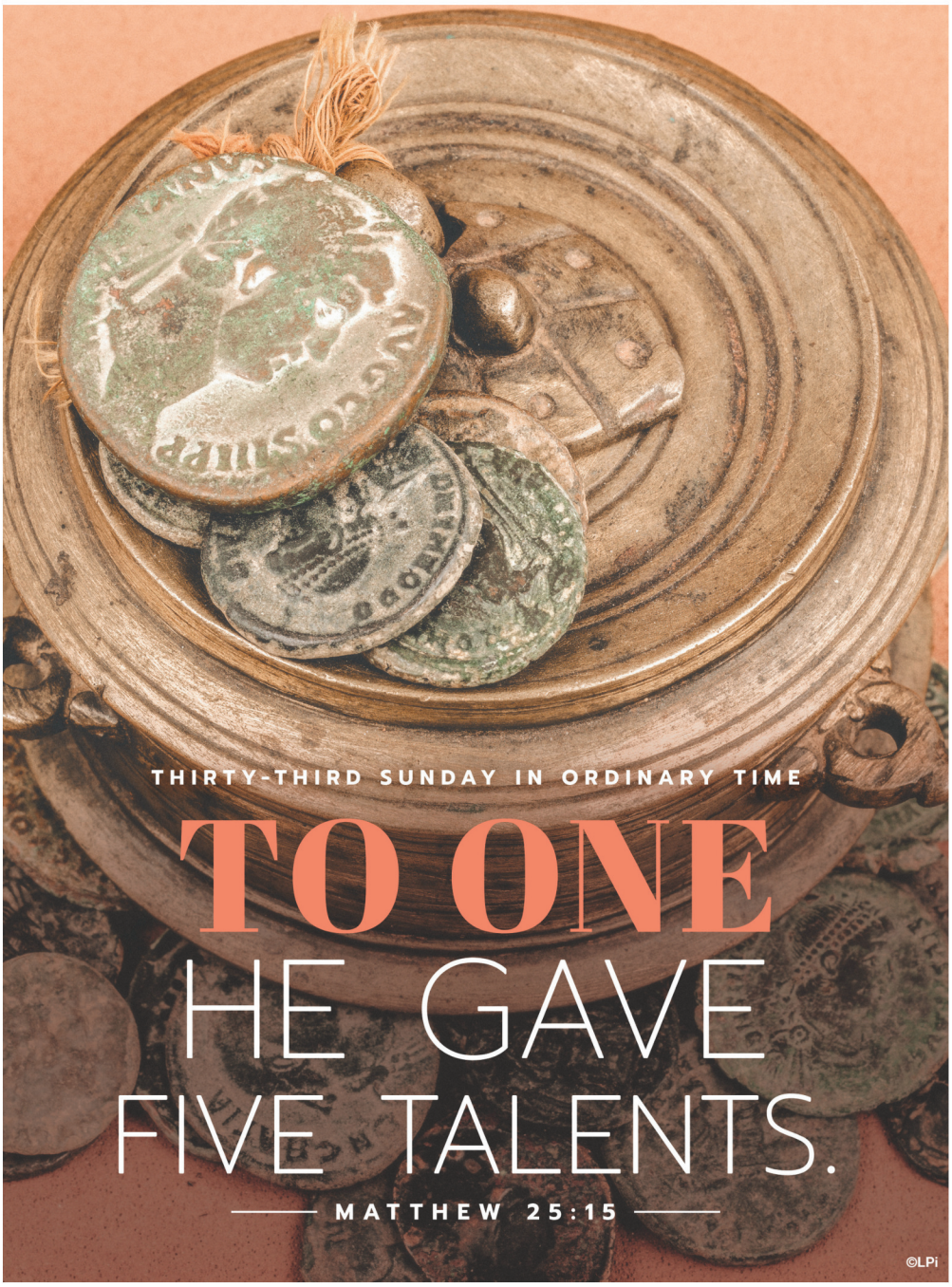
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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

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

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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

ChristLife: Something Amazing Is Happening!

One of the most exciting things at St. Gabriel's this past year has been **ChristLife**, and I want to take a few moments to share with you the impact it is having on our parish community.

When we first introduced *ChristLife: Discovering Christ* last year, I was hopeful that people would respond. And boy, did they! We welcomed an incredible number of participants, many of whom continued through *Following Christ* and, most recently, *Sharing Christ*.

But what has inspired me most is seeing how this experience has affected people's personal lives and their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Recently, at the conclusion of Sharing Christ, participants were invited to reflect on their lives **"Before Christ" and "After Christ."** Their testimonies were incredibly moving. And I'd like to share just a *few* of them with you, in their own words:

- **Before:** "Nervous. Curious."
  - **After:** "Fulfilled. Loved."
- **Before:** "Adrift. Unsure. In a fog."
  - **After:** "Anchored. Moving Forward."
- **Before:** "Broken, lost confused."
  - **After:** "Redeemed, connected, loved!"
- **Before:** "Disconnected and lonely in my faith."
  - **After:** "Sense of curiosity, community and belonging, gratitude for Jesus in my life."
- **Before:** "Weighted down, alone."
  - **After:** "God loves me as I am, not alone. Weight lifted off my shoulders."
- **Before:** "Reticent to talk about Jesus. Mass was a chore, a 'have too.' Always in control (freak!)."
  - **After:** "Excited to share the love of God. Love going to Mass. Jesus, I surrender."

And these are only a few!

What I find so amazing is that **these are people from our own parish!** People who decided to give something new a chance. They signed up, showed up, and opened themselves to an experience that, for many, has made a real difference in their lives. And you know something? You can't argue with people's real experiences. Just read those testimonies!

We've posted these testimonies on our parish Instagram and Facebook pages, Please check them out! You're going to be moved. (And, by the way, **if you're not following St. Gabriel's on Facebook and Instagram, please do!** It's one of the best ways to stay connected with everything happening in our parish, and there's a lot happening!)

Now, I'm excited to announce that **ChristLife will begin again on Tuesday, January 19, 2027, with Discovering Christ!**

For those unfamiliar with *ChristLife*, let me explain what it's all about. You come for six Tuesdays that give people an opportunity to explore some of life's most important questions. *Why am I here? What is the meaning of my life? Who is Jesus? What's he want me to know? What difference does he make in my life?* (It's not about religion. It's about the Real Christ and the Real You.)

Here's what a typical Tuesday looks like. We begin at 7pm with dinner together. And it's pretty good food, too! After dinner, we have some live music; then, there's a talk (given by yours truly!) that explores an aspect of our Christian faith and what it means for our everyday lives. Then we break into small groups where people have an opportunity to share their thoughts, ask questions, and hear from one another. And by 9:15pm, you're on your way home. Time flies.

It's really that simple. There's no pressure to speak if you're not comfortable. No pressure, no judgment zone. You don't have to be an expert in your faith to participate! Whether you've been coming to Mass your entire life, have been away from the Church for a while, think this whole Church thing is nonsense, or simply find yourself wanting something more: *ChristLife* is for you.

Once again, we'll be gathering at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Ridgewood**, where we have the space to accommodate what we're anticipating could be as many as 160 participants. As much as I'd love to host everyone here at St. Gabriel's, our Kavin Center simply cannot accommodate a group that size.

I also want to mention something about the cost of offering *ChristLife*. Last year, **Fr. Ron, who was then pastor of Mount Carmel, was incredibly generous in having his parish cover the food and music expenses of the entire experience.** I remain very grateful to him and to the OLMC community for making that possible. This time around, I think it's only right that St. Gabriel's shares in those expenses. After all, we're invested in *ChristLife* and in what it's doing for real people. Providing dinner each week, along with the live music that helps lead us in prayer and worship, does come at a cost. And when you're welcoming upwards of 160 people, those expenses add up!

If this is something you would like to help support financially, we would certainly welcome your generosity. **Any donation designated for ChristLife can be restricted specifically for that purpose**, helping us provide this experience for those who participate. It's a wonderful way to support something that is already making a difference in the lives of so many people.

ChristLife is becoming an important part of the life of our parish. What encourages me is seeing people grow in their faith, develop meaningful friendships, and discover that Jesus Christ wants to be part of their everyday lives.

Friends, maybe this is something you've been thinking about. Or maybe you know someone who could benefit from an experience like this. I hope you'll consider joining us in January, and I encourage you to invite a friend or family member to come along.

I'm excited about what lies ahead for our parish, and I hope you'll be part of it! And, it's ALL FREE! Stay tuned for how to register in December. This won't be the last time I'll be nagging you about it. Be there with me!

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THE KNIGHTS CORNER

Something different is scheduled for this month's Men's Mass, hosted by the Knights on **November 21 at 8:00am**. After the Mass, we will be gathering in the Kavin Center to put together **care packages for our Marines serving overseas during the holidays**. As in past years, we will be joined by some of Saint Gabriel's confirmation students.Our goal again this year is **100 packages**. If you would like to donate items for the packages, they can be left in the Sanzari Room of the church any time or can be dropped at the Kavin Center the morning of the event. *Suggested items include lip balm, powdered drink mixes, chewing gum, granola bars, Vaseline tubes, batteries (AA or AAA), instant oatmeal, and non-aerosol deodorants.* 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**. **Please join us for the Mass even if you can't stay for the volunteer event**.Contact Randy Vlasak at randall.vlasak@gmail.com with questions.

The Knights recently gathered for a **Bourbon Tasting and Cigar social**.No agenda, just a night out with the guys. The evening was filled with great fellowship and fraternity, but mostly with lots of laughs. Thank you to John Deegan for organizing the evening and donating all the bourbon.

The monthly **coffee social**, sponsored by the Knights, will be held after all Masses on Sunday, **November 29**. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with your fellow parishioners.We hope to see you there.

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? November 21st is the **Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, the day we celebrate the Jewish tradition of a young girl, Mary, being presented in the temple. Her great yes in accepting to be the Mother of Jesus was possible probably because of all the other small responses of yes she had made to God before the angel appeared to ask her to be the Mother of God.

FROM FR. FRANK (CONTINUED)

Gabriel Giving Project: Thanksgiving Dinner Drive | Next weekend, November 21–22

You'll find an insert in this week's bulletin with all the items we're collecting. I encourage you to take it home, look it over, and consider how you and your family might participate.

Please remember that the collection is NEXT WEEKEND ONLY! Our collection truck will be parked in the upper parking lot, and you can drop off your donations before coming into Mass. The truck will leave following the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, so please plan accordingly. See the flyer for all the details.

I love these **Gabriel Giving Projects** because they give us an opportunity to put our faith into action. And isn't that exactly what Jesus asks of us?

Jesus tells us, **"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink."** *"Well, when did we see you thirsty or hungry?"* **"Whatever you did for one of these least ones of mine, you did it for me."**

What I love about this project is that it's something we can all do together. A St. Gabe's family can go shopping with their children and explain why they're purchasing food for someone they'll probably never meet. What a wonderful way to teach our young people that caring for others is part of what it means to follow Jesus!

I see constantly how giving this community is, and I'm grateful that we have another opportunity to share what we've been blessed with. So, **let's help make Thanksgiving a little brighter for families who could really use our help this year!**

Friends, know you are loved.
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.

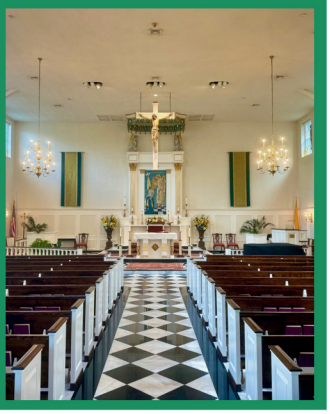
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)
Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, or Eucharist are invited to contact Frances Ferraro.

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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Children's Church

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Parents, we invite children ages 4-10 to come forward during the Liturgy of the Word for Children, where they'll hear the readings, learn about God, and explore the message of the Gospel in a way that's meaningful and age-appropriate for them. Join us for the 10:00 a.m. Mass and make it your Family Mass. We hope to see you there!



OCIA REGISTRATION FOR 2028

Registration for the 2027 OCIA program is now closed.

Those interested in becoming part of the OCIA program for 2028, including unbaptized catechumens and baptized candidates seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church, are welcome to register.

For more information or to register, please contact Frances Ferraro at frances.stgabes@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL REPORT

This week's financial report was not ready at the time of publication and will be posted at a later date.

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

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THANKSGIVING DINNERS FOR ST. MICHAEL'S NOVEMBER 21–22

As part of our Gabriel Giving Projects, we're once again coming together to provide Thanksgiving dinners for families served by our sister parish, St. Michael's in Newark.

The weekend of November 21–22, bring your donations to church or to the collection truck in the upper parking lot before Mass. See the flyer in church for details.

We have so much to be thankful for, and this is a wonderful way to share our blessings with others. Thank you for your generosity and support!





-MASS INTENTIONS-

Saturday: November 14, 2026
9:00am † Mike and Ann Secli - r/b Donna Alonso
5:00pm † Michele Masters - r/b The Guido Family

Sunday: November 15, 2026
8:00am † Christa Blenkle - r/b Karen Petrosino
10:00am † Agnes Kwiek r/b Family
11:30am † Sam Raia - r/b The Schnell Family
6:00pm † Ted Pintard - r/b Russell and Linda Frignoca

Monday: November 16, 2026
9:00am † Thomas Cooke - r/b Dave Stuhr

Tuesday: November 17, 2026
6:30am † Rob DeLorenzo - r/b Jeanne Marzitelli
9:00am † Thomas Lennon - r/b Maryellen Lennon

Wednesday: November 18, 2026
6:30am David Zaretsky (Living Intention) - r/b Bernadette & Larry
9:00am † Marco Minuto - r/b Patti Ross and Family

Thursday: November 19, 2026
6:30am † Michael Nestor (Living Intention) - r/b Bernadette & Larry
9:00am † Christopher Maita - r/b The Maita Family
And Campbell MacArthur (Living Intention)

Friday: November 20, 2026
9:00am † Richard V Cancilla - r/b Pat Cancilla

Saturday: November 21, 2026
9:00am † Joyce MacDonald - r/b Roxanne and John
5:00pm † Emilio and Tiffani Alonso - r/b Donna Alonso

Sunday: November 22, 2026
8:00am † Nicholas Balesterri - r/b Fr Frank
10:00am † Joe and Bill Jacoby - r/b Cathy Sutliff
11:30am † Richard Stefanacci - r/b Carol Stefanacci
6:00pm † Rosemary Lefebvre - r/b The Viggiano Family

-IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE-

The sanctuary lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lit the week of Nov. 15th for Ronald Shen Giancristofaro r/b Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Giancristofaro

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of Nov. 15th is requested for Norman & Eleanor Clause r/b The Burns Family.

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Daniel Castillo
Dawn Conguis
Ada Fields
Meg Gallagher
Grace Gilbert
Bob Kleinknecht
Joan Massotti
Nicole Trotta
Merilyn Wolf
Patrick Scheid Scorese



PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

November 14-15
Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Ron
Sun 8:00am- Fr. Anthony
Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank
Sun 11:30am- Fr. Ron
Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Frank

November 21-22
Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Anthony
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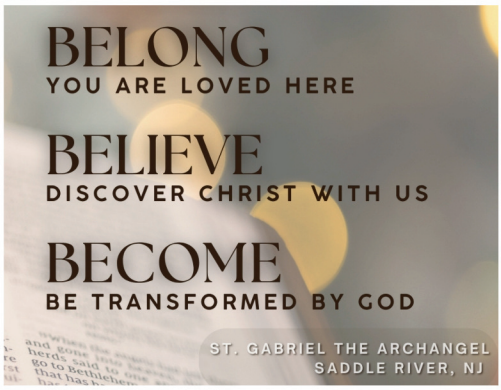
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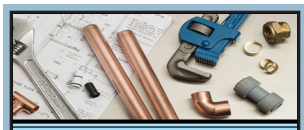


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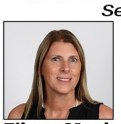
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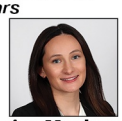
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