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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

THE SHEEP FROM THE GOATS.

MATTHEW 25:33



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 (Livestream)
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

You know, I write these columns about six days before you (hopefully!) read them. But I'm going to make a little prophecy…

As I'm writing this on Monday, I haven't seen it happen yet. But knowing your generosity in years past, I'm absolutely confident that by the time you're reading this, we'll have witnessed something truly inspiring: all the food, gifts cards you've brought to St. Gabe's to help make Thanksgiving special for families in need.

And what a beautiful way to respond to what Jesus tells us in today's Gospel: *"For I was hungry…and you gave me food. I was thirsty…and you gave me drink."*

Today, on the Solemnity of Christ the King, we hear what's commonly called the parable of "The Sheep and the Goats," or "The Final Judgment," or even "The Judgment of the Nations." Whatever we call it, what's clear is that Jesus is describing for us the standard by which we're ultimately going to be judged at the "end," whenever that may be.

I was reading a reflection on *Sacred Space* (sacredspace.com), a wonderful free online resource for reflecting on the daily Scriptures, that made an interesting point: there's something fascinating about today's Gospel. Both groups (sheep and goats) are surprised!

Those welcomed into the Kingdom ask, *"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?"* And those who are turned away ask the same question. Neither group realized that their encounters with ordinary people in need were actual encounters with Christ himself! Those who are condemned aren't accused of doing terrible things. They're really confronted with all the good "they failed to do." They saw hunger and did nothing. They saw suffering and looked the other way. They had opportunities to love and let them pass.

Sometimes we measure how well we're living our faith by the things we *don't* do. I don't steal. I don't cheat. I don't deliberately hurt people. Listen, I'm not minimizing our virtue. But Jesus always takes these things a step further. He's always upping the ante.

The *Sacred Space* reflection pointed out something else that I found pretty curious. Look at the things Jesus mentions in today's Gospel:

- Feed the hungry.
- Give drink to the thirsty.
- Welcome the stranger.
- Clothe the naked.
- Care for the sick.
- Visit the imprisoned.

Sound familiar? They're six of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy. (The seventh, burying the dead, comes from elsewhere in Scripture.)

Even more astounding: **None of these things are explicitly religious!** There's no mention of how often someone went to the Temple, to Church, how many prayers they said, or how faithfully they observed religious customs. There's not even a discussion of which commandments they kept or broke.

Again, please – don't misinterpret me. Our spiritual lives are important! But here's the point: all those religious practices and spiritual disciplines we're leaning into are supposed to lead somewhere! And we have to hold today's Gospel alongside everything else Jesus teaches us about our spiritual lives and being in a personal relationship with him, and his command to be part of a church community, and celebration of the Eucharist at Mass: *"Do this in memory of me!"* It's a command, which is why it's an "obligation" to be here if I'm going to call myself a Catholic-Christian. Jesus himself weekly and faithfully worshipped in the synagogue, went to the Temple, and spent time in personal prayer with his Father. *(So much for the idea that going to church doesn't matter and isn't expected from us from God!)*

But all that is supposed to change us into more loving, more generous, more compassionate people. Otherwise, what's the point? We can spend all kinds of time praying, going to Mass, attending retreats, participating in ChristLife, and doing all the wonderful "churchy" things we do. (And I hope we do!)

If I'm not allowing, really cooperating with the Grace I receive from my religious, spiritual life and makes no dent in how I'm approaching people: then something's missing.

Because the most beautiful part of this Gospel is this, really the punchline of the parable: *"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers (sisters) of mine, you did for me."*

D'you see that? **TO** HIM. NOT **FOR** HIM. That's a huge difference! Christ makes no separation between himself and those we minister towards.

The King of the Universe, whom we celebrate today, chooses to be encountered in the hungry, the lonely, the sick, the stranger, and the forgotten, even if we're not explicitly doing it for religious reasons. Actually, we should be doing it, anyway.

Thank you, St. Gabe's, for the generosity you continue to show TO Christ.

COMING UP AT ST. GABE'S

This Thursday | Thanksgiving Day Mass | 9am | Church

Hard to believe Thanksgiving is already here! Before the cookin' and the company, come join us at 9am as we begin the day doing what Thanksgiving is all about: giving thanks to God for past, present, and future blessings.

Next Sunday | Advent Wreath Making | 9am | Kavin Center

Advent kicks off next Sunday. Again, hard to believe! Bring the family and kids and join us at 9am to make your very own Advent wreath to take home! We'll bless the wreaths at the 10am Mass. (Don't forget Children's Church!) **But know that no matter which Mass you celebrate, you're welcome to stop by at 9am and join the fun!**

Please RSVP (see this bulletin, and what we've been and will send out via social media and Flocknote.) But don't worry…no one will be turned away!
Let's make this a great start to Advent! We're planning for you and hope to see you there!

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THE KNIGHTS CORNER

Over forty men recently gathered at Saint Gabriel's for a half-day retreat to **prepare for the season of Advent**. It was an outstanding morning featuring Mass, prayer, engaging talks, lively discussion, and **a strong feeling of fraternity and fellowship among the men**. Our parish was very well represented and we were happy to welcome participants from four other parishes as well. Thank you to Father Frank for supporting the event and providing the use of the Kavin center. Thank you to the Knights for organizing and running the event. And a special thank you to Brother Gabriel Dunbar of Bergen Catholic H.S. who was the featured speaker.

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. Please mark your calendars for our **annual Poinsettia sale**. We will be in the back of the ch**urch on the weekend of** December 12 & 13. Bel Fiore Greenhouse is once again the supplier of the plants. Their products are always of top quality. If you have plans to decorate your homes with poinsettia's this year, please consider purchasing them at our fundraiser before you purchase somewhere else. As always, your generosity will go towards the Knights' **support of local charitie**s.

The Knights of Columbus wish the entire Saint Gabriel's community a very blessed Thanksgiving. **Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your abundant blessings and the gift of Your Son, through whom all good things come. Amen**.

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? A recent Campbell's "State of the Sides" survey (covering thousands of Americans) ranked **stuffing/dressing #1 and mashed potatoes #2**. Stuffing wins in the large majority of states (often 39–42), with mashed potatoes taking the top spot in a handful. Many people say they're more excited about the sides than the turkey itself. But the real answer is: make both if you can. They're complementary, not rivals.

FROM FR. FRANK (CONTINUED)

Sunday, December 13 | Christmas Concert | 3pm | Church

You hear me say all the time (you feel this way, too), but how blessed to have such a wonderful music ministry here at St. Gabe's, thanks to the incredible leadership of our Music Director, Melody! The kids have something special planned, too, and yours truly will be making an appearance in some musical capacity! (I'm always so honored when Melody asks me to be part of these things!)

So, bring the family, invite some friends, and come enjoy a great afternoon of Christmas music! And stick around afterward for some refreshments, generously sponsored by our friends at Brighton Gardens of Saddle River!

Let's pack the church like we did last year. I promise it'll be a great afternoon.

Friends, know you are loved. Love you.

I can't stress enough that you should be following us on Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and also sign up for Flocknote (see in this bulletin how to) so you can be up to date on what's happening here.

Fr. Frank



Join us Sunday, November 29, from 9:00-10:00am. in the Kavin Center for Advent wreath making, treats, and time together as a parish family! Create a wreath to enjoy throughout the Advent season.

Please RSVP using the QR code so we can prepare supplies for everyone.
Hope to see you there!

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.

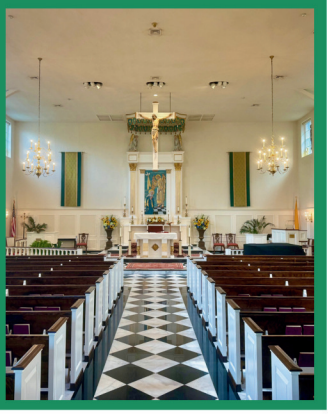
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)
Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, or Eucharist are invited to contact Frances Ferraro.

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



Children's Church

God's Word, Kid-sized

Children ages 4–10 are invited to join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. A special opportunity for children to hear the readings and learn about the Gospel in an age-appropriate way. Make it your Family Mass!





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

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION- THIS WEEKEND!

Our Thanksgiving food collection for families served by St. Michael's in Newark is THIS WEEKEND, November 21-22! Please bring your donations to church or the collection truck in the upper parking lot before Mass.
Thank you for your generosity!



CALLING ALL YOUNG MUSICIANS!

Calling children ages 5-8!

Does your child enjoy music? We invite young children to join our **Christmas Chime Choir** and take part in our annual Christmas concert.

The children will learn and perform using hand chimes, adding a lovely touch to our Christmas celebration.
The performance will take place at the Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec 13, at 3:00pm. (Snow Date: Monday, Dec 14, at 7:30pm.)

There will be only two rehearsals, and attendance at **both rehearsals is required to participate**.
We look forward to having our young musicians join us for another wonderful Christmas season!

Space is limited, so please register with Music Director Melody at Melodychen913@gmail.com



Over forty men participated in the recent **Advent Mini-Retreat** where they heard presentations from Grand Knight Randy Vlasak and Brother Gabriel Dunbar of Bergen Catholic H.S.



-MASS INTENTIONS-

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

Monday: November 23, 2026
9:00am † Marco Minuto - r/b The Mongelli Family

Tuesday: November 24, 2026
6:30am Marzitelli Family (living intentions) - r/b Jeanne Marzitelli
9:00am † Helen, Bill and Rob DeLorenzo - r/b Jeanne Marzitelli

Wednesday: November 25, 2026
6:30am Fr. Frank Fano (Living Intention) - r/b The Zatorski Family
9:00am † Leonard Marcel - r/b The Mongelli Family

Thursday: November 26, 2026
9:00am † Christopher Maita and Alex Schenhoff - r/b Jennifer Maita

Friday: November 27, 2026
9:00am † Christopher Maita- r/b Dave Stuhr

Saturday: November 28, 2026
9:00am † Theresa Marcel - r/b The Mongelli Family
5:00pm † Christopher Maita - r/b Jennifer Maita

Sunday: November 29, 2026
8:00am † Joseph L Corso - r/b ---
10:00am † Camille DiNoto - r/b The LoParo Family
11:30am † Mercedes Sanchez- r/b The Andricci Family
6:00pm † Kevin O'Halloran - r/b The O'Halloran Family

-IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE-

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of Nov. 22nd is requested for Marco Minuto r/b Doris Jergensen.

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament and the Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week are available as memorials for loved ones.
To arrange, please 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
Merilyn Wolf
Patrick Scheid Scorese

FLOCKNOTE: NEVER MISS A PARISH EVENT AGAIN!



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CELEBRATE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS THROUGH MUSIC!

The Music Ministry invites you to join us for our Annual Christmas Concert. Enjoy a festive afternoon filled with the sounds of the season!

Our Adult Choir, ArchangelChoir, and Holiday Chime Choir will come together to present a wonderful variety of Christmas selections, including music by John Rutter, Keith Hampton, Mary McDonald, and others.

The program will feature music for choir, organ, and flute, along with a special opportunity to hear Fr. Frank perform on the organ.

Come celebrate the beauty and wonder of Christmas with us. Bring your family, invite your friends, and share in this special musical tradition!

Sunday, December 13 | 3:00pm
Snow Date: Monday, December 14 | 7:30pm

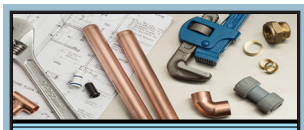
Admission is free. All are welcome!

PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

November 21-22
Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Anthony
Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank
Sun 10:00am- Fr. Ron
Sun 11:30am- Fr. Frank
Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Ron

November 28-29
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Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank
Sun 11:30am- Fr. Ron
Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Frank





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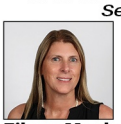
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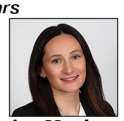
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