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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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— MATTHEW 21:33 —



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

THANK YOU!

I'm still at a loss for words after last weekend. What a marvelous celebration of St. Gabriel! So many people worked behind the scenes to make everything happen, and I'm enormously grateful.

So, I want to thank these people, especially: **Patti Ross, Chela Surless, Margaret Minuto, Lynn Murray, Cathy Sutliff, Kathy Venidis, Joan Raia, Maria & Stephen Zak, Lina Mattessich, and Maria** for their hard work in setting up the reception. The Kavin Center never looked so beautiful. I also want to thank our Altar Boys **Matt, James, Joseph, Nicholas, Conor, Aiden, and Daniel**; our lector **Jane**; **Melody** our Music Director/Organist, **Susan** our assistant organist, and of course – our **magnificent choir**; **The Knights of Columbus**; **Wil & Dee Ortiz and Jim McNulty** for handing out our worship aids and welcoming people in; the **Saddle River Police** for managing traffic. *Hopefully I didn't leave anyone out!*

And I want to thank all of you – whether you could make it or not – I love you. If you missed the Mass, please watch it on our YouTube or Facebook.

I took the whole evening after the reception to open up all the notes and cards. All the kind words. Wow. I'm humbled. I really don't know what to do with all the good stuff people say about me. Really! I joke all the time when somebody compliments me: *"I'm a horrible person."* I guess that's because I know myself! Haha! Listen, if I had some place in your walk with the Lord, then that's the greatest honor I could ever receive.

But there's something I wish I'd said last Sunday in my closing remarks. My mind was all over the place, my heart was racing, and I just didn't get there. **If there's anything decent you may see in me – it all comes from my mother, Amelia (Mimi.)** I think *she* would make a great priest (if it were possible)! I hope to believe that I carry something of her into my priesthood. I learned a lot about what ministry should look like long before I ever entered a seminary, through her. So, Ma, thank you. I love you.

And second: I should have said more about my childhood priest who was here – **Msgr. Paul Bochicchio** – who came to my home parish, Holy Rosary, Jersey City, when I was in first grade! I wanted to be him growing up. He's the one who really introduced me to Christ. He was a real "city priest." He took us all under his wings. Like Bishop Michael, he never gave up on me. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be here today. That's a fact. Love you, Paul.

So friends...**we gotta keep moving on.** I never want St. Gabriel's to become about one person. I said that last weekend, and I mean it. I'm less than 1% of St. Gabe's. **You're it.** Looking out at that packed church last Sunday at 12n, I couldn't help but be amazed by how much you love this community. It was palpable.

But now comes the important work. "Come, Labor On..."

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the tenants and the vineyard. The vineyard belongs to the landowner – God – who entrusts it to the tenants and expects them to produce good fruit. **They are its stewards, not its owners.** And ultimately, Jesus reminds us that what God entrusts to us is meant to bear fruit.

That's us! **St. Gabriel's has been entrusted to us for this little stretch of time. We can love it, enjoy it, celebrate it (and we should!), but we can never forget that the vineyard isn't ours to keep solely for ourselves. We're called to bear fruit!**

A healthy parish and parishioner, collectively and individually, can never simply say, **"Look what we have here."** We always have to ask, **"Who else can we bring into it?"** That's how we can honor everything we celebrated last weekend. We keep growing the vineyard.

So again, I plead with you: **BE AN AMBASSADOR OF THIS PLACE!** Bring somebody here with you. Make room for a family that walks through our doors. If you're in a ministry already: make room for someone new who dares to step up and help out! We (yes, including myself) don't own anything – it's all on lease! Notice the person who is hurting. Share the Good News. Help somebody discover that God hasn't forgotten them.

WELCOMING SEVERAL SOURCES

This weekend, as they do every October, we're happy to welcome representatives from **Several Sources Shelters**, who will speak briefly at all our Masses.

Several Sources is a New Jersey organization that serves women facing pregnancy, motherhood, homelessness, and other difficult circumstances. Their work provides shelter, practical assistance, education, and support to mothers and their children, helping women choose life and build a more stable future for their families.

Please give them the warm St. Gabriel's welcome that I know you will.

RENOVATED CHILDREN'S CHURCH ROOM!

Our newly renovated Children's Church room is finished, and we'd love for you to see it! **Even if you don't have young children, stop down before or after Mass this weekend, walk right in, and check out the new space we've created for our youngest parishioners!**

Newcomers: Children's Church, offered during the 10am Sunday Mass for children ages 4–10, gives our kids the opportunity to hear and explore the Sunday Gospel in a way especially geared toward them before returning to church to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with their families. Never a sign-up! Just have your kids walk right up to the Altar when the priest invites them up!

We want our children to know from their earliest years that this is their Church too, that they belong here, they have a place here, and Jesus has something to say to them.

Friends, know you are loved!

Oh...and Happy Feast of St. Francis! Well, sort of...with the exception of really big feast days – St. Gabriel, for example – when a saint's feast falls on a Sunday, The Sunday Celebration always takes precedence. Why? Because Sunday is the Day of the Lord's Resurrection. And without the Risen Lord, there's no Church – and no saints to celebrate!

Fr. Frank



THE KNIGHTS CORNER

We encourage all parishioners, and especially all Brother Knights, to mark your calendars for the 10:00am

This Mass will honor the Saint Gabriel's council, and we will receive a special blessing. Please make every effort to attend the 10:00am Mass that weekend.

The next Saint Gabriel's Knights of Columbus **council meeting** is scheduled for Monday, October 12, starting with a social gathering at 6:30pm, followed by our business meeting at 7:00pm. The officers have made a commitment to do their best to end each business meeting by 8:00pm. We encourage all Brother Knights to attend, especially our newest Knights who have joined over the summer and those Brothers we haven't seen in a while.

Saint Gabriel's Knights of Columbus Council 11889 has received the distinction of **Star Council**, the international organization's **top award** for local councils, for the **second straight year**. The Star Council Award recognizes **overall excellence** in the areas of membership, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities, among many other things. The Knights share this award with the entire Saint Gabriel's family. Without your constant and faithful support, we could not have achieved this **great honor**. Certainly, a **great accomplishment**. Thank you to all the brother Knights and to the entire parish.

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.

Did you know? Among other things, **October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month**. Please pray for all families affected by this tragic loss and join the Knights in donating to the **Sophia Rose Foundation**, an organization that helps pay for funeral costs for these grieving families (sophiarosefoundation.org).



Use the QR code to easily donate!



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@stgabriel.org



COME PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US!

October is traditionally the month of the Holy Rosary, a beautiful opportunity to come together in prayer and devotion to Mary and Jesus.

Join us in the church at **7:00pm, Monday, October 19 through Thursday, October 22**, as we pray a different set of Rosary mysteries each evening:

Monday: Joyful Mysteries

Tuesday: Sorrowful Mysteries

Wednesday: Glorious Mysteries

Thursday: Luminous Mysteries

Prayer sheets will be available for anyone new to praying the Rosary.

Come for all four evenings or join us for just one! Less than 30 minutes of prayer, together as a parish community. Bring your intentions and join us!



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

We've asked for your Time, your Talents, and sometimes your Treasure. Now we want your **BLOOD**! The Knights of Columbus invite you to their 2nd Annual Community Blood Drive on **Saturday, October 24, from 9:00am-3:00pm** in the Kavin Center. Every donation can help save up to three lives and last year, our community helped save 120 lives!

Appointments are encouraged. **Scan the QR code to reserve your spot.**

Please bring a photo ID and eat a healthy meal before donating.

Snacks and drinks will be provided to all donors.

Bring your family and friends and help make a life-saving difference!

For more information: Frank Weiheing | frankstgabes@gmail.com



KNIGHTS GIVEAWAY



Reminder that 2026 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus here at St. Gabriel's. To help us celebrate, we'd like to gift this beautiful 11-inch statue of St. Gabriel to one of our fellow Parishioners. Just enter your name and number on the entry form and drop it in the entry box. Forms and entry box can be found in the vestibule at the back of the church. The official drawing will be held on October 11th following the 10:00AM Knight's Mass. There is absolutely no cost to enter, but please enter only once (St. Gabriel is watching!). We're awarding this as a thank you for all the loyal support our fellow parishioners have shown throughout these past 30 years.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH IS BACK AT THE 10:00AM MASS!

Children ages 4 to 10 are invited to join us for a fun and faith-filled experience designed especially for them.

It's official! Our new Children's Church room is ready!

This beautiful space was made possible in large part through the generous donation of **Kenneth and Francine Kaufmann, in memory of Marco Minuto**, who passed recently. We are so grateful for their generosity and for helping us create a space where our youngest parishioners can feel welcomed, loved, and truly know that they belong.

We can't wait to welcome the children into their new space for Children's Church at the 10:00am Mass!



FINANCIAL REPORT

Our September 27th collection totaled \$15,491.75.

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



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We rehearse 2-3 Thursdays each month from 6:10-7:20pm & sing at the 11:30am Mass once a month.

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Confirmation candidates: Participation may count toward service hours.

First Rehearsal: This Thursday, Oct. 8

First Mass: Sunday, Oct. 18 at 11:30am

Ready to join?

Scan the QR code & complete our quick registration form!

Questions? Email Erin at erin.stgabes@gmail.com

SCAN ME



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: October 3, 2026

9:00am † Kathleen Cronin - r/b The Cronin Family

5:00pm † Emilio and Tiffani Alonso - r/b Donna Alonso

Sunday: October 4, 2026

8:00am † Jimmy DiBetta - r/b Patricia DiBetta

10:00am † Arthur and Caroline Tassely - r/b Fred and Sharon Mistretta

11:30am † Nancy Seaman & Deceased members of the Nobile Family - r/b Susan Taite-Malone

6:00pm † Teresa Tosi Gambacorta - r/b Sharon and Roger Pollock

Monday: October 5, 2026

9:00am † Carol Lee Crowley - r/b Martha Post

Tuesday: October 6, 2026

6:30am † Bill Hamilton - r/b The Finnegan Family

9:00am † Charles Mongelli - r/b The Mongelli Family

Wednesday: October 7, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish

9:00am † Joan Sirard - r/b Margaret Minuto

Thursday: October 8, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish

9:00am † Robert Mattessich - r/b Lina Mattessich

Friday: October 9, 2026

9:00am † Angelo Vairo - r/b Patti Ross and Family

And Prayers for Alan Post- r/b Martha

Saturday: October 10, 2026

9:00am † Phillip Ross

5:00pm † Judy and Gordon Howath - r/b Cathy and Pete Howath

Sunday: October 11, 2026

8:00am † Salvatore Mongelli - r/b The Mongelli Family

10:00am † Phyllis Caporicci - r/b Kerri and Evan Dantos

11:30am † Marie Vaccarino - r/b Skip Vaccarino

6:00pm † Ralph Currione, Jr. - r/b The Reynolds Family

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The sanctuary lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lit the week of October 4th for Jimmy Di Betta requested by Patricia Di Betta.

To arrange, contact the parish office at (201) 327-5663.



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

Salvatore Averso
Daniel Castillo
Dawn Conguis
Ada Fields
Meg Gallagher

Grace Gilbert
Bob Kleinknecht
Joan Massotti
Nicole Trotta
Marilyn Wolf
Patrick Scheid Scorese



PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

October 3-4

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

October 10-11

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

FLOCKNOTE: NEVER MISS A PARISH EVENT AGAIN!

Stay connected with St. Gabe's through parish news, events, announcements, reminders, and schedule updates, delivered right to your inbox!



POSITION OPENING

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Ridgewood is looking for a full-time Director of Communications. The position also includes some general assistance in the parish office. Must have good communication skills as well as be creative and comfortable with computers and social media platforms. Knowledge of Canva is helpful but not required. If interested, please see the parish website (olmcridgewood.com) for the job description.

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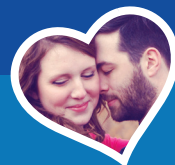
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