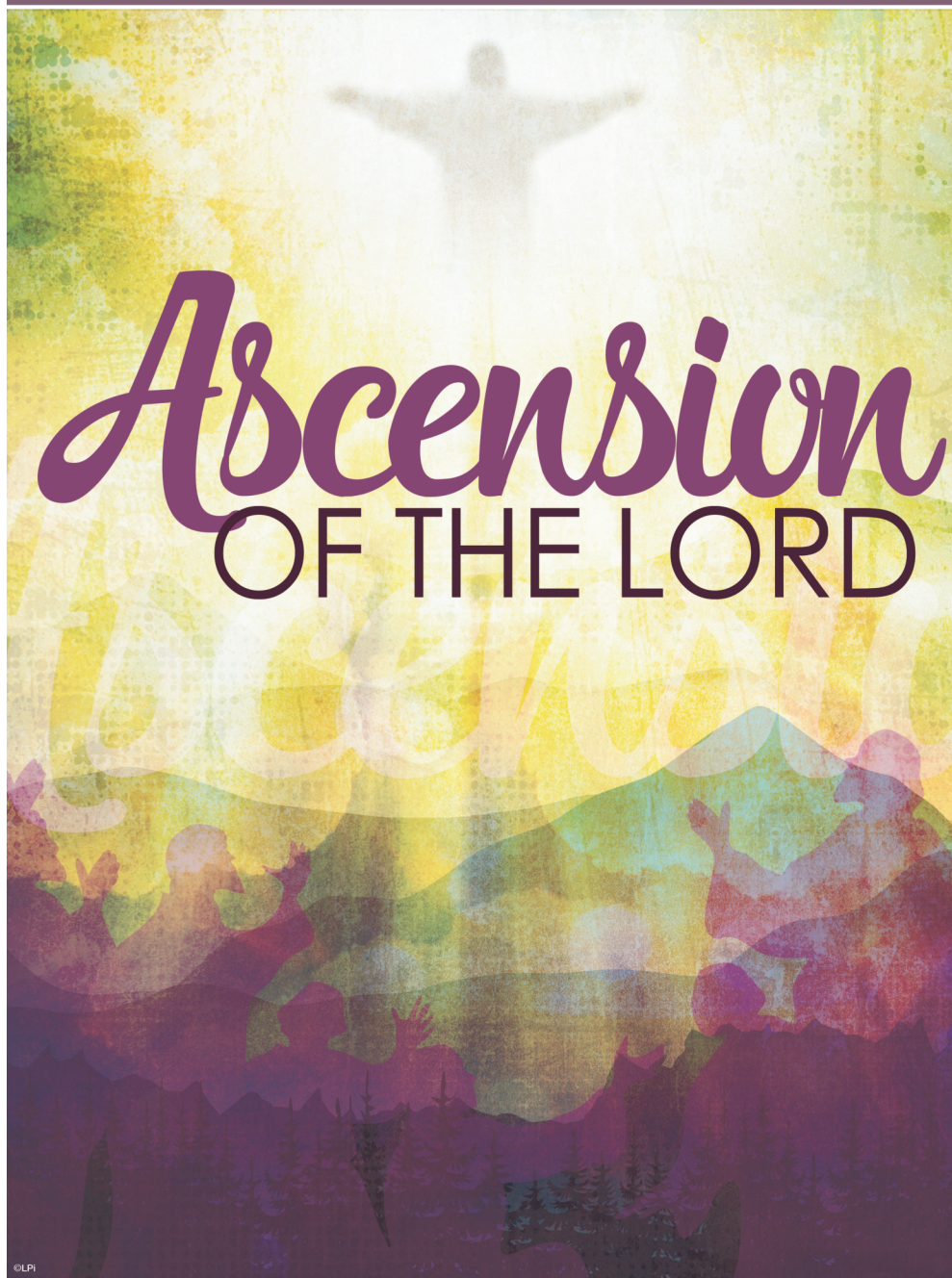


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SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026



Ascension OF THE LORD

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
*6:30am Mass is not celebrated during the summer months

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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.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

"THEY WORSHIPPED, BUT THEY DOUBTED."

I've got a USB drive with about 15 years' worth of old homilies and talks. Every once in a while, I go back and read them, just to grab a line or an idea. And honestly? I'm amazed. Not because they were great! But because of how *certain* I sounded. I had answers for everything. No hesitation. No gray. I sounded like a walking Siri: *"Here's what you should know. Here's what you should do."* I got to tell you, if I were sitting out there in a pew listening to that version of me, I'd probably think, *"what a smug little man..."* or I'd just walk out. What surprises me even more? People stayed!

Now? I've got more life under my belt, and a lot more questions than I used to. And I don't know if that's any more appealing. Spend five minutes online with certain Catholic blogs, YouTube, wherever, and the loudest voices are the ones with absolute certainty. No gray. No space for someone to say, *"Hold up...I don't know about that. I struggle with that."* Not surprising. We've become a black-and-white world. And so, no surprise, that mentality is going to dip into "Church World."

But then, you get to the Gospel.

We're celebrating the Ascension: Jesus being taken up into heaven in glory and majesty, *"God has gone up with shouts of joy!"* It had to be incredible to witness as a disciple! But there's one line in there that we usually skip right past: *"They worshiped...but they doubted."* Both. At the same time.

In a world that says it's either/or, the Gospel gives us both/and. That's your permission slip. You can worship and still doubt. He doesn't correct them. He doesn't call it out. He just reminds them: *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."* In other words: *trust me, even here.* And then he sends them. Their doubt didn't disqualify them. It didn't delay the mission. It didn't stop the next step.

Friends, a lot of us think we need perfect, unshakable faith before we move forward. Not true. There were moments in my life – big ones – where I had to make a move without knowing how it was going to turn out, without full certainty and little clarity. I have faith that God gave the grace just to trust and take the next step. Not 100%. Not even close.

And maybe that's where you are right now. Doubts about God. About your direction. About decisions you've made. About whether anything in your life is actually going to change. Guess what? You're in good company. Scripture is filled with people like that. Mary: *"How can this be?"* And she still said yes. Thomas: *"I won't believe unless I see."* And he still showed up. John the Baptist: the one who pointed to Jesus with total certainty later asks, *"Are you really the one?"* Even the greatest wrestled.

But, here's the difference: their doubt wasn't their end. That's the danger. Not doubt itself but turning it into a dead end. Real faith isn't pretending you don't struggle. It's wrestling through the questions and still choosing to trust. So, if you're in that gray space right now. Good. Just don't stay stuck there. Dead ends are where new beginnings start.

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When Jesus ascends, the angels say: *"Why are you still looking up?"* In other words: Move. Don't just stand there staring, stuck in your head, stuck in your doubt. Take the next step. Even if it's small and if you're unsure. Even if you're still questioning everything. You can worship...and still doubt. Just don't let doubt be the place you stop.

A FEW QUICK THINGS...

- **Cardinal Tobin** will be with us next Sunday (May 24), 11:30 am for Pentecost Sunday. It's a big day for our parish. Plan to come, come early, and bring someone with you, and stay to greet the Cardinal after Mass.
- Speaking of **Pentecost**...it's one of the biggest days of the Church year (right up there with Christmas and Easter), so **we'll have music at the 8am Mass next Sunday.**
- **Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all wore a "fire" color to represent the flame of the Holy Spirit next Sunday? Reds, oranges, yellows and golds, even whites and blues!** (Great test to see who actually read these bulletin columns...)
- **6pm Sunday Mass** - this evening is the last one for the season until after Labor Day.
- **Children's Church** at our 10am Mass continues through June 14 (off for next weekend for Memorial Day). The kids who come forward are really having fun in there!
- **Called By Name** (through June 5). Help us nurture future priestly vocations. In the vestibule, write the names of young men (15–35) who you feel God may be calling on the provided cards. Drop them in the basket next to the cards, and they'll be sent to the Cardinal, who will personally invite them to future discernment opportunities.
- **Rosary Week** (M-Th, 7pm). Come for one evening, all four. 1/2 hr!
- Thank you to **Fr. Frank Del Prete** for covering while I'm away.

Friends, know you are loved!

Happy Easter!

See you next week!

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.

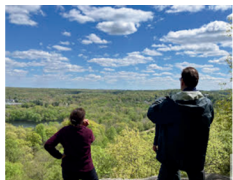
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THE KNIGHTS CORNER



The Saint Gabriel's community donated nearly **\$1,300** to the Knight's "Shake-the-Car" campaign last weekend. One hundred percent of this money will go to **helping those with special needs and cognitive disorders**. We believe this is a record collection in all the years we have been holding this event. This parish never fails to step up when there is a need. **Thank you** so much.

The Knights recently held a **family hike** for all Brothers and their families at the Ramapo Reservation in Mahwah. The weather was perfect and the trail took the hikers to two beautiful lookouts. Thanks to all who participated and to Sir Knight Mark Sterancsak for organizing the event.



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the monthly **Men's Mass** on Saturday, **May 30 at 8:00am**. All men of the parish, and guests, are welcome. 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 **"Into the Breach"** series, inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation for Catholic Men written by Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix, and produced by the Knights of Columbus, which seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world. This month's topic is **Spiritual Warfare**.

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

Did you know? May 20 is the feast day of **Saint Bernardino of Siena**. He was an Italian Catholic priest and Franciscan missionary preacher. Bernardino is referred to as **"the Apostle of Italy"** within the Roman Catholic Church for his efforts to revive the country's Catholicism during the 15th century. His patronage includes advertisers, public relations personnel, and of course, the California city of San Bernardino.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for 5/3/26 was \$13,766.75.
The amount of the collection for 5/10/26 was \$12,421.75.
Thank you for your generosity & God bless you and your families.

Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

The Church's Safe Environment efforts emphasize education, awareness, compassion and appropriate response to concerns involving children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Mental and emotional health play an important role in maintaining healthy relationships and boundaries. If you or someone you know is experiencing distress or has concerns about inappropriate behavior or misconduct, please seek support and report concerns promptly. Protecting God's people is a responsibility we all share.

Anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct is asked to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 201-407-3256



SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORNER

CALLED BY NAME

HONORING FAITHFUL YOUNG MEN IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

Help us nurture future vocations! In the vestibule, please write the names of young men ages 15-35 who may be called to the priesthood on the provided cards.

Drop your completed cards in the basket, and we'll send them to the Cardinal, who will invite these individuals to discernment opportunities. Thank you for your support!



NEWARK
PRIEST



COME PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US!

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, a special time to grow in faith through prayer. Join us for a parish Rosary as we reflect on the life of Christ through the Mysteries. We will gather in the church Monday, May 18 through Thursday, May 21 at 7:00pm, praying a different set of Mysteries each evening.

Spend a peaceful half hour in prayer with our parish community. Prayer sheets will be available. Come for one night or all four! ALL are welcome!

ANNUAL²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

We reached our stretch goal, thanks to you! Donations are up from this time last year, and we've surpassed both our parish goal and stretch goal. If we keep the momentum through June 30, we may qualify for a parish rebate or assessment reduction to support future projects.



STILL TIME TO DONATE!

Online: rcan.org/sharing (select our parish), or scan the QR code.

Please prayerfully consider participating.



God mounts
his throne to
joyful shouts:
a blare of
trumpets for
the Lord.

Psalms 47



May 16- 17

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

PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

May 23- 24

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

Salvatore Averso
Dawn Conguis
Meg Gallagher
Bill Hamilton
Thomas Malanka
Marco Minuto
Merilyn Wolf

Daniel Castillo
Ada Fields
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Nicole Trotta
Patrick Scheid Scorese



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ARE SICK OR
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: May 16, 2026

9:00am † Seda Andri Kian - r/b Lee, Greg & Straus

5:00pm † David Hobbs - r/b The Maher Family

Sunday: May 17, 2026

8:00am † Ronald Sinkovitz - r/b The Shahin Family

10:00am † Barbara McElligott - r/b The Huntington Family

11:30am † Michael Menakis - r/b Dave Stuhr

6:00pm For the people of the parish

Monday: May 18, 2026

9:00am † Sam Raia - r/b Marie Cirillo

Tuesday: May 19, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish

9:00am † Helen, Bill & Roh DeLorenzo - r/b Jeanne Marzitelli

Wednesday: May 20, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish

9:00am The Alonso Family (Living Intention)- r/b Anne Rossetti

Thursday: May 21, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish (*Last 6:30 AM Mass until after Labor Day*)

9:00am † Tiffani Alonso - r/b Donna Alonso

Friday: May 22, 2026

9:00am † Warren Dressler - r/b Dave Stuhr

Saturday: May 23, 2026

9:00am † Donna Albanese - r/b Lee, Gregg & Straus

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

Sunday: May 24, 2026

8:00am † Domenico Sciubba - r/b The Gallucci Family

10:00am † Patricia Deegan - r/b Patti Ross

11:30am † Fr. Lynx Solomon's Aunt - r/b Dorinda Zaloom

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament and the Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week are available as memorials for loved ones.

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