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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](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

According to Moses, the people decided they didn't want to hear God's voice directly any more. It was much too frightening. Why couldn't God send human teachers, prophets, instead? God agreed, but with a warning. The people had better listen to those teachers, because they spoke in God's name.

That arrangement, though, had its own problems, for them and for us. How do I know this teacher is truly from God? And if the teacher is from God, are all parts of the teaching meant for me? We have the Church and scripture to help us with those questions, but still there are always a few loose ends.

That is the powerful significance of the sentence in today's Gospel: "The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." The people knew that this Jesus was authentic; truly a teacher sent by God. They knew it by hearing him.

Peace and stay safe,  
Fr. Frank

### 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.

### THE KNIGHTS CORNER



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.

Our next monthly council meeting will be held on Monday, February 12th, starting with a social gathering at 6:30pm, followed by our business meeting at 7:00pm. We encourage all Brother Knights to attend, especially those we haven't seen in a while.

It's nice to see that the monthly coffee socials are becoming more and more popular. The number of parishioners stopping in after Mass for a quick cup of coffee and a treat, or just to chat with old and new friends, is very encouraging. A special shout out goes to Grand Knight **John Haiduk** who coordinates this every month. While he has a team that helps, John's dedication to this event is unmatched. Thank you, John!!

**Did you know?** The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. This special devotion, which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households, began in the 17th century.

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).

### 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

### 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!

### 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 central 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://rcan.org/sharing). Thank you for your time and consideration. You are in my prayers. Please pray for the success of the Annual Appeal.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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](mailto:rvlasak@optonline.net) by Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.

### RECLAIM THE NAME

January is the month traditionally devoted to honoring the holy name of Jesus. What can we do to reclaim reverence for His name in a culture that considers it to be just another word?

**Bow your head.** At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth” (Philippians 2:10). Make a slight reverent nod whenever you hear Jesus’ name in public, in conversation, on TV or in movies.

**Offer a prayer.** Don’t hesitate to ask others not to misuse God’s or Jesus’ names. If they don’t respond, offer a prayer of reparation: “I kneel before Thee and offer Thee reparation: I would make amends for all the blasphemies uttered against Thy holy name”

**Don’t normalize blasphemy.** Curate the media you watch, listen to, or sing along with. Avoid songs, shows, or movies in which Jesus’s name is disrespected. We are called to strive for holiness, not worldliness. More importantly, it’s a way to give Christ the reverence and love He is due.

### ST. JOHN BOSCO

Moved by the plight of the young abandoned boys in Rome, St. John opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales and provided workshops for them in shoemaking and tailoring. In 1859 he founded the Salesians who were committed to education and mission work.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:SJRTheater@sjrnj.org) or



### FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for January 21 was 12,435.75. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

*JANUARY 28, 2024*

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# Mass Intentions

## **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

## **MONDAY, January 29, 2024**

9:00 AM Heather Rose

## **TUESDAY, January 30, 2024**

6:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Peter & Martha Marron  
(Living Intention)

## **WEDNESDAY, January 31, 2024**

6:30 AM Everett A. Straut  
9:00 AM Peter Marron, Jr.

## **THURSDAY, February 1, 2024**

6:30 AM The Arscott Family  
(Living Intention)  
9:00 AM Christopher Lewis

## **FRIDAY, February 2, 2024**

9:00 AM The Alonso Family  
(Living Intention)

## **SATURDAY, February 3, 2024**

9:00 AM Genevieve DiDiario  
5:00 PM Frances & Pasquale Carbone

## **SUNDAY, February 4, 2024**

8:00 AM Peter Marron, Jr  
10:00 AM Nicola Tafuri  
11:30 AM Maryann McGovern  
6:00 PM People of the Parish

 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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