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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:

From the Pastor

It is difficult to be truly present to another. We speak of putting in an appearance or showing up. Even when we arrive, we are often distracted. We think ahead, or we review an unsettled past. Nonetheless, we are at our best when we truly show up. We are most fully ourselves when we are absorbed in something worthy of us: creative work, good conversation, prayer. In these instances we are wholly ourselves and wholly outside ourselves.

Elijah knew this kind of engagement. He was one of God's great prophets. In today's first reading, he follows God's command to journey to that most holy place, Mount Horeb. And there in great silence, Elijah encounters God.

As for Peter and the apostles, they discover the presence of God after the storm at sea. They and the sea and the winds are stunned into silent reverence.

Peace and stay safe,
Fr. Frank

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY August 15

August 15 is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a holy day of obligation. Masses on the holy day will be at 6:30 am, 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.



GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

We're all called to spread the Gospel as missionaries (Mark 16:15), but not everyone is required to travel. As a Carmelite nun St. Therese of Lisieux lived out her "second calling" to be missionary. Here are three ways to spread the Gospel within any vocation:

Go deeper in your faith. You can't share what you don't have. St. Therese developed her "Little Way" of holiness after years of prayer and study. Step deeper into your faith daily: read a section of the Catechism, pray over a verse of Scripture, listen to a Catholic podcast while driving or walking, pray.

Adopt a missionary: St. Therese was a spiritual sister to several missionaries, writing them letters and supporting them in prayer, indirectly helping hundreds of souls. Adopt a missionary - or anyone who shares the faith. Contact your parish or diocese for suggestions

Intercession fueled by charity. St. Therese lovingly offered to God "the thorns" she received from others - discomforts, misunderstandings, hurt feelings - to win souls for Christ. Offer your "thorns" as saving graces.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for August 6 was \$10,921.40. 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:

Ayla Joan Brister
Sienna Lia Ehrline

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



Sadly, the summer is rapidly winding down. Hard to believe. However, with the end of summer comes the start of many planned Knight's events, beginning with a few in September. Our first council meeting of the new Columbian year is scheduled for 9/11. On the 24th, we will be sponsoring a coffee social after all the Sunday Masses. And at the end of the month, Saturday the 30th, we will host the monthly Mass for the men of the parish. Mark your calendars! More detail will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

Did you know? One of the patron saints of good weather is St. Clare, whose feast day occurs this weekend on August 12th. Let's pray for her intercession in bringing us a beautiful end to the summer. And as a backup, St. Medardus can be invoked for protection against bad storms.

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.

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.



NINETEENTH 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

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.

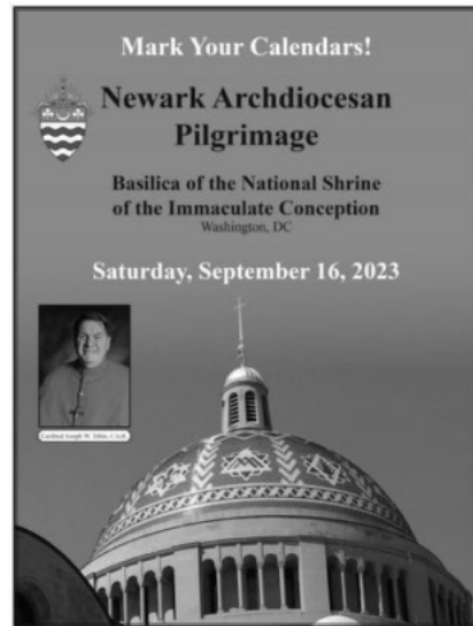
St. Gabriel the Archangel is seeking volunteers to share the Gospel with students grades 1-8 for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested, please call the Religious Education Office at 201-825-0275 or email Amanda Perfetti, Director of Religious Education, at aperfetti@stgabriele.org. We deeply 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.



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.

FEASTS & CELEBRATIONS

August 14 - St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe (1941) - A Polish Franciscan, St. Maximilian was imprisoned at Auschwitz. When the jailers chose ten people to execute, he substituted himself for a man with a family. He was honored as a "martyr of charity" by Pope John Paul II.

August 23 - St. Rose of Lima (1617). Born in colonial Peru, Rose worked constantly to help her poverty-stricken family. She became a lay Dominican and cared for homeless children, the elderly and the sick in her house.

August 29—Passion of St. John the Baptist (1st Century) St. John the Baptist courageously spoke the truth to the leaders of his time, making him powerful enemies. He was arrested by Herod and martyred (Mark 6: 17-29).

CAN YOU SEE GOD?

Are you aware of God's presence in your life? Looking for ways in which he blesses us rather than thinking about prayers he hasn't yet answered makes us more aware of how he moves in our lives. Of course, God is always with us whether we see him or not. Ask him to give you eyes to see him. "Trust always in your God. He does not lose battles." - St. Josemaria Escriva.

AUGUST 13, 2023

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, August 14, 2023

9:00 AM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, August 15, 2023

6:30 AM Graciela Sanchez
9:00 AM Richard Stefanacci
7:00 PM Robert Muscarelle

WEDNESDAY, August 16, 2023

9:00 AM Linda Giblin Witman

THURSDAY, August 17, 2023

9:00 AM Tiffani Loughrane

FRIDAY, August 18, 2023

9:00 AM Johanna Mueller

SATURDAY, August 19, 2023

9:00 AM Josephine O'Shea
5:00 PM Tiffani Loughrane

SUNDAY, August 20, 2023

8:00 AM Christopher Maita
10:00 AM Rosa Scardigno
11:30 AM Reese Ward

 **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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