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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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

THE SAINTS LOOK LIKE...ME AND YOU!

Don't know if you've ever had a chance to visit the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. It's a huge, modern building, not too ornate. But there's something *really beautiful* in that Cathedral that I want to share with you.

Along the walls are these magnificent tapestries depicting the "Communion of Saints." They were created by an artist named John Nava, and if you've never seen them, you've got to take a look!

What's so striking about them is that the saints look like ordinary people. They're not floating around on clouds with golden halos over their heads. They look like people you'd pass on the street, sit next to at Mass, or bump into on the subway.

You see the saints we all recognize, wearing the garments traditionally associated with them. But alongside them are others we *don't* recognize, some dressed in jeans and everyday clothes. People whose names we don't know, but whose lives mattered to God.

*(That's why I said last week that even if the children who show up for our "Saints Procession" at the 10am Mass today don't come dressed in saints' costumes, but arrive in their everyday clothes, they'd probably look **more** like the saints that way!)*

And isn't that the whole point of the Communion of Saints?

I think sometimes we have this idea that saints are a different **breed** of people. That somehow they were born holy, almost demigods, who lived these pristine, perfect lives and never struggled with the things *we* struggle with.

Not true! They were human beings, just like us. They had their battles, their crosses, their temptations, weaknesses, doubts, and failures. But they also allowed God's grace to work in their lives.

Heaven isn't only filled with the people whose names appear on the Church calendar. It's filled with countless people who loved, sacrificed, forgave, struggled, who tried their best to live good lives, and who trusted in God's mercy. And we have every confidence to hope that this includes people like our parents, grandparents, friends, and loved ones who have gone before us. And hopefully, one day, me and you.



Do yourself a favor. Google **"Saints Tapestries, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels."** Spend a few minutes looking at them. They're absolutely beautiful. And as you look at those faces, try picturing yourself among them, too.

I know what you're saying: *"Me? A saint? Believe me, I'm no saint!"* Well, St. Paul might disagree with you! Paul regularly referred to the ordinary members of his Christian communities as ***saints***.

- [Romans 1:7] *"To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be **saints**."*
- [1 Corinthians 1:2] "*To those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be **saints**.*"
- [Ephesians 1:1] "*To the **saints** who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus.*"
- [Philippians 1:1] "*To all the **saints** in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi.*"



And believe me, some of those communities were a mess! They had arguments, divisions, jealousies, sins, and struggles. And yet Paul called them, in the present tense, saints. It had nothing to do with perfection, but because they belonged to Christ. They were *already* God's holy people, still growing into the people God was calling them to become.

And that's us, too! Ordinary people, still very much alive, trying to live like Christ with the help of his grace. People who stumble, who get things wrong, who sometimes have to begin all over again. But people who also know that this world isn't our final home. We're just passing through, in many ways. And one day, by God's grace, we hope to be "home." But in the meantime, we've got much living to do.

We know our calling. Come, Labor On!

COMING UP AT ST. GABE'S!

• ALL SOULS' MASS OF REMEMBRANCE | MONDAY, NOV 2 | 7:30PM | CHURCH

We remember in a special way those whose funerals were celebrated here at St. Gabe's over the past year. Their names will be read, and candles lit in their memory.

But this Mass isn't just for their families. Everyone is invited! Come to support those who continue to grieve, and bring with you the memories of your own loved ones who have gone before us. They may not be among the names read aloud, but they are certainly not forgotten. We carry them in our hearts and entrust them all to God's loving mercy.

A great way to remember your loved ones: there's still time to take an All Souls Envelope and add their names, which will be placed in a basket on the Altar during the month of November, until Advent. Visit the vestibule and side entrance tables.

• ADORATION WITH OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES | TUESDAY, NOV 10 | 7PM | CHURCH

Our 33 9th grade Confirmation candidates will gather for Eucharistic Adoration as they continue preparing to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit on December 5. Please keep these young people in your prayers! They're at an important moment in their lives and in their journey of faith.

[And, by the way, the Confirmation Masses on December 5 at 10:30am and 2pm, are parish celebrations, not private ceremonies! You're all welcome to attend, pray with these young people, and celebrate this wonderful moment in their lives and life of our parish.]

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THE KNIGHTS CORNER

Saint Gabriel's **saved over 100 lives** as a result of the Knights of Columbus blood blood drive with close to 40 pints collected. It is estimated that each pint saves three lives. Thank you to all who came out and supported this great event. A special thank you to **Brother Knight Frank Weihenig** who worked tirelessly to organize and promote the event for the second straight year. Well done, Brother!!

The next Saint Gabriel's Knights of Columbus **council meeting** is scheduled for Monday, November 9, 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 those Brothers we haven't seen in a while.

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 in Saddle River, NJ**, followed by a light breakfast. See details elsewhere in the bulletin. **Please RSVP by November 7** so that we can plan properly.

If you are interested in j**oining the St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus**, contact a current member or send us an email at knights@stgabrielsr.org.

Did you know? All Souls' Day falls on November 2, the day after All Saints' Day (November 1). Together with All Hallows' Eve (October 31), these form the traditional three-day period known as Allhallowtide. It is **a day of prayer and remembrance** for the "faithful departed"—baptized Christians who have died. In Catholic theology, this especially includes those believed to be in purgatory, undergoing final purification before entering the full vision of God in heaven.



FROM FR. FRANK (CONTINUED)

• **MEN'S PRE-ADVENT MASS & RETREAT | SATURDAY, NOV 14 | 8AM | CHURCH/KAVIN**
Gentlemen 18+: before the busyness of the holidays takes over, why not give yourself a little time to slow down, pray, reflect, and prepare your soul for the coming season of Advent? We'd love to have you join us. Please see the *separate invitation* in this bulletin for more details.

• **CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR MARINES | SATURDAY, NOV 21 | KAVIN**
We're once again reaching out to our Marines with care packages, a little reminder that they're appreciated, remembered, and supported, especially as the holidays approach. It's a simple gesture, but sometimes the simplest things mean the most. More details about how you can participate will be coming soon.

• **THANKSGIVING DINNERS FOR ST. MICHAEL'S | WEEKEND OF NOV 21–22**
Once again, we have an opportunity to help provide Thanksgiving dinners for underprivileged families served by St. Michael Newark, our "sister" parish.

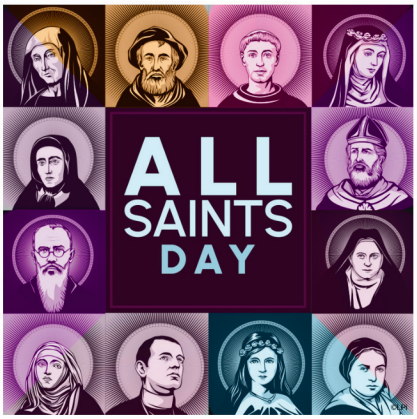
A food-item list will be available soon, so you'll know exactly what's needed. During that weekend, please bring your contributions to church or directly to the truck in the upper parking lot before the Mass you're celebrating.

This is one of those wonderful opportunities to put our gratitude into action. We have so much to be thankful for, and what better way to express it than by making sure someone else has a Thanksgiving meal to enjoy?

• **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS | THURSDAY, NOV 26 | 9AM | CHURCH**
Just be there!

Friends, know you are loved!
Happy All Saints Day!

Fr. Frank



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.

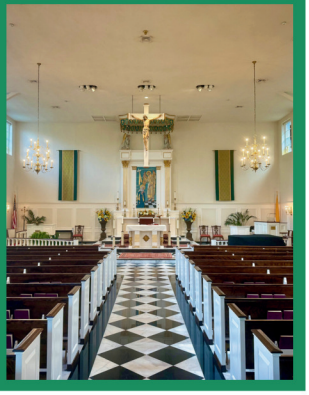
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)
Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, or Eucharist are invited to contact Frances Ferraro.

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
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THE KNIGHTS (CONTINUED)



Along with everything else he gives, Father Ron giving his blood at the Knights of Columbus Blood Drive!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Our October 25th collection totaled $12,264.75.

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

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Visit **www.ran.org** for the hotline and reporting link.



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 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.



-MASS INTENTIONS-

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

Monday: November 2, 2026
9:00am † Jerry Mattessich - r/b Lina Mattessich
7:30pm † Remembrance Mass- All Souls

Tuesday: November 3, 2026
6:30am † All Souls
9:00am † Richard V Cancilla - r/b Pat Cancilla

Wednesday: November 4, 2026
6:30am † All Souls
9:00am † Robert Mattessich - r/b Frances and Paul Mladjenovic

Thursday: November 5, 2026
6:30am † All Souls
9:00am † All Souls

Friday: November 6, 2026
9:00am † Deceased members of the Juchnewich Family - r/b Susan Taite - Malone
And † All Souls

Saturday: November 7, 2026
9:00am † All Souls
5:00pm † Bobby Mattessich - r/b The Tarabocchia Family

Sunday: November 8, 2026
8:00am † James DiBetta - r/b Patricia DiBetta
10:00am † All Souls
11:30am † Robert Mattessich - r/bLina Mattessich
6:00pm Special Intention

-IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE-

The sanctuary lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lit the week of November 1st for Kevin O'Halloran requested by the O'Halloran Family..

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of November 1st is requested for Robert Mattessich requested by The Tarabocchia Family.

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
Merilyn Wolf
Patrick Scheid Scorese



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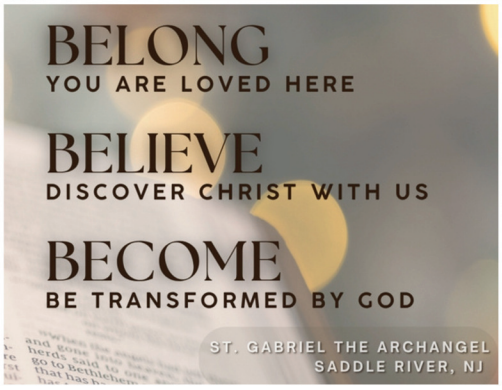
October 31- November 1
Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Ron
Sun 8:00am- Fr. Ron
Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank
Sun 11:30am- Fr. Frank
Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Frank

November 7- 8
Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank
Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank
Sun 10:00am- Fr. Ron
Sun 11:30am- Fr. Frank
Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Ron

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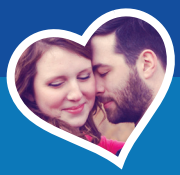

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