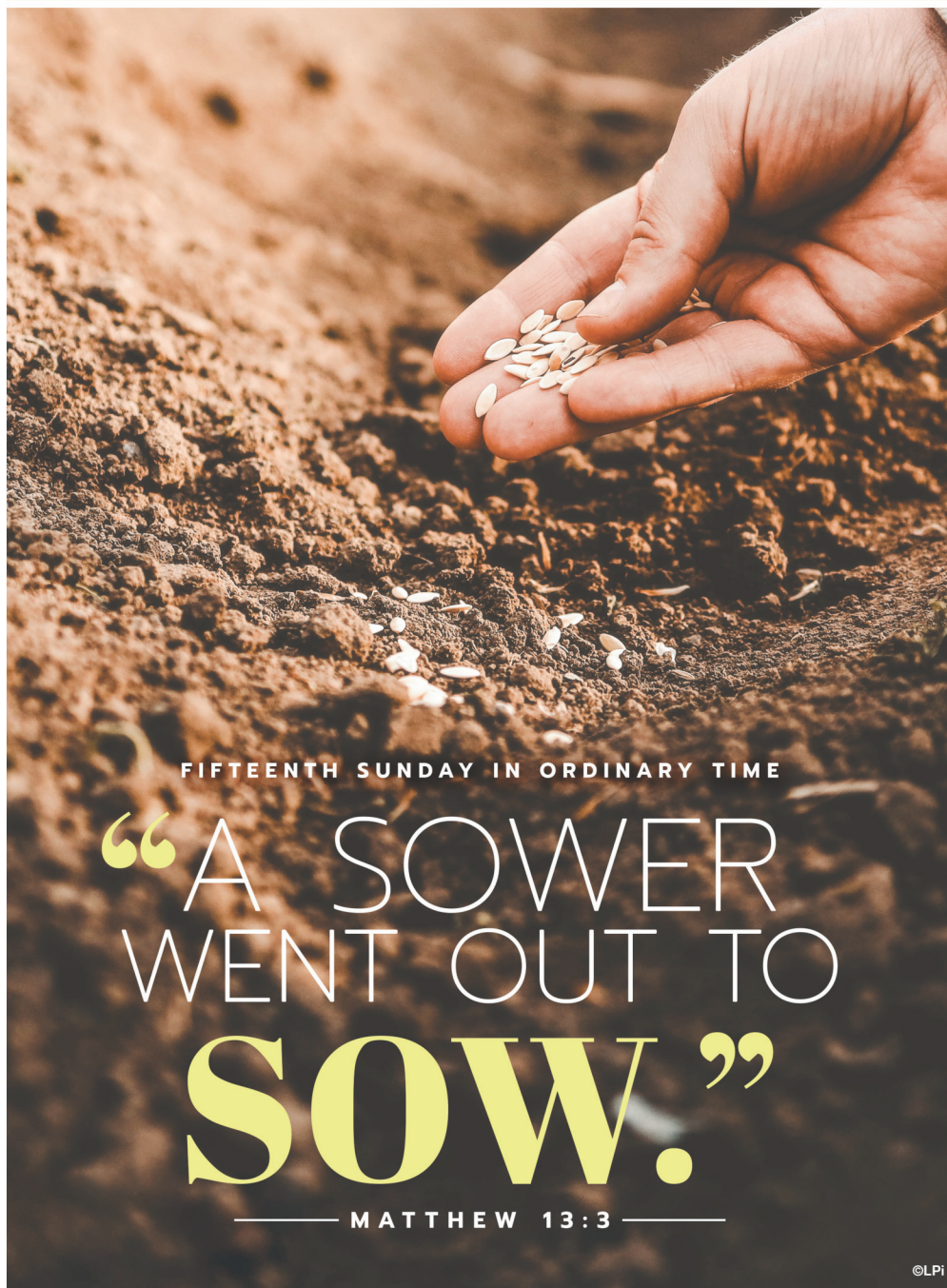


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SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“A SOWER
WENT OUT TO
SOW.”

— MATTHEW 13:3 —

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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.

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 FR. FRANK

"A sower went out to sow."

In our Gospel Lesson today, Jesus tells the familiar *Parable of the Sower*. The same seed is scattered everywhere, but it falls on all different kinds of soil. Some reject it; some receive it at first with excitement – then they move on; some are overcome by distractions; and others actually let it take root and bear abundant fruit.

Jesus tells us that the seed is the Word of God, and he's the Sower. And notice how generously he scatters it – everywhere, even on rocky ground! Why would you do that? Sounds wasteful and kind of foolish! It's almost as if he's desperately hoping that somewhere, somehow, his Word will find a place to take root.

As I reflected on this Gospel, I couldn't help but think about our children.

Every September, over 200 young people walk through our doors for Religious Education. Each one is different, arriving with a unique family story, different questions, different personalities, even different experiences of faith. **We can't make anyone believe. That's God's job. But, we can help prepare the soil.**

That's what a **catechist** does.

So, right off that bat, here's what I'm looking for – here's the pitch: WE NEED MORE CATECHISTS (Religious Ed Teachers)!

The word *Catechist* comes from the Greek, meaning "to instruct," "to teach by word of mouth" or "to hand on what has been received." A catechist is simply someone who helps pass on the Catholic faith to the next generation. And what's that even mean: the Catholic faith? Facts and figures? Pure knowledge? **It primarily means echoing and announcing the love of God, communicating it to others – the experience of God's love in one's life and sharing it. Planting the seed.**

As a catechist, you'll be walking with our children, share the beauty of our faith, share the beauty of our faith and help create a loving and



welcoming environment where God's Word has a chance to take root.

Just for a second: think back on your own life. You're here, because chances are, someone helped prepare the soil for you: a parent or grandparent. Maybe a

Religious Education teacher, a priest, a deacon, a youth minister. They didn't give you faith – that's God's job, God's gift – but they helped make your heart more open to receive it.

What if the Lord is calling YOU to be that person for someone else?

As we prepare for another year of Religious Education, **we're looking for people who feel called to help form the next generation of disciples.** If you've ever wondered whether God *might* be inviting you to serve, perhaps this is your nudge. Pray about it.

First, let me preemptively calm some fears: you don't have to be Mother Theresa. You don't have to be St. Thomas Aquinas, the great theologian. You don't have to be a Scripture scholar. **If you have a love for Jesus, a love for children, and a willingness to keep growing in your own faith, you already have the most important qualifications!** Just someone willing to help scatter the seed and trust God to do the growing!

This ministry may be a wonderful fit if you are:

- A **parent**. Parents especially may be the most *natural fit*: you're already invested by continuing to bring your children to us. We simply need more parents willing to take that next step.
- A **grandparent** who wants to share your love of the faith – especially if you already have grandchildren in the program.
- **Retired**.
- A **college student** or a **young adult** looking to make a difference.
- **Someone who has rediscovered the faith** and wants to help others do the same.
- A **parishioner** who's always wondered, "Maybe I should help," but wasn't sure how. So many people ask me, "I want to help...to be involved somehow." Well, here's a perfect way!
- **Someone who enjoys working with young people.**

So, here's what we're looking for: catechists for grades 1–8, with our greatest need in Grades 1, 2, and Homeschool Grade 4.

The commitment is very manageable:

- One hour each week (Mondays or Tuesdays, 3:30 – 4:30pm)
- Our program runs from mid-September through late March.
- Homeschool Grade 4 meets in person just once a month, with online assignments completed throughout the month.
- Class sizes are intentionally small, with no more than 12 students.
- All lesson plans, teaching materials, training, and ongoing support are provided.
- Prefer to teach with a friend? Buddy teaching is always an option.

Who makes a great catechist?

Someone who knows of God's love, is growing in a personal relationship with Christ and growing as a disciple, and of course, enjoys working with children! Again, you don't need to have all the answers. A generous spirit, patience, compassion, and a desire to share the love of God you've received.

Why become a catechist?

Because you'll help shape the faith of the next generation. That has to become a top priority here at St. Gabriel's. You'll accompany children as they come to know Jesus, grow in your own faith along the way, meet wonderful people, and play an important role in the life of our parish. Many catechists say that it also strengthens their own family life and deepens their appreciation for the Catholic faith.

So, give it some prayer and discernment.

Let us know!

You won't be on your own here!

Please reach out to Amanda, our Director of Religious Education:
aperfetti@stgabrielssr.org.

Finally, I want to offer a sincere word of thanks to

our **current catechists**. Thank you for generously sharing your faith, your time, and your love with the young people of our parish. The seeds you continue to plant may bear fruit for a lifetime. Your ministry is deeply appreciated, and I am grateful for all you do!

Friends, 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 **Family Promise of Bergen County**.

Located in Ridgewood, the mission of Family Promise is to **empower working families** facing housing insecurity to become self-sufficient by providing temporary housing and personalized support, as well as address food insecurity in the community every day. Their Walk-in Dinner program has served over **1.5 million meals since 1991** – a powerful milestone in their ongoing commitment to fighting hunger in our community. Family Promise of Bergen County is an affiliate of the national organization, Family Promise, which has over 200 affiliates across the country.

Through his life and ministry, Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, exemplified how **love of country and love of neighbor are "companions rooted in the Gospel"**. Every Knight is called to serve his country through the Order's principles of charity, unity and fraternity. Knights believe that patriotism is not oblivious to a nation's shortcomings. But neither do patriots content themselves with complaining about what's wrong. True patriotism spurs us to **help our country become the best version of itself**.

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? July 14 is the feast day of **Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**. Known as the **Lily of the Mohawks**, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha courageously converted to Catholicism at age 19 despite her family's disapproval. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is the **first Native American to be recognized as a saint** by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband. She was canonized on 10/21/2012 by Pope Benedict XVI.

JULY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Due to ongoing production delays at our envelope supplier, July offertory envelopes will not be mailed. If you use envelopes for your weekly offering, please use any unused envelope from a previous month (*or any plain envelope*) and write your name, envelope number (*if known*), and the correct July date. Your gift will be credited properly.

If you give online through ParishSOFT Giving, no action is needed. If you'd like to make the switch, you'll find the ParishSOFT Giving information in this bulletin for secure, convenient online giving. Thank you for your patience and understanding!



FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for July 5th was \$10,515.75.

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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@stgabrielsr.org

Fr. Frank Fano: ffano@stgabrielsr.org



Children's Church

God's word, Kid-sized

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
Joan Massotti
Marco Minuto
Nicole Trotta
Merilyn Wolf
Patrick Scheid Scorese



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: July 11, 2026

9:00am † Patricia Deegan - r/b Angela Scorese

5:00pm † William Gaddis - r/b Lynne Frieman

Sunday: July 12, 2026

8:00am † John & Mary Ann Pennell - r/b The Cook Family

10:00am † Ron Sinkovitz - r/b Peter & Carol Cammisa

11:30am † Richard Stefanacci - r/b The Stefanacci Family

Monday: July 13, 2026

9:00am † Tommy O'Hora - r/b The Viggiano Family

Tuesday: July 14, 2026

9:00am † Agnes Kwiek - r/b Eva Burch

Wednesday: July 15, 2026

9:00am † Stephanie Makhoul - r/b Dr & Mrs Gerard Makhoul & Family

Thursday: July 16, 2026

9:00am † Mercedes Sanchez - r/b Joan Saoud

Friday: July 17, 2026

9:00am † Karen Buongiorno - r/b Teresa & Dan Gallagher

Saturday: July 18, 2026

9:00am † Ruth Celentano - r/b Tara Hamilton

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

Sunday: July 19, 2026

8:00am † Darlene L Marron - r/b Ed Marron

10:00am † Ron Sinkovitz - r/b Ana & Larry Bauerlein

11:30am † Mrs. Krystyna Wojewoda - r/b Jackie Dent

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The sanctuary lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lit the week of July 12th for Kevin O'Halloran requested by the O'Halloran Family.

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of July 12th is requested for Kevin O'Halloran requested by The O'Halloran Family.



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PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

July 11-12

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Ron

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Ron

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Frank

July 18-19

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Ron

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Ron

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