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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.

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, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. The vision account was written in quite mystical and figurative language. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable. There are flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, and a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something. But was it a dream? Was it real? Was it merely a clever myth?

Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told in Matthew's Gospel what he and his friends James and John saw when they went up on the mountain with Jesus one day. Jesus warned the three witnesses to tell no one until "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." To prevent a reader of one of the Gospels from discounting the story or simply writing it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased," and he assures us that the message is "altogether reliable."

Peace and stay safe,
Fr. Frank

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



CONGRATULATIONS are in order for brother Knight Olman Barrantes. Olman and his bride Kimberly were married on July 22nd during a beautiful nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Frank, assisted by Fr. Marty. It was obvious that the couple

spent many hours planning the liturgy and that their faith will be forefront in their marriage. All the members of the St. Gabriel Knights wish the Barrantes Family much happiness and many blessings.

Did you know? Jesus is a Knight. Well, not the real Jesus, but the actor that plays Jesus on the enormously successful TV series *The Chosen*. Jonathan Roumie became a Knight last August. His message to other brother Knights, "The enemy loves to distract us from our work, especially when we are serving the Lord ... so just keep Jesus at the center and his Mother right beside him."

If you are interested in joining the St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus, contact a current member or send us an email at knights@stgabrielr.org.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for July 30 was \$11,176.40. 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
- Bill Zima

Our Newly Baptized:

- Shae Harlow Austin
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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.



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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

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@stgabriele.org. We deeply appreciate your willingness to serve.

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. 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.

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.



BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF GOD

As followers of Jesus, we're each called to take our place in the Kingdom of God and help build it up. Consider these suggestions to do your part:

Find your gifts: What special gifts do you possess? In addition to talents and skills, these can include wisdom from life experience or a particularly deep faith. Discern your gifts and ask God where He wants you to use them.

Cultivate gratitude: Write down everything for which you are grateful in a "blessings list." Review it and add to it regularly, especially when tempted to jealousy or discouragement. Praise and thank God daily for whatever is on our list.

Practice humility: St. Thomas Aquinas said, "Humility means seeing ourselves as God sees us: knowing every good we have comes from Him as pure gift." Let others have the best lace, the biggest piece of cake, the last word. Imitate Him who is "gentle and humble of heart." (Matthew 11:29).

Be ready to serve: Any act of service can build up your parish, neighborhood, or community. Small or great, everyone can contribute something. Give of yourself.

Strive for the higher gifts: Jesus asked every one of us to love God and each other. Without love, St. Paul said, "I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3). If you have true charity, you're on the right track.

A VESSEL OF GOD'S GRACE

We are each asked to share God's love with others. How much we allow ourselves to be filled with God's grace will determine what we can share with others. We fill up the grace when we frequent the Sacraments, pray, and study our faith. After all, if we don't practice our own faith how can we help someone to become excited about theirs?

AUGUST 6, 2023

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, August 7, 2023

9:00 AM Sylvia Mulvaney

TUESDAY, August 8, 2023

9:00 AM Tiffani Loughnane

WEDNESDAY, August 9, 2023

9:00 AM Katherine Ferro

THURSDAY, August 10, 2023

9:00 AM Pasqualina DeSarno

FRIDAY, August 11, 2023

9:00 AM Richard Cancilla

SATURDAY, August 12, 2023

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish
5:00 PM Eugene McCarthy

SUNDAY, August 13, 2023

8:00 AM Robert Muscarelle
10:00 AM William P. Deegan
11:30 AM Christopher Maita



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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