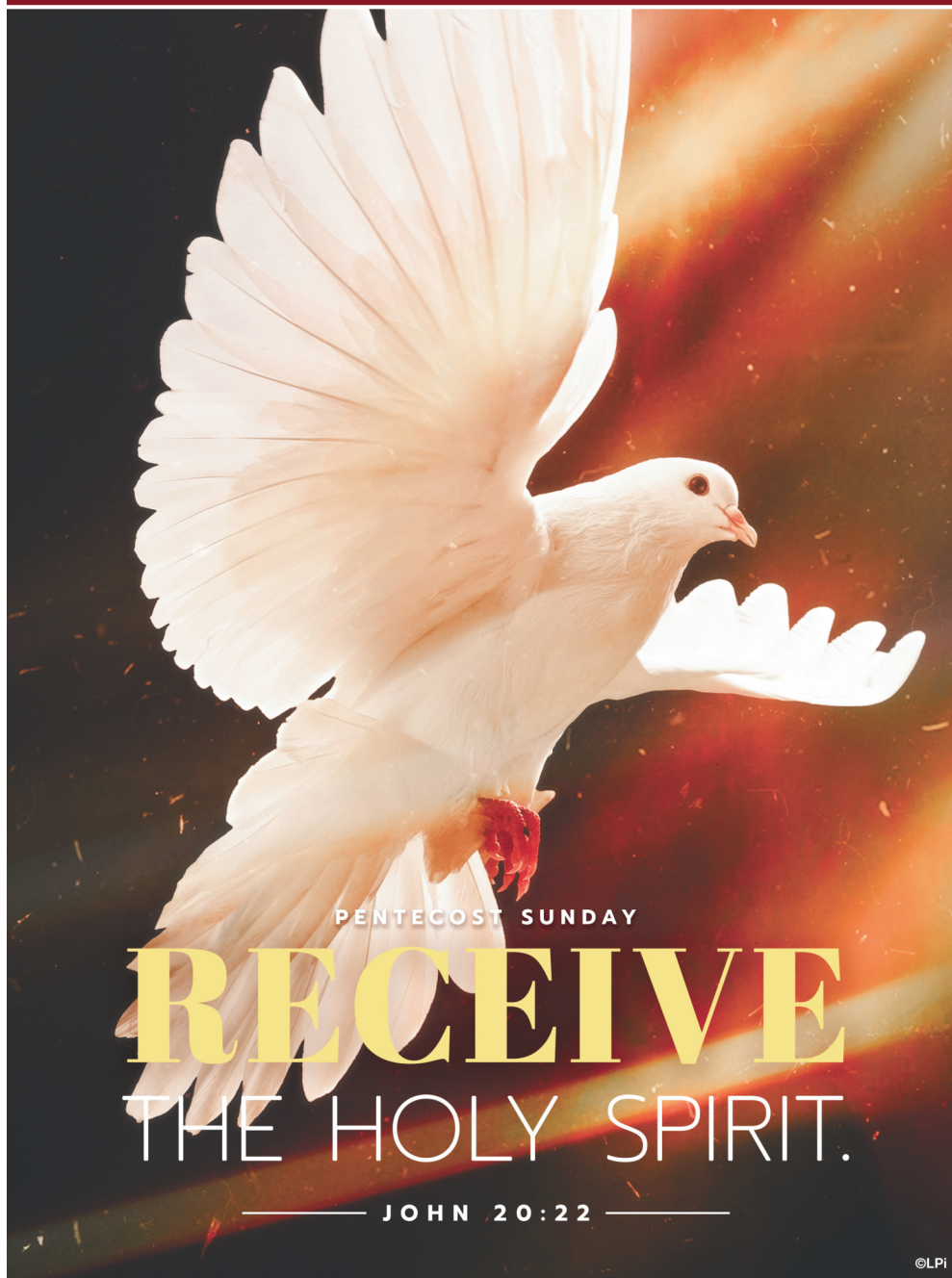


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SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026



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Become (Be transformed)

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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 THE ADMINISTRATOR

Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, the **Holy Spirit** came down upon the Apostles, and suddenly these disciples who were hiding in fear are taking it to the streets preaching Christ with boldness. **The Church explodes into the world!**

Pentecost is NOW. Not simply an event in history. The question is: "Are we actually a Holy Spirit people?" Jesus told the Apostles before he ascended: *"Go to Jerusalem and wait."* Don't preach yet. Don't move yet. Don't start yet. *"Wait for the Power (the Spirit) from on high."* **Why? Because you can't be Jesus if you don't have Jesus.**

I think for many Christians, the Holy Spirit is the "forgotten" God. An afterthought. And yet Jesus says: *"I'm giving you MY Spirit."* Not *inspiration*. Not *positive vibes...energy*. Nope. **GOD HIMSELF. The Spirit is a Person. The Third Person of the Trinity. Not an "it." But a "who."** And if you've received baptism and confirmation – he, the Spirit, already *lives* in you. You got the Gift! But, the problem is for many of us, he's sitting there, unwrapped.

How do you know when the Spirit is working in your life? That's he's been unleashed? When the Gift starts bearing fruit. St. Paul gives us this list of what the Gift of the Spirit produces: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.**

And most of us hear that list and immediately turn it into self-improvement. *"I gotta be more patient."* *"I gotta be more loving."* *"I gotta stop losing my temper."* Good luck! **Fruit isn't produced by willpower.** Fruit is an inside job. You can't tie apples on a tree and call it an apple tree. You can't tape oranges onto a eucalyptus tree and suddenly say: "Look! Citrus!" Fruit grows from the inside. The Holy Spirit has to grow it in you.

And honestly? That can be frustrating because we want instant results. We want God to fix our marriage by Tuesday, our anxiety by Thursday, our anger issues by Monday. But that's not how the Spirit works. The Spirit works gradually. Little by little.

I love this image from Rick Warren: When God wants to make a mushroom, he takes six hours. When God wants to make an oak tree, he takes sixty years. Do you want your life to be a mushroom or an oak tree? God wants to grow oak trees! And listen: you didn't collect your hurts, habits, wounds, anger, addictions, fears, insecurities overnight. So, healing doesn't happen overnight, either.

The Spirit peels the onion one layer at a time. The goal is that gradually, over time, we begin sounding more like Jesus, responding more like Jesus, loving more like Jesus. That's the entire point of the Christian life. **That's what the Spirit has been given to us for: to BE JESUS.**

So maybe the invitation this Pentecost is simple: **start speaking to the Holy Spirit.** Not complicated prayers and theological essays. Just: "Come, Holy Spirit." When you're frustrated, exhausted, stuck. When you feel empty. When you don't know what to do with your kids, your marriage, your grief, your loneliness, your anger: "Come, Holy Spirit."

The fruits of the Spirit aren't just for us. God grows fruit in your life so other people can eat from it. Your patience changes your family. Your kindness changes your workplace. Your joy changes your home. Your peace changes the atmosphere around you.

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You were made for mission.

Jesus started the work.

Now, we, the Church, carry it forward.

There's this great story that Johann Sebastian Bach died before finishing one of his masterpieces, "The Art of the Fugue." Another musician took up the task to complete it later. Imagine if she suddenly threw in rock, heavy metal, or ragtime? It would sound ridiculous!

Christ has handed his mission over to us. And if we're going to continue his work, we got to sound like him, love like him, speak like him, bear fruit like him.

This world desperately needs Spirit-filled Christians.

Pentecost is now. Are you up to finishing the piece?

WELCOME, CARDINAL TOBIN!

Today at our 11:30am Mass, we're especially honored to welcome Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, who joins us as we celebrate Pentecost.

Cardinal Tobin, thank you for being with us today – for your leadership, your ministry, your kindness, and your love for the people of the Archdiocese of Newark. We're grateful for your presence here at St. Gabriel's and assure you of our prayers. Church, please give Cardinal Tobin a warm St. Gabriel's welcome!

I always remember this powerful quote he shared with us priests: **"if our witness is not joyful, it will not be credible."** As a people on fire with the Spirit, let us, above all, as we reach out to those not with us, be a **joy-filled** people. Joy is a fruit of the Spirit, that something is happening **in** us and our community. In the words of St. Teresa of Avila: *"from gloomy-faced saints, Good Lord, deliver us!"* Joy is attractive, isn't it? Credible.

MEMORIAL DAY

Finally, let's also remember all those who gave their lives in service to our country, and all the men and women who continue to serve with courage and sacrifice. May we never take their gift for granted!

Friends, know you are loved!

Happy Easter!

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: fferraro@stgabrielSr.org

Fr. Frank Fano: ffano@stgabrielSr.org

THE KNIGHTS CORNER



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.**

The Knights will be holding our second annual **50/50 Raffle** this month. Tickets will be \$20 each. The first prize winner will be awarded 35% of the ticket sales, second prize 10%, and third prize 5%. Last year **over \$4,000 in winnings** was distributed. Let's make this year bigger and better. Tickets will be available starting May 22nd from any member of the Knights and will be sold at all Masses on the **weekend of May 30 & 31**. As always, all proceeds go to supporting local charities. The winning ticket will be drawn after the **11:30 Mass on June 7th**.

Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary has long been central to the Knights of Columbus, especially under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Order. Another Marian title, Our Lady of the Broken, was recently coined by Pope Leo XIV. Every Knight is encouraged to honor Mary as his own mother, particularly during the month of May, which is dedicated to her, and to seek her intercession in his vocation of service in his family, parish and community.

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? **Memorial Day** is a federal holiday in the United States dedicated to honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the Armed Forces. It is a **solemn day of remembrance**, distinct from Veterans Day, which celebrates all who have served. The day is set aside specifically to remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.

FINANCIAL REPORT

This week's financial report was not ready at the time of publication. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support.

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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


10:00am Mass
Children's Church continues through June 14th before taking a summer break.
Please note, there will be no session Memorial Day weekend.

MEMORIAL DAY
HEAVENLY FATHER, INSCRIBE THEIR SACRIFICES INTO OUR HEARTS SO WE MAY NEVER FORGET THE LOSS OF THESE HEROES.

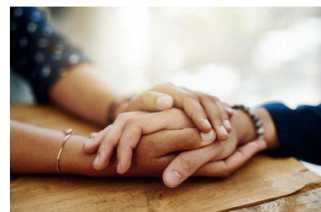
Mental Health Awareness Month

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



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ANNUAL 2026 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.

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COMMUNITY HOLDS IN
PRAYER ALL WHO ARE
SICK OR HOMEBOUND.**

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday: May 25, 2026

9:00am † Barbara Murphy - r/b The La Sala Family

Tuesday: May 26, 2026

9:00am † Joseph Fichter - r/b Tom & Patti Finnegan

Wednesday: May 27, 2026

9:00am † Sam Raia - r/b Michelle & Bruce Meisel

Thursday: May 28, 2026

9:00am † Richard V Cancilla - r/b Pat Cancilla

Friday: May 29, 2026

9:00am Intentions of the Melber Family - r/b Susan Taite Malone

Saturday: May 30, 2026

9:00am † Joseph Giancristofaro - r/b Judy
5:00pm † Bobby Mattesich - r/b The Tarabocchia Family

Sunday: May 31, 2026

8:00am † Ronald Sinkovitz - r/b The Mongelli Family
10:00am † Patricia Deegan - r/b Marie Cirillo
11:30am † Theresa Stuhr - r/b Dave Stuhr

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of May 24 are offered for Betty & Tony Moravek, requested by Jay & Betty Ann Bouton.

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament and the Altar Bread and Wine for the week are available as memorials for loved ones. To arrange, contact the parish office at (201) 327-5663.



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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

May 30- 31

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