happiness even on Earth.

**Peace of Earth** - When trouble arrives turn to God first. If we seek his help before all earthly remedies, he will care for us better than we can care for ourselves. And we will have the grace of knowing God intimately and of strengthening our friendship with him as never before. Nothing life throws our way will ever disturb us again.

**God's loving care** - One key to happiness is to avoid being attached to what you have or complaining about what you lack. We don't always have control over those factors. Instead, place yourself entirely in God's hands. Then your happiness won't depend on a changeable world but on a God who never changes.

**ROOM FOR GOD**

"Make room therefore for Christ, and refuse entrance to all others. When you have Christ, you are rich and have need of nothing else."



Thomas A., Kepmis

Mark Your Calendars!

**Newark Archdiocesan Pilgrimage**

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
Washington, DC

Saturday, September 16, 2023

**HELP US TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU**

The parish uses a communication system called Flocknote to send email and text messages to parishioners. 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.

**Immaculate Heart Academy  
Employment Opportunities**  
Township of Washington, NJ 07676

Current Open Teaching Position  
Social Studies Teacher  
Immaculate Heart Academy seeks a full-time Social Studies teacher beginning in September 2023. A degree in History and teacher certification preferred.

*This position is a fantastic opportunity to join a collaborative and supportive community. Interested candidates should send letters of interest and resumes to Mrs. Maureen Layng, assistant principal for academics, at [employment@ihanj.com](mailto:employment@ihanj.com).*

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT BERGEN CATHOLIC**

Bergen Catholic will be hosting Open Houses on Tuesday October 3rd at 6:30pm and Sunday November 5th at 1pm. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please contact the admissions office at [admissions@bergencatholic.org](mailto:admissions@bergencatholic.org). Attention ALL 8th grade students: Bergen Catholic will be hosting an HSPT prep course for interested students applying to local catholic high schools in November. Course dates and registration information can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please contact Matt Rosa '08, VP of Admissions at [mrosa@bergencatholic.org](mailto:mrosa@bergencatholic.org).

*JULY 30, 2023*

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# Mass Intentions

## **SATURDAY, July 29, 2023**

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
5:00 PM Mike & Anne Secli

## **SUNDAY, July 30, 2023**

8:00 AM Tina Raia  
10:00 AM Christian Hobbis  
11:30 AM Christopher Maita

## **MONDAY, July 31, 2023**

9:00 AM Frank M. Svec

## **TUESDAY, August 1, 2023**

9:00 AM John Murray

## **WEDNESDAY, August 2, 2023**

9:00 AM Josephine Felice

## **THURSDAY, August 3, 2023**

9:00 AM Aldo Diminich

## **FRIDAY, August 4, 2023**

9:00 AM Michael Stewart

## **SATURDAY, August 5, 2023**

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

## **SUNDAY, August 6, 2023**

8:00 AM Patricia L. MacDonald  
10:00 AM Thomas Farley  
11:30 AM Christopher Maita



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be light-  
ed during the week of July 30 for Gregg Hauser requested  
by Christine Hauser.

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of  
July 30 is for Josephine Felice requested by family.

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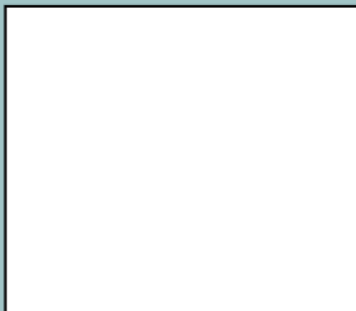
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