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MASSES:

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

In today's first reading, Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through Nineveh, frightening the citizens out of their wits. It works! They repent before Jonah makes his way through a third of the city, and God sees "by their actions" how they have turned from evil.

Then we hear Paul telling the Corinthians that "the world in its present form is passing away." He calls for a change of heart. He stops short of telling them to set aside their everyday lives, but still he urges them, rather mysteriously, to live as though they aren't doing the things they're doing.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, "The kingdom of God is at hand!" Those who would soon become his apostles, abandon their nets and follow him. Thus in all the readings we hear an invitation to a radical and immediate change in our lives.

Peace and stay safe,
Fr. Frank

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

On behalf of the entire staff, I wish all of you God's peace and blessings for the New Year! I also take this opportunity to thank all of you who remembered us with cards, gifts and goodies this past Christmas. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

I also thank all the "decorating elves" who helped to make the church look so beautiful this Christmas. I am very grateful for Pat Pula who coordinated the Christmas decorating.

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the monthly Men's Mass on January 27th 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.

Just in time for your Super Bowl party and Valentines Day, the annual chocolate sale is scheduled for the weekends of February 3&4 and 10&11. This is one of our most popular fundraisers each year. We look forward to your support.

Did you know? On January 25, Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, one of the great events of the early Church. Saul, a student of the great Pharisee rabbi Gamaliel, had persecuted Christians, but was suddenly converted on the road to Damascus when our Lord appeared to him in His resurrected glory.

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.

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

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

On February 11th, Super Bowl Sunday, the Sunday evening mass will be held at 4:00 pm instead of 6:00 pm.

2024 ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2024 Annual Appeal has begun! You should have received an invitation in the mail from Cardinal Tobin to consider making a financial sacrifice to support this year's Annual Appeal. We are grateful for your generosity and we rely on it because it helps support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese, which are also centric to our faith. Your support to the Annual Appeal helps us accomplish across the Archdiocese what we would not be able to do alone.

Our Parish goal is \$75,836.00. There are two financial benefits to our Parish if we achieve this goal. First, if we reach this goal in cash by June 30th, our Parish is eligible for 2% assessment reduction on our fiscal obligations to the Archdiocese. Second, if we go over goal in pledges as of June 30th, we will be eligible for a rebate, which comes back to our Parish, unassessed, to be used at our own discretion.

I have made my gift to the Appeal. Please consider taking a step with me on this Stewardship journey by responding to Cardinal Tobin's invitation to support the Appeal, or you can make your commitment here at Mass on February 3-4, which will be our In-Pew Weekend. You can also make a gift online by going to rcan.org/sharing. Thank you for your time and consideration. You are in my prayers. Please pray for the success of the Annual Appeal.

OPEN HOUSE—ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY

St. John's Academy, located in Hillsdale provides an academically excellent, Catholic education to students in pre-k 3 through eighth grade. The Academy is a Middle States Accredited, Blue Ribbon School. Certified and dedicated teachers provide an outstanding, faith-filled education to SJA students in a nurturing and safe atmosphere. With a growing enrollment of over 300 students from over 50 zip codes, SJA is excited to welcome so many new families to our school community. Please join us for one of our Open Houses which will take place on Sunday, January 28th from 11:00am to 1:30pm and Tuesday, January 30th from 9:00am - 10:30am. To register for our Open Houses, please go to <https://sjahillsdale.org/visit>. Come see the SJA difference!

Baby Shower!
January 13 - 28

Gift registry:
Diapers
Sizes 4 & 5
Newborn
Onesies
Receiving blankets
Toddler clothing
18-24 months
Towels
Wash cloths,
Wipes
Baby wash
Desitin ointment

Please bring your **unwrapped** gift to the vestibule of the church from **January 13 —January 28, 2024**

Gifts support Birthright- an organization that supports women facing crisis pregnancies.

The essence of Birthright is love. Birthright is unique and committed to offering free, non-judgmental help to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Birthright offers love, hope and support to each woman, to help her make a realistic plan for her future and the future of her unborn child whether she needs a pregnancy test or friendship and support lasting through the pregnancy and beyond. Every woman is special and deserves to be treated with love and respect, as well as personal attention to her unique situation. Birthright helps any girl or woman regardless of age, race, religion, marital status or financial situation, who is facing an unplanned pregnancy and maintains a 24/7 toll-free helpline: 1-800-550-4900. For more information on Birthright go to www.birthright.org

Show your support for the sacredness of life through your donations—all gifts are appreciated!

Questions? Contact Patti Ross at 201 962 3793

Birthright CANNOT accept donations of equipment! (i.e. cribs, strollers, car seats, etc.) If you already have these items in good condition and are looking to donate them, try searching for a worthy organization through websites like pickuptplease.org or donationtown.org—they'll come to you to pick up.

MINI-RETREAT FOR MEN OF THE PARISH

A mini-retreat will be held for the Men of the Parish on the morning of Saturday, February 24th. The morning will start off with Mass at 8:00am, followed by a light breakfast. The retreat will focus on The Season of Lent and will include speakers, videos, and discussion. The retreat will end around noon with a pizza lunch.

The primary speaker for the morning will be Mario Costabile, a founding member, and the executive director of Array of Hope. Array of Hope is a primary source for creating and producing transformative events, films, and music for Catholic parishes, dioceses, and faith-based organizations. Seeking to address the decline of God in our culture, Array of Hope feels “empowered with His grace to capture the hearts of families and awaken an inner desire to seek a relationship with Jesus Christ”.

Our previous retreat, held in November of 2022, focused on Advent and was greatly received. Your participation in this retreat will make for another big success. Guests are welcome, so please extend this invitation to friends outside the parish.

In order to plan properly, please RSVP to rvlasak@optonline.net by Feb. 10th.

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.

SAINT JOSEPH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS LES MISERABLES

St. Joseph Regional High School’s Nationally-Recognized and Award-Winning Performing Arts Program will present what many consider to be the “greatest musical of all time,” **LES MISERABLES**. The cast is made up of talented boys from St. Joe’s and girls from a variety of high schools in Bergen, Rockland, Westchester Counties, as well as from NYC.

Performances will take place at the Inserra Theater, on the campus of St. Joseph Regional HS in Montvale, NJ on January 26 (7pm), January 27 (2pm & 7pm), January 28 (3pm), February 1 (7pm – student-discounted show - \$15), February 2 (7pm), and February 3 (2pm & 7pm). There is a special Senior Citizen’s Preview Performance on January 24 at 3pm, including a “special nosh and a pre-show discussion” at 2:15pm, all for \$10.

Discounted tickets are available for all shows for groups of 10 or more by contacting asseltaj@sjrnj.org. Regular tickets are \$17 & \$23 and are ON SALE NOW purchased through

SJR.Booktix.com or in-person one half-hour before each show. Questions should be sent to SJRTheater@sjrnj.org or

St. Gabriel's Social Club Celebrates

Valentine's Day

February 15th at 7pm

RSVP By Friday February 9th, 2024
Payment is due at the time of the reservation
BYOB. Price \$20.00 per person
Patti Ross, 201-962-3793

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for January 14 was \$12,802.75. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

JANUARY 21, 2024

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 20, 2024

9:00 AM Eleanor Makhoul
5:00 PM Delores Graham

SUNDAY, January 21, 2024

8:00 AM Arlene Iovino
10:00 AM Antonia Bussanich
11:30 AM Rae Ann Anemone
6:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, January 22, 2024

9:00 AM Margaret Conley

TUESDAY, January 23, 2024

6:30 AM Robert Hambleton
9:00 AM Richard Cancilla

WEDNESDAY, January 24, 2024

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM Angelo Anecchino

THURSDAY, January 25, 2024

6:30 AM Stephanie Makhoul
9:00 AM Charles Gildea

FRIDAY, January 26, 2024

9:00 AM Living & Deceased members
Of the Hambleton Family

SATURDAY, January 27, 2024

9:00 AM Barbara Gallagher
5:00 PM Tiffani Loughnane

SUNDAY, January 28, 2024

8:00 AM Maryann McGovern
10:00 AM Louis Nepote
11:30 AM Anne Warner
6:00 PM Christopher I. O'Toole



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of January 21 for John Maita as requested by Jennifer & Don Maita.

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of January 21 for Christopher Maita as requested by Jennifer & Don Maita.

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