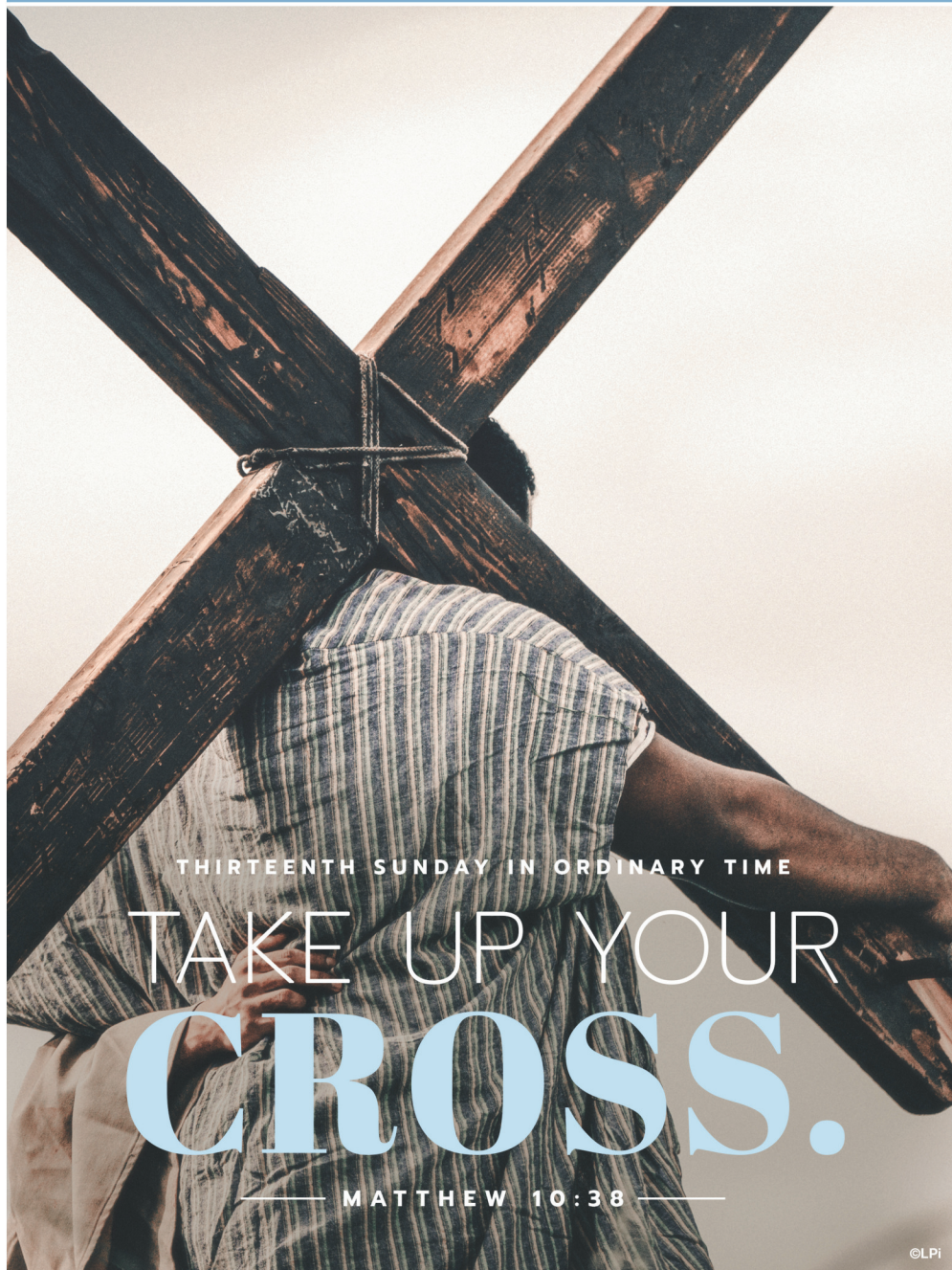


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SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026



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MATTHEW 10:38

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

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

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."
(Matthew 10:37)

On face value, that's a hard saying. What are we supposed to do with that? Love our families less? Cut out and ignore the people we actually love and are close to us? I hope not! Doesn't sound very Christian to me, Jesus!

A lot of us were taught to think about our priorities like this: God first. Family second. Country third or Work third. And then, everything else after that. But what does that even mean in real life? If God comes before my family, am I supposed to ignore my family to spend more time praying? If God comes before work, am I supposed to stop going to work? (Explain that one to your boss!) You get what I'm saying!?

What I do KNOW (and do DO!) is that sometimes we (I) put Jesus in his own little compartment...box. We've got the God box. The family box. The work box. The *fill-in-the-blank* box. Oh sure, Jesus gets the *biggest* box, but he's still in a box. And meanwhile, most of life is happening elsewhere.

I don't think Jesus is just satisfied with being the first thing on a list – and then we run of to other things. What if I he wants to be the ONE that runs through the *whole* list and shows up in every box?

Not Jesus...*then* my family. But...

...Jesus *in* my family.

Jesus *in* the way I speak to my spouse/partner.

Jesus *in* the way I raise my kids.

Jesus *in* the way I deal with my parents.

Not Jesus...*then* my work.

Jesus *in* my work.

Jesus *in* the way I treat people.

Jesus *in* the way I do business.

Jesus *in* the way I handle stress when everything's blowing up.

Anybody can say, "God comes first." The real question is: can people actually see him in the way I live? Can they see him in my marriage? My friendships? In the way I keep my word?

In my checkbook/bank app? In the way I use what God has given me? Can they see him in the way I treat the waiter when the order gets messed up? Can they see him in the way I drive on Route 17?

Can they see him in the way I speak about people online...in what I post and respond to online?

Can they see him in the way I welcome someone here to worship with us (or *especially* when I arrive and they're in MY pew!?)

Can they see him in the way I deal with disappointment and how I handle stress? In the way I respond when life doesn't go my way?

Anybody can say, "God comes first." But how does my relationship with Christ seep into the other "boxes" of my life?

It's not Jesus over *here* – and family, etc., over *there*.

It's Jesus – at the *center*.

And when Christ is really at the center, he doesn't compete with the people we love and the things we enjoy. He just teaches us how to love them better, and to use things wiser.

...continued from previous column

Fr. Ron

Today at 12:30pm, I'll be at Mount Carmel celebrating two significant milestones for Fr. Ron: his 29 years of faithful service as pastor and the beginning of his retirement.

On July 1 (the same day my pastorate begins!) we'll officially welcome him to St. Gabriel. Next weekend, I've asked him to take over this bulletin column and introduce himself – kind of as payback, because he made me do the same thing when I arrived at Mount Carmel in 2022! He'll also be greeting everyone at the Masses next weekend.

While he'll officially be retired, neither Fr. Ron nor I can imagine him being inactive. Trust me, we'll be blessed by his presence, his wisdom, and his ministry here. Please join me in giving him a warm St. Gabriel welcome.

A Saddle River Summer

While Father's Day was last weekend, I've started noticing something that happens every summer: a few more empty pews as families head away for the summer. Good! Enjoy it. I wish I could come!

If you're traveling, find a local Catholic church and worship with that community. I always enjoy hearing about your church experiences – the good, the bad, and the ugly!

And if you're away on a Sunday, remember that we livestream our 10am Mass every week on Facebook and YouTube. Jump into the chat and let us know where you're watching from!

As we move through these *quieter* summer months, I'll be spending some time praying, dreaming, and working with our Parish Team on what's next for St. Gabriel. We're already looking ahead to the fall: the return of *Children's Church* and *Faith Formation* (we're looking for more Religious Ed teachers); hospitality and welcome, and, of course, our Parish Feast Day celebration and my Installation Mass as Pastor on September 27 at 12n.

There's a lot of good momentum right now. New families and people are arriving. People are coming back to the Church. Faith is deepening and the Community is growing.

So, enjoy the summer. Rest. Spend time with the people you love. But know that while you're away, we're already preparing for an exciting season ahead at St. Gabriel.

Know you are loved!

Fr. Frank



THE KNIGHTS CORNER



Over the course of the next few weeks, we will be highlighting some of the **charities that benefit from your support** of the Knights of Columbus. It is important for our parishioners to know what happens with the donations you make when you buy mums, poinsettias, chocolate bars and 50/50 raffle tickets. This week, we highlight **Birthright of Bergen County**.

At Birthright, they understand the challenges related to unplanned pregnancies. Birthright is available to women for as long as they need them. **They offer love, friendship, and support to women** who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant. Birthright is interdenominational and is not involved in any political activities, or lobbying. **Birthright's focus is on loving the mother**, reminding her that there is hope and ensuring she is not alone. Formed in 1992, they are located in Maywood.

We hope you all took the time to attend one or more of the **Knights sponsored coffee socials** over the past ten months. Please note that after last week's Donuts for Dads, we will be breaking for the summer. There will be **no coffee socials in July or August, but they will return again starting in September**.

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? **St. Peter and St. Paul share a feast day on June 29** (known as the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul) because they are considered the foundational pillars of the Church in Rome. Their martyrdom in the first century cemented their bond as inseparable figures of early Christianity. **They represent the two halves of the early Christian mission**. Peter was the leader of the Twelve Apostles and the "rock" of the Church, primarily evangelizing to the Jews, while Paul served as the "Apostle to the Gentiles". **Celebrating them together reflects unity, balance, and the universality of the Gospel**.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for June 14 was \$12,861.75.

Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

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



ANNUAL APPEAL



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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. Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish and the ministries of the Archdiocese.



Children's Church

God's word, Kid-sized

10:00am Mass

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!



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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday: June 29, 2026

9:00am David Barrantes (living Intention) - r/b Barrantes Family

Tuesday: June 30, 2026

9:00am † Brendan Malley - r/b Kristin Malley

Wednesday: July 1, 2026

9:00am † Maureen Ward - r/b Alice & Randy Vlasak

Thursday: July 2, 2026

9:00am † Sam Raia - r/b Knights of Columbus

Friday: July 3, 2026

9:00am † Mercedes Sanchez - r/b Cathy Sutliff

Saturday: July 4, 2026

9:00am For the people of the parish

5:00pm † Marianna Chiaramonte - r/b Fred & Sharon Mistretta

Sunday: July 5, 2026

8:00am † Loretta & Richard Cook - r/b The Cook Family

10:00am † Robert Mattessich - r/b Lina Mattessich

11:30am † Madeleine Burch - r/b Burch Family

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of June 28th is requested for Josephine Felice requested by the Felice Family.

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

June 27-28

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Bishop Saporito

July 4-5

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Ron

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Ron

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