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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:

From the Pastor

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them." So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken in the presence of Jesus Christ.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The LORD tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he does not speak out to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a "do your own thing" age where moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is rooted in love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As Saint Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."

Peace and stay safe,
Fr. Frank

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



Our first monthly council meeting for the 2023/2024 year will be held on Monday, Sept. 11th, starting with a social gathering at 6:30pm, followed by our business meeting at 7:00pm. Let's start the year off running with a strong showing at the meeting. This is the perfect time to present any ideas you may have for the next several months. We encourage all Brother Knights to attend, especially those we haven't seen in a while.

Sept. 14th is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The universal symbol of the Christian faith, the cross represents Christ's victory over death. The feast celebrates the redemptive transformation of a barbaric instrument of torture into a divine "tree of life" that brings hope to humankind. The Knights ask that all parishioners celebrate by prominently displaying a cross in their home on the feast day.

Did you know? The Stations of the Cross varied in number from 5 – 20 until the 18th century when Pope Clement XII fixed the number at 14. Stations of the Cross were only an outside devotional until the mid-18th century when the Stations were allowed inside churches.

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 September 3 was not available at the time the bulletin went to press and will be reported to you at a later date. 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
- George Parowski
- Nicole Trotta
- Bill Zima

CHOIRS RESUME AND MEMBERS NEEDED



Our Adult Choir begins their new season on September 7. We welcome all adults and will be meeting on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. If you enjoy singing, please think about participating. It is a wonderful way to help enhance our liturgy here at St. Gabriel's. Please contact Dr. Melody Chen (melodychen913@gmail.com) for more details.

Our Archangel Choir begins on September 14. We welcome children from 3rd - 7th grade and meet on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. This season, kids will be learning a lot of new songs, and we are also excited to learn how to play our newly purchased instruments: Handchimes.

New this year, our Teen choir, grades 8-12, will be meeting on Thursday evenings also at 6:00 PM. Novice and seasoned singers are encouraged to join as we learn to sing in harmony. Service hours towards confirmation will be fulfilled in exchange for participating. Please contact Diana Ciappina (Dianaciappina@icloud.com) for more details.

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Payment is due at the time of the reservation
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Patti Ross, 201-962-3793

*Letter of Introduction from
New Director of Religious Education*

Hello,

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself as the new Director of Religious Education for St. Gabriel the Archangel Church. Thank you to all of you that I have already met for the warm welcome. I am excited and grateful to support you as we embark on what will be a rewarding year of growth and formation together. My love of and dedication to life-long learning has led me to the completion of a Secondary English Education Teaching Masters degree from Fairfield University and a Masters Degree in Business Management from Fordham



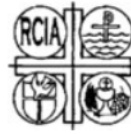
University. I have welcomed the unique vocation as an educator in a Catholic environment, after teaching for five years on Long Island as an English and Religion Middle School teacher. I am overjoyed for the opportunity to continue this journey and put this experience to use in serving the St. Gabriel's community. This year, students will be asked to consider certain essential questions. What is true? What do we believe to be the truth? How does this information bring us closer to our understanding of God and our own design? Students will be asked to reflect on their beliefs and reflect on the validity of the stories that they tell themselves. Getting to the root cause of those beliefs, the nature of thought, and who we are as God's children, provides us with invaluable insight into God's grace and design, and ultimately into ourselves, since we too are His creations made in His likeness. God's design is harmonious and meant to preserve equilibrium and balance. Students will come to know that they have this intelligent design within themselves. When faced with adversity, students will appreciate that they have an assortment of tools given to them by God (innate wisdom, understanding, and resilience to name a few) to encourage insight to see things in a different way and to move forward with a new clarity. I believe that from that space of peace, students can remain receptive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which will prompt perspective shifts and make miracles possible. Our students will be encouraged to persistently seek Truth first and stay in communion with God by developing a deep and powerful habit of reflection and prayer. Our communication with God truly harmonizes our human and spiritual aspects and helps us to improve our understanding and lead a more orderly, peaceful life enrobed in God's love, promises, and spirit.

Thank you for the opportunity to join you on this journey. Please never hesitate to reach out to me.

God Bless,
Amanda Perfetti

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



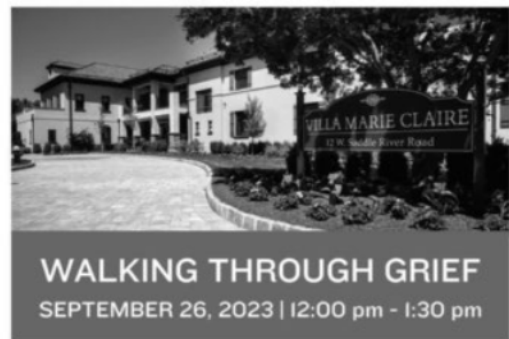
Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? We will begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These gatherings that will begin in September are for inquirers and are open to: People who are unbaptized; Baptized Christians from other faith backgrounds; Adults who are already baptized Catholic, but who need to prepare for Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. For further information or help in this matter please contact Christine Ferreri at christineferreri79@gmail.com or the parish office at (201) 327-5663.

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall of 2024!

The High School Placement Test administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Exam Program for Catholic High Schools will be given on Friday, November 10, 2023. Registration for the exam is available on line at www.njcoopexam.org beginning September 1st. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, go to www.catholicchoolsnj.org. Additionally the Catholic High Schools are holding their annual HS Expo Night. Parents and students are invited to meet with representatives from many Archdiocesan High Schools from 7 - 8:30 PM on the following dates:

- Sept 19 at St. Thomas the Apostle School - Bloomfield
- Sept 26 at Academy of St. Paul - Ramsey
- Sept 27 at St Peter's Preparatory School - Jersey City
- Sept 28 at St. John the Apostle - Clark

For more information visit www.catholicchoolsnj.org or call (973) 497-4260



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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, September 9, 2023

9:00 AM Tiffani Loughnane
5:00 PM Erna Feichtinger

SUNDAY, September 10, 2023

8:00 AM Raymond Tese
10:00 AM Jim Sutliff
11:30 AM James A. Rogers, Jr.
6:00 PM For the protection of babies in
the womb and their families

MONDAY, September 11, 2023

9:00 AM Domenick Mircovich

TUESDAY, September 12, 2023

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM Robert Young

WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2023

6:30 AM Aidan O'Neill
9:00 AM Patricia Connors

THURSDAY, September 14, 2023

6:30 AM Irene O'Brien
9:00 AM Richard Cancilla

FRIDAY, September 15, 2023

9:00 AM Lucille Tese

SATURDAY, September 16, 2023

9:00 AM Peter Eugenikos
5:00 PM Christopher John Maita

SUNDAY, September 17, 2023

8:00 AM Robert Re
10:00 AM Christopher Maita
11:30 AM Richard Stefanacci
6:00 PM William J. Carroll

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The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of September 10 is for Lucille Tese requested by the St. Gabriel's Social Club.

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