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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Patricia Pula, M.A.R.E.  
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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](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

There is an axiom that states, "Not to decide is to decide." Each and every day we are faced with making choices; some are rather easy, while others require some thought and prayer. We soon learn that making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won't be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God's word: Take the risk. Decide!

Stay safe,  
Fr. Frank



Check out the new on line news site of the Archdiocese of Newark! [JerseyCatholic.org](http://jerseycatholic.org) This news website is for the entirety of the faithful of the Archdiocese. It strives to inform, inspire and educate readers by sharing stories of our Church and mission in an effort to build our communities of faith. The site offers dedicated areas for local and global church news and feature stories, news in Spanish from the Archdiocesan Hispanic Apostolate, clergy/religious updates, videos, interfaces with RCAN's social media, and more. Also, included is a translation feature that allows visitors to view information in a number of languages.

The new site operates independently from, but includes relevant links to the RCAN website, such as links to Cardinal Tobin's newsletter, *Rejoice in the Lord*, and archived stories from *The Catholic Advocate* and *Católico*. It offers wider, easier and quicker access to Archdiocesan news, feature stories and digital content, which is updated daily. Buttons also are available to share stories on social media for greater distribution. Other features and enhancements will be added in time as the website evolves.

Suggestions for news stories, photo captions, and relevant news content are welcomed and may be emailed to [submissions@rcan.org](mailto:submissions@rcan.org). We hope you enjoy this new communications platform and look forward to your news suggestions and contributions. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Communications and Public Relations. Thank you.

## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

*Those recently joined in Matrimony*  
Donald Maita II & Michaela Jean Riportella

*Our Newly Baptized:*  
Thomas James Sansone

*Our sick and homebound:*  
Sandra Alworth  
Salvatore Averso  
Daniel Castillo  
Dawn Congiusti  
Lucy DiMauro  
Ada Fields  
Meg Gallagher  
Grace Gilbert  
Bill Hamilton  
Lauren Harpster Hines  
Bob Kleinknecht  
Nicole Trotta

## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS GOD?



Two travelers, distraught over the murder of someone they loved, were heading out of town. As they walked, they struggled to understand what happened and why God had abandoned them. They felt overwhelmed and alone. A kind stranger joined them in their journey, explained the recent events and reminded them of God's reliable love. The stranger turned out to be the very loved one they were grieving. Although they hadn't realized it, God was with them all along. (Luke 24).

**Why can't we find him?** Events or experiences in our lives can lessen our awareness of God and make Him appear distant. Sometimes we are too worried, too sad, or too angry to find Him. For example preoccupied by grief, the two travelers failed to recognize God walking with them.

**Remember His Promise.** Trust in God is often hardest when it is most necessary. Remember, He promised never to abandon us. Whether or not we are aware of Him makes no difference. God never breaks a promise.

**Him.** When the travelers opened their hearts to Jesus, He helped them to understand their situation, assured them that they were firmly in God's care, and gave them peace and consolation. When we open our hearts to Jesus and tell Him everything, He will give us peace and consolation, too.

## PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The parish office is closed on Friday's during the summer months. .



BERGEN CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL

Bergen Catholic will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday September 15th and Wednesday October 13th at 6:30pm. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please contact Mr. Matt Rosa '08, VP of Admissions at [mrosa@bergencatholic.org](mailto:mrosa@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](mailto:mrosa@bergencatholic.org).

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#### **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive your Body and Blood. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. Stay close to me, Jesus, so that I may be close to all our sisters and brothers, especially those who are most in need of your loving care. Amen.

#### **TRAVELING CATHOLICS**

To find nationwide Mass times and locations while traveling or on vacation visit [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) or call 1-858-207-6277 enter the zip code desired location and receive a computer generated response that gives Church locations

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The amount of the collection for August 8 was \$9,841.88 and the collection for August 15 was \$11,084.88 Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your family.

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As you are probably aware, church attendance during the summer months tends to drop off as vacations and weekend sporting events often conflict. On the other hand, the services we provide within the parish and for the larger community continue year-round, as do their associated expenses. Thus, your consistent financial support of our parish is vital to achieving our stewardship mission.

The easiest way to be sure that your gift of treasure reaches us, even when you can't be here, is through enrollment in our electronic offertory program: *Faith Direct*. If you have not yet enrolled in *Faith Direct*, I encourage you to consider doing so this month. Once you have enrolled, you can relax knowing that St. Gabriel Church will receive your gifts throughout the summer.

Enrollment forms are available in the church office or you can visit *Faith Direct*'s secure web site at [faith.direct/NJ361](http://faith.direct/NJ361) to enroll online. As always, know that your generosity is truly a gift from God.

#### **GROW IN PATIENCE AND TOLERANCE**

The past eighteen months of pandemic have tested our patience and good humor. Tempers have become shorter and tolerance limited. Yet, followers of Jesus know that it is critical for our daily treatment of others to demonstrate our love for God. We are asked to show as much patience to others as God has with us.

**Fight against your own defects.** Certainly it can be frustrating when the faults and mistakes of others disrupt the routine of our lives. In fairness, our own defects disrupt theirs as well. Instead of noting and resenting the weaknesses of our neighbors, we can focus on improving our own

**Help, don't judge.** Developing an honest concern for those around us helps us to become generous in our relationships. Acting with love and understanding means that we aid those in our lives instead of looking for their blunders.

**Become a carrier of love.** Jesus asks us to be His hands and feet on Earth. As His disciples, we are to carry His love to others. It is through our actions that we bring Jesus to the world.

#### **HELP US TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU**

The parish uses a communication system called Flocknote to send email and text messages to parishioners. Flocknote has been an important way for us to stay in touch with you during the pandemic. 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.

*AUGUST 22, 2021*

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# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY, August 21, 2021

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
5:00 PM Pat Scorese

## SUNDAY, August 22, 2021

8:00 AM Adelina Miele  
10:00 AM Pat Scorese  
11:30 AM Pat Scorese

## MONDAY, August 23, 2021

9:00 AM Edna Cucciniello

## TUESDAY, August 24, 2021

9:00 AM Louis Tonachip

## WEDNESDAY, August 25, 2021

9:00 AM Richard Cancilla

## THURSDAY, August 26, 2021

9:00 AM James Youngberg

## FRIDAY, August 27, 2021

9:00 AM Mark Murray

## SATURDAY, August 28, 2021

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
5:00 PM Barbara Lee Murray

## SUNDAY, August 29, 2021

8:00 AM Carmine Franco  
10:00 AM Charles J. McGovern  
11:30 AM Pat Scorese



The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lighted during the week of August 22 for Barbara Lee Murray as requested by Barbara and John Murray.



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