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SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

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— MATTHEW 10:31 —



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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 THE ADMINISTRATOR

Happy Father's Day!

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us three times: *"Do not be afraid."* Then he reminds us that God, our Father, knows us completely. *"Not even a sparrow falls to the ground without the Father's knowledge! Even the hairs of your head have been counted!"* I think every good dad wants his kids to know something similar: *"I've got you."* Not that life will always be easy. Not that there won't be mistakes and failures and frustrations. But that someone is there and cares, looking out for them.

Today, we thank God for all the dads, grandfathers, stepfathers, godfathers, and father figures who have done exactly that for us. And for those whose fathers have passed away, or whose experience of fatherhood has been complicated, difficult, or painful, know of our prayers as well.

July 4th Mass

This year marks the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. On Saturday, July 4th, we'll celebrate a special Mass at 9am and pray for our nation, for peace, for our leaders, for those who serve in the military, and for all who work to make our communities stronger. Whether you have plans for barbecues or fireworks later in the day, consider starting the holiday with Mass.

Pastor!

By now, hopefully you've seen Cardinal Tobin's letter regarding my appointment as Pastor of St. Gabriel Parish, effective July 1.

First, thank you. The past year has been one of the most joyful and rewarding years of priesthood for me. I walked in as a stranger, and I'm sure you didn't really know what to expect. Through the whole transition, all you've done is welcome me, support me, change me, encourage me, and pray for me. You've allowed me to be me. And that's no easy task!

People often ask what the difference is between an Administrator and a Pastor. The truth is, most parishioners wouldn't notice much of a difference. I've been doing the same work, making the same decisions, and trying my best to serve you. The difference is that an **Administrator** is appointed temporarily. Every *potential* first-time pastor in the Archdiocese is appointed as an Administrator as a kind of trial: *"first, let's make sure he doesn't burn the place down!"*

A **Pastor** is entrusted with the long-term care of the parish. In other words: you can't get rid of me that easily! I kid. Seriously, becoming Pastor isn't something I (nor the church) see as a promotion. This isn't a job or career. It's a deeper commitment. It means saying "yes" to the responsibility of leading this parish for years to come and helping us continue becoming the parish God is calling us to be.

The term "pastor" comes from Latin, literally meaning "shepherd," one who "tends a flock." The Latin verb *pascere*, meaning "to feed," "to graze," or "to pasture." So, when the Church calls someone to be a pastor, it's not just simply an administrative title. (There's still administration involved.) Rather, it's an image of a shepherd who

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knows the sheep, feeds the sheep, protects the sheep, and goes looking for the lost sheep. It's a lot to live up to, and I'll fail in that over-and-over again. But no pastor is a shepherd alone. We're supporting one another.

Together, over the last year, we've watched new families arrive. We've seen people come back to church. We've seen *ChristLife* take off in ways none of us expected. We've watched children come forward for *Children's Church* every Sunday. Baptisms, Weddings, First Communions, Confirmations, Funerals, too.

We even hired a Communications Director because we believe more people need to know what's happening here. St. Gabriel's isn't just this beautiful building on Saddle River Road. It's a community that's alive, growing, and trying its best to help people encounter Christ.

There's still a lot of mission ahead, and you know where my heart beats: of course, for you. But I'm also a little obsessed with the people who *aren't* here. Not because I care about numbers. I don't. I care about people. I want people to hear the Good News!

I want us to be a parish that's impossible to ignore – not because we're flashy, but because people encounter something real when they get here! A parish where families feel welcome, children are loved, young people know they belong, and where community is real. A place where people can come to this place, encounter Christ, and where all of us take seriously the invitation to bring others with us. That's the kind of parish I believe God is calling us to become. And I think we're just getting started.

As I prepare to become your Pastor, I simply want to thank you and Cardinal Tobin for trusting me with this parish and with a place in your lives. I'm so excited about where we're headed.

So, friends, I'd like to extend an invitation. **On Sunday, September 27, we'll celebrate my Installation Mass as Pastor of St. Gabriel Parish at 12 noon.** (Please note: the regular 11:30am Mass that day will become the Installation Mass at noon.)

Providentially, September 27 is also the Sunday on which we'll celebrate our Parish Feast Day, honoring St. Gabriel the Archangel (whose feast falls on September 29). That's what'll make the day meaningful to me – not just my installation. It will be an opportunity for us, as a family, to celebrate what God has done, who we are, and ask St. Gabriel's intercession for the future of our parish.

I hope you'll join me. It would mean a great deal to me, and I think it will be a wonderful day for our parish community.

Friends, know you are loved.

Fr. Frank



THE KNIGHTS CORNER



Congratulations to the winners of the Knights of Columbus 50/50 raffle. A total of **\$1,780** in winnings were distributed. Prizes went to Dan Tolnay of

Ridgewood, **Sylvana Anello** of Allendale, and **Andrew Vlasak** of Media, PA. The remaining proceeds will be included in the Knights' charitable distributions to worthy local organizations.

The generous support of all the **Knights of Columbus** fundraisers since September by the Saint Gabriel community **has resulted in \$5,500 being donated to local charities.** Beneficiaries of your support are Birthright of Bergen County, Several Sources Shelters, The Sophia Rose Foundation, Family Promises of Bergen County, Homes for Veterans, The Center for Food Action, Saint Michael's Grammar School in Newark, and two seminarian students from the Archdiocese of Newark. More about these organizations in coming bulletins.

Today is **Father's Day** and we acknowledge all our deceased fathers, grandfathers, and father figures, who shaped our lives. And to all those we are fortunate enough to still have with us: **thank you for your guidance, compassion, care, and strength.** We are grateful for the profound impact you make every day.

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? Father's Day was first celebrated in the U.S. in 1909 in Spokane, WA. The holiday was started by Sonora Louise Smart Dodd in honor of her father, a widower who raised six children. Father's Day officially **became a national holiday in 1972**, when it was signed into law by President Richard Nixon. The **most popular Father's Day gifts** are cards, special outings, and clothing (**including neckties!**). George Washington was the Founding Father of the U.S., but did not have biological children of his own. He adopted the two children of his wife, Martha.

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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@stgabriel.org

Fr. Frank Fano: ffano@stgabriel.org



LORD,
IN YOUR
GREAT
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PLEASE
ANSWER
ME.

Palm 69

ANNUAL²⁰²⁶ APPEAL



St. Gabriel has surpassed our Base and Stretch Goals! Every pledge made by June 30 above our Stretch Goal increases the amount of our parish rebate, directly benefiting St. Gabriel. If you have been considering making a gift, there is still time. Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish and the ministries of the Archdiocese.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for this week was not ready at the time of publication and will be published at a later date.

We are grateful for your ongoing generosity and for the many ways you support our parish community.



Children's Church is on summer break and will resume after Labor Day. We look forward to welcoming children ages 4-10 back during the 10:00am Mass in September!



Salvatore Averso
Daniel Castillo
Dawn Conguis
Ada Fields
Meg Gallagher
Grace Gilbert
Bill Hamilton

Bob Kleinknecht
Thomas Malanka
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Marco Minuto
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Patrick Scheid Scorese



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: June 20, 2026

9:00am † Craig Adrian - r/b Bernadette & Larry

5:00pm All fathers- Father's Day

Sunday: June 21, 2026

8:00am All fathers- Father's Day

10:00am All fathers- Father's Day

11:30am All fathers- Father's Day

Monday: June 22, 2026

9:00am † Maureen Ward - r/b Barbara O'Halloran

Tuesday: June 23, 2026

9:00am † Philip Ross - r/b Patti Ross

Wednesday: June 24, 2026

9:00am † Jerry Callaghan - r/b The Viggiano Family

Thursday: June 25, 2026

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

Friday: June 26, 2026

9:00am † John Surless - r/b Chela

Saturday: June 27, 2026

9:00am Mr & Mrs Sean Salmon (Living intentions) - r/b

Eleanore Walsh

5:00pm † Ariana Diaz & Christopher Diaz - r/b Cristopher Diaz

Sunday: June 28, 2026

8:00am † Erlinda Mitra - r/b Jane and Paul

10:00am † Josephine Felice - r/b Felice Family

11:30am † Richard Stefanacci - r/b Carol Stefanacci

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The sanctuary lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lit the week of June 21st for Frederick Makhoul, requested by Dr. & Mrs. Gerard Makjhoul.

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of June 21st is requested for the Mircovich & Mattessich families, requested by Lina Mattessich.

To arrange, contact the parish office at (201) 327-5663.



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PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

June 20- 21

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Frank

June 27-28

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Guest

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