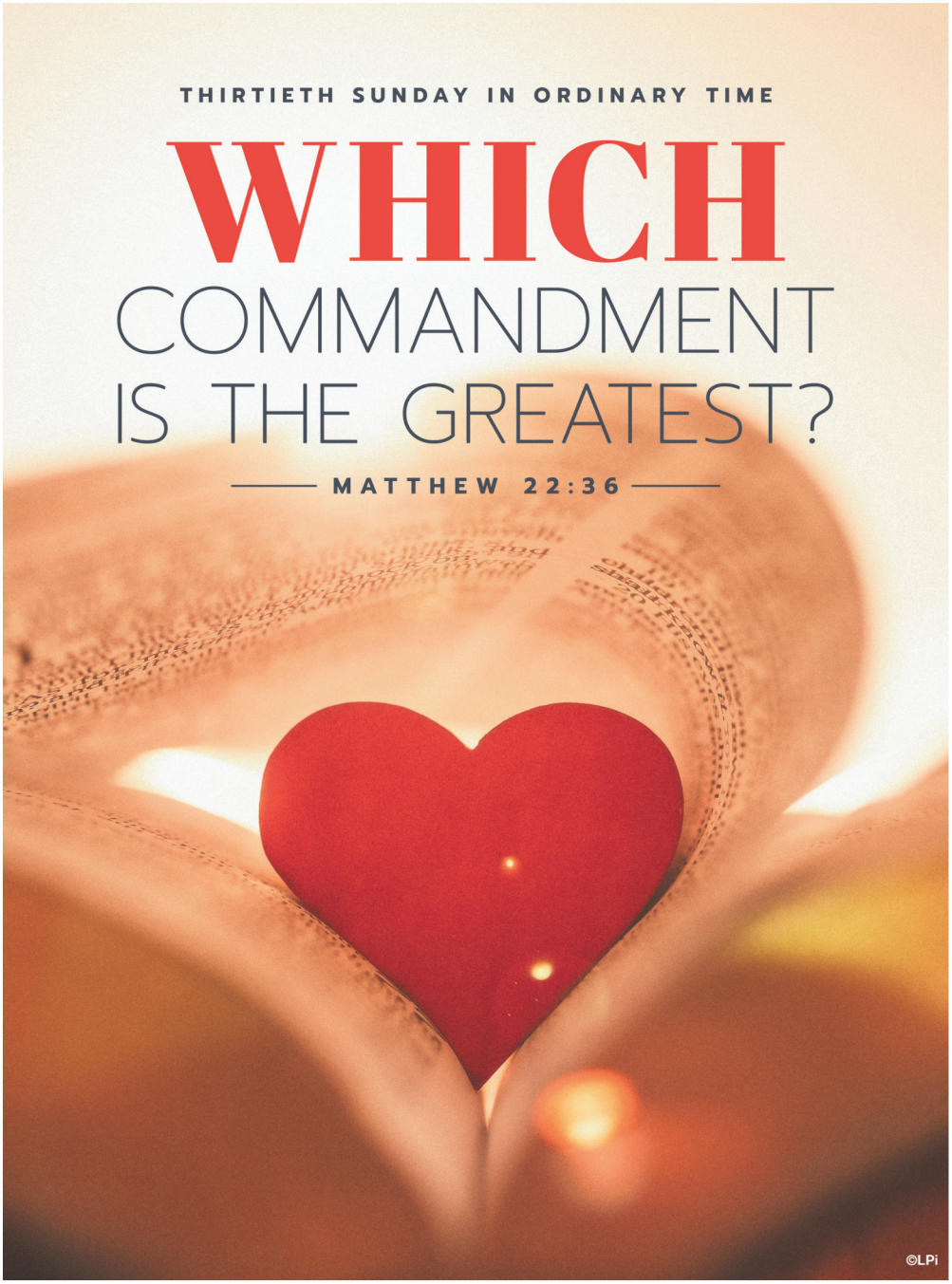
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026



BELONG, BELIEVE, BECOME

Here at St. Gabriel, we strive to embrace these values:

Belong (You are loved here) *Believe* (Discover Christ with us)

Become (Be transformed)

Whoever you are, wherever you are in faith or life, if church is new to you, or you've been away – you are always welcome here. When you feel called to make this place your spiritual home, we warmly invite you to join our parish family by visiting, calling, or emailing the parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am
11:30am, 6:00pm*

*6:00pm Mass is not celebrated during the summer months

Weekday Masses

Monday | 9:00am
Tuesday | 6:30am*, 9:00am
Wednesday | 6:30am*, 9:00am
Thursday | 6:30am*, 9:00am
Friday | 9:00am
Saturday | 9:00am
Holy Days | See bulletin for schedule

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FROM FR. FRANK

Let me share with you how amazed I was to see so many of you come out for our **Rosary Week**! Seeing our beautiful church filled with people gathered in prayer was such a beautiful sight.

And I couldn't help but wonder about all the things you brought with you. The worries, the struggles, the people you love, the situations in your lives that perhaps only you and God know about. I'm sure there were plenty of prayers for healing, for peace in families, for children and grandchildren, for situations that just seem *impossible*.

And yet, you came and placed those intentions before our Blessed Mother, trusting that she brings them to her Son.

You know, **Mary loves us as her own children**. When she looks at us, she sees something of Christ in each one of us. Through Baptism, we've become members of Christ's Body, sharing in his very life. In a sense, we have become *other Christs*. Imagine that! The same Mother who held Jesus in her arms holds us close to her heart. What a beautiful gift our Lord has given us!

And while I'm talking about gratitude, I also want to thank everyone for the **birthday** wishes, prayers, emails, cards, and notes. And I can speak for Fr. Ron, too, since we share the same birthday, October 17!

Hard to believe **47** is here. Though I've been noticing nobody really seems shocked anymore when I tell them my age. I guess I'm finally starting to look it. (And I can visualize some of our "seasoned" parishioners rolling their eyes right now! Love you!!!)

But really, thank you. Your kindness means more than you know!

Now, friends, a few things coming up that I really want to encourage you to be part of.

Next Sunday, November 1, is All Saints Day. I'll say more about the significance of this great feast next weekend, but **I especially want to invite our families with children to the 10am Mass**.

Parents, bring your kids! (*And this will only work if they're part of it!*) **Have them dress up as their favorite saint!** Or help them choose one. And get here a little early so we can get everybody organized. The custom of "dressing up" on Halloween comes from All Hallows' Eve, the evening before All Saints Day. But you knew that already, right?

Our children from Religious Education (CCD) are invited, of course, but so is **EVERY CHILD**! Even if your family isn't currently registered in our program. So what? Come anyway!
We'll have the children process into church during the Entrance Hymn, return to their families, and then come forward again for a special children's homily. Please note that there will be **no Children's Church next Sunday**, since we'll all be celebrating together. Looking forward to this!

Then, on **Monday, November 2, at 7:30pm**, we'll celebrate our **All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance**.

This will be particularly beautiful and meaningful celebration, as we remember all those who have died during the past year, especially those whose funerals were celebrated here at St. Gabriel's.

Their families should have received a special invitation, but I want you to know that this Mass is **open to all**. Come and remember the people you love who have gone before you. And even if you haven't lost someone recently, come to support the families who are grieving. Your presence alone can mean so much.

During the Mass, **candles will be lit** in memory of each person we are remembering. I know it's going to be a holy and moving evening. And I can't think of a more beautiful way to honor their lives than to gather once again around the altar where we know Christ is – and where he is, all those we love.

All Souls Day Memorial Envelopes
Another way we can remember our deceased loved ones throughout the month of the dead, November.

You'll find these envelopes in the vestibule of the church. Simply write the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope. You can include as many names as you'd like. **Just one favor: PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!** We want to make sure we get everybody's name right!

You can place your completed envelope in the baskets provided, or drop it into the regular Sunday collection, or bring it to the Parish Center. Throughout November, these names will be placed on our altar and remembered in our prayers.

There's a tradition of giving a monetary donation in the envelope – but as I say – you never have to "pay to pray!" If you chose to give something, please know, and we are obliged to print this directive from the Archdiocese, that *the offerings received for All Souls Day will be distributed to the priests of the parish, who will offer prayers for the intentions of the loved ones for whom the offerings have been made.* Either way – praying for your loved ones is a great privilege Fr. Ron and I take seriously.

At the end of the month, we'll share the complete list of names through our social media accounts and *Flocknote*. So, if you haven't already, please sign up for *Flocknote* (in this bulletin) and follow our parish on social media. It's the best way to stay connected with everything happening here at St. Gabriel's.

Blessing of Catechists
I also want to offer a heartfelt thank-you to our wonderful catechists, who will receive a special blessing at our 10am Mass today. I hope they know just how much they mean to our parish and our young friends. Week after week, they give so generously of their time, sharing their faith, their love for Christ, and their care for our children. I'm so grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you for saying YES to this beautiful ministry!

And finally, friends, one last word: COURAGE.
With everything going on in the world, I think we could all use a little more of it. There's so much that can make us anxious: violence, division, uncertainty about the future…and then there's the struggles in our own lives that nobody else sees. Courage doesn't mean you're never afraid – just that fear won't get the last word.

Think about Mary…think about the Saints we'll celebrate next weekend. They knew fear, uncertainty, disappointment, suffering, and with God's grace, they kept going. Let Christ, Mary, and the Saints be an inspiration.

Don't let the world make you cynical. Sometimes the greatest act of courage is to remain kind, hopeful, generous, and even willing to love.

"Take courage, I have conquered the world." (Our Lord in John 16:33)

Know you are loved!
Fr. Frank

THE KNIGHTS CORNER

The Knights recently hosted our **Pasta with the Pastor** dinner in honor of Father Frank's birthday. Thank you to Puzo's Restaurant for accommodating us. Out of respect to the other restaurant patrons, and to the delight of Father Frank, the Knights refrained from singing "Happy Birthday"! **We had a great crowd** and all enjoyed excellent food and engaging conversation (and maybe a little bit of wine!).

After the morning Masses on **Sunday, October 25**, the Knights will be hosting our first **coffee social** of the season. (Thank you to Brighton Gardens for providing the coffee social in September!). This will be a great opportunity to **meet some new fellow parishioners** and to catch up with old friends. We hope to see you there.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the monthly **Men's Mass** on **October 31st at 8:00am**. While these Masses are hosted by the Knights (we provide the coffee and donuts!) they are open to all men of the parish and beyond. At times we have had participants from up to six different parishes. The Mass is followed by light snacks and discussion about issues of the day that affect us as Catholic men. We will be exploring the **"Dignity of Work"** video series.

An **Advent mini-retreat** for men will be held on the morning of **Saturday, November 14th**. **The morning will start off with 8:00am Mass at Saint Gabriel's** followed by a light breakfast. See elsewhere in the bulletin for details.

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.

Did you know? The most popular Halloween costumes for adults in 2026 are **witches and vampires**. Children trend to **KPop Demon Hunters and Spider-man**. I'll let you decide what this says about our culture!



COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT!

Calling ALL kids!

In celebration of All Saints' Day, next Sunday, November 1 join us at the 10:00am Mass next Sunday dressed as your favorite saint.
We can't wait to see who you choose as we celebrate these amazing role models of faith together!



There will be no Children's Church next Sunday. ***In celebration of All Saints' Day, kids are invited to come dressed as their favorite saint for the 10:00am Mass!*** We hope to see you there!

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: Monday, November 2 | 7:30pm

We invite you to join us for a special Mass of Remembrance as we remember and pray for our loved ones who have passed away, especially those we've lost over the past year.

Whether you're remembering someone you lost recently or carrying the memory of someone dear to you for many years, all are welcome to come together in prayer, find comfort, and honor those who will always hold a special place in our hearts.



The Sacrament of Baptism
We're delighted to welcome your child into the life of Christ. **Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 12:00pm** *(not celebrated during Lent, except in cases of serious need)*. First-time parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation class.

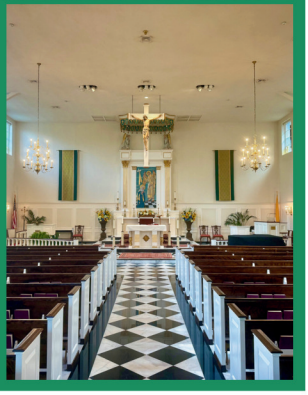
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)
Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, or Eucharist are invited to contact Frances Ferraro.

The Sacrament of Marriage
Congratulations! To begin marriage preparation, contact Fr. Frank Fano.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 4:00–4:45 PM, or by appointment.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound
If you or a loved one would like Holy Communion brought to your home, please contact the parish office.

Frances Ferraro: frances.stgabes@gmail.com
Fr. Frank Fano: ffano@stgabrielsr.org



THE KNIGHTS (CONTINUED)



- The Knight's recently gathered for their annual Pasta with the Pastor dinner celebrating Fr. Frank's birthday. -

FINANCIAL REPORT

Our October 18th collection totaled $15,000.75.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish. May God bless you and your families!

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Thank You

I also want to express my deepest gratitude for an extraordinarily generous $50,000 gift to St. Gabriel's from the estate of Samuel (Sam) Raia, who passed away on March 19. Sam was a longtime parishioner, lector, member of our Finance Council, and former Mayor of Saddle River.

Personally, I miss his warmth, his smile, and his encouragement. His love for our parish will continue to bear fruit through this remarkable gift. My heart goes out to his wife, Joan, and to the entire Raia family. We'll remember Sam along with all those who have passed over the year during the Mass of Remembrance on November 2. May the Lord grant him eternal rest! ***– Fr. Frank***



ADVENT MINI-RETREAT FOR MEN

Join us **Saturday, November 14**, for an Advent mini-retreat **beginning with 8:00am Mass at St. Gabriel's**, followed by breakfast and a reflection with **special guest Brother Gabriel Dunbar of Bergen Catholic High School**. Brother Gabriel will share his experience **helping young men grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus**.
The morning will conclude around 11:30am, followed by a light lunch. All men are welcome! **There is no cost to attend; free-will donations are welcome**. Any donations above the cost of expenses will be donated to St. Gabriel's parish and the St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus who are co-sponsoring the retreat.
All men are invited to join us, so spread the word and bring a friend!

Please RSVP by November 7 to Randall Vlasak at randall.vlasak@gmail.com.

-MASS INTENTIONS-

Saturday: October 24, 2026
9:00am † Ted Pintard - r/b Kay Higgins
5:00pm Living and deceased members of the Taite and Nobile Family - r/b Susan Taite -Malone

Sunday: October 25, 2026
8:00am † Patricia and John Halliwell - r/b Pam Corry
10:00am † Rich Grinchunas - r/b Mary Dalton
11:30am † Jacqueline Taite and Deceased members of the Taite Family - r/b Susan Taite -Malone
6:00pm † Ariana Diaz and Christopher Diaz - r/b Christopher Diaz

Monday: October 26, 2026
9:00am † Marco Minuto - r/b Carolyn Murrray

Tuesday: October 27, 2026
6:30am † Suzan Giancristofaro - r/b Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Giancristofaro
9:00am † Richard Grinchunas - r/b Fr Frank

Wednesday: October 28, 2026
6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am † Gertrude and William Morrissey - r/b Maryellen Morrissey

Thursday: October 29, 2026
6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am † Richard V Cancilla - r/b Pat Cancilla

Friday: October 30, 2026
9:00am † William (Ace) Slater - r/b Anne Brown and Tricia Wilson

Saturday: October 31, 2026
9:00am For the people of the parish
5:00pm † Emilio and Tiffani Alonso - r/b Lina Mattessich

Sunday: November 1, 2026
8:00am † Joan Gootblatt - r/b Brianna Ibarrola
10:00am † Robert Mattessich- r/b Nick and Sally DeRobertis
11:30am † Theresa Stuhr - r/b Dave Stuhr
6:00pm † Mary J Delaney - r/b Suzanne and Dennis Dowden

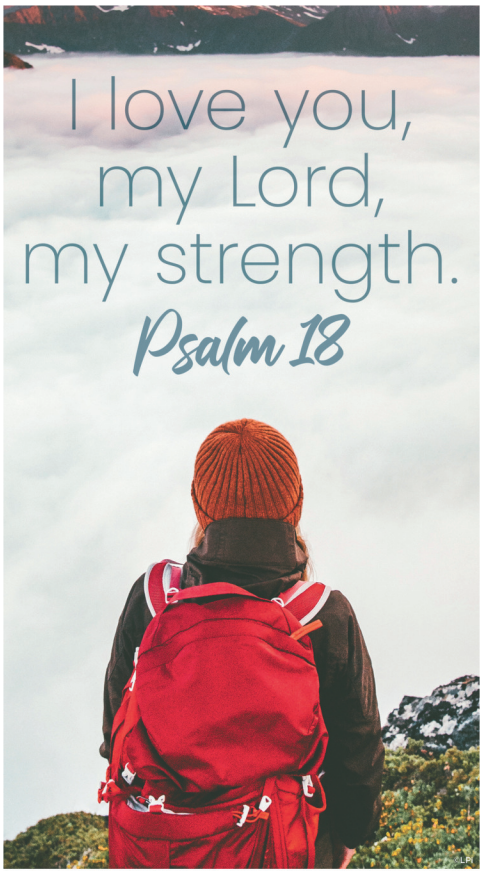
-IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE-

The sanctuary lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lit the week of October 25th for Richard Grinchunas requested by Margherita Grinchunas.

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of October 25th is requested for Alfred & Beverly Nash requested by Lori.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY HOLDS IN PRAYER ALL WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND.

Salvatore Averso
Daniel Castillo
Dawn Conguis
Ada Fields
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Bob Kleinknecht
Joan Massotti
Nicole Trotta
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Patrick Scheid Scorese



PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

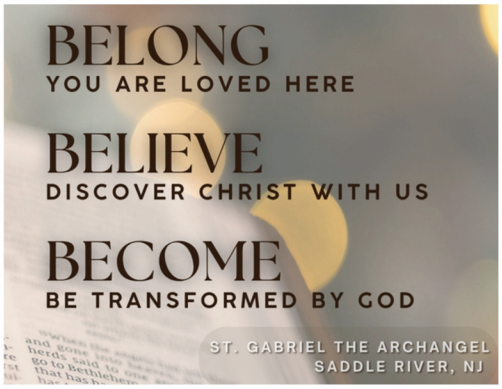
October 24-25
Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Ron
Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank
Sun 10:00am- Fr. Anthony
Sun 11:30am- Fr. Ron
Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Frank

October 31- November 1
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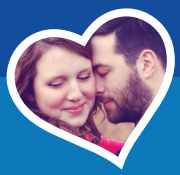

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