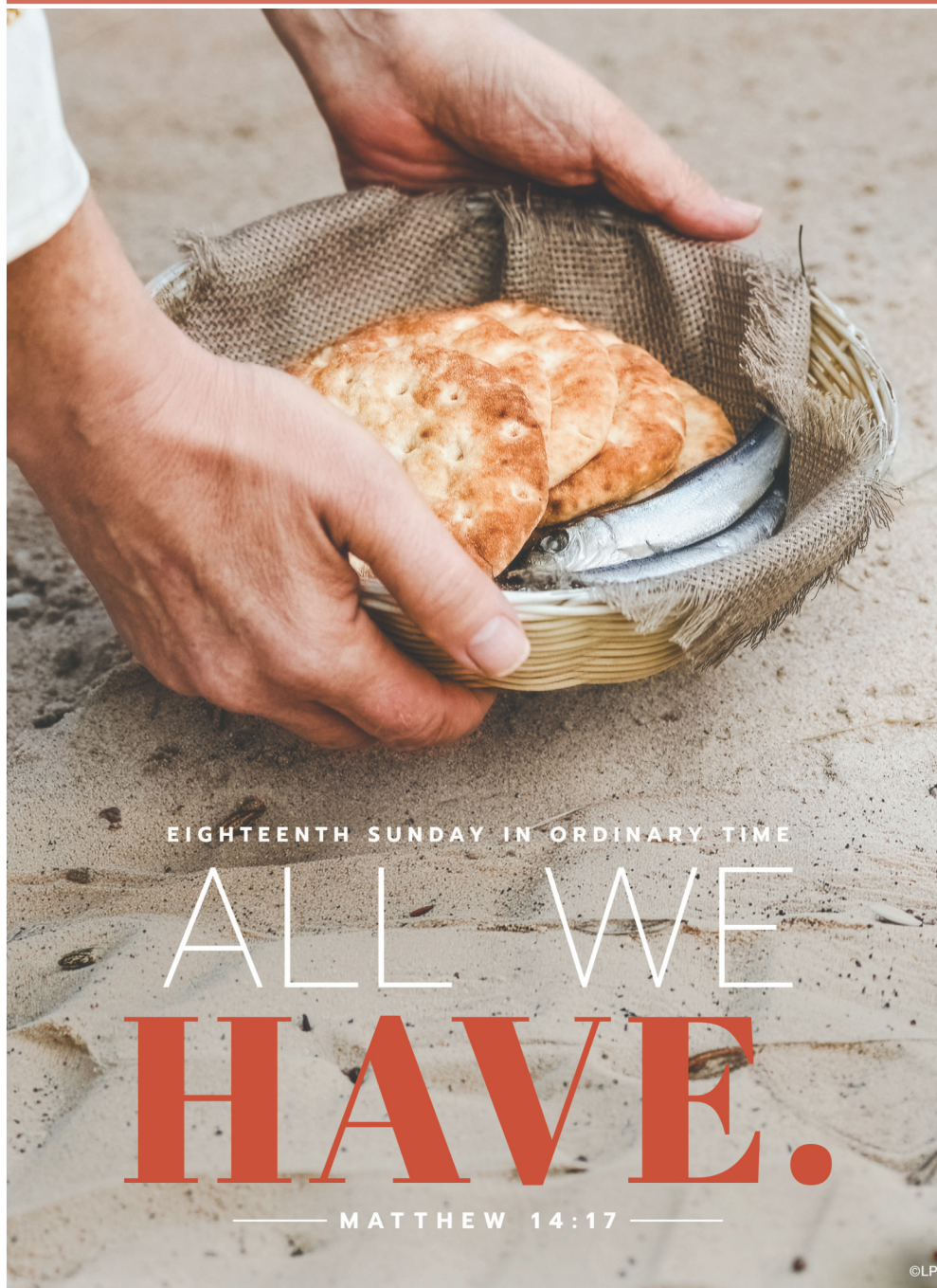


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MATTHEW 14:17

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Here at St. Gabriel, we strive to embrace these values:

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*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

### "YOU FEED THEM!"

One of the hardest questions people ask is this: *"If God is all-powerful, why doesn't he just feed the hungry?"* Today's Gospel might give a clue. The disciples see thousands of hungry people, and Jesus says something shocking: *"give them some food yourselves."*

Could Jesus have fed the crowd *without* the disciples? Of course. But he chose not to – until the disciples [me and you] worked with the process! That's how God usually works. He works through *people*.

How many times have I heard people talk about hunger and poverty and say, *"Oh please. The Vatican should sell its gold and artwork,"* or, *"The billionaires should take care of it."* Or, *"The government should fix it."* Fine. Or, like the disciples: *"dismiss them, so they can buy food for themselves."*

The moment I say, as a Christian, *"someone else should do it,"* I've removed myself from Jesus' command and my personal Christian responsibility: *"give them some food yourselves."*

That's why **Fr. Frédéric** is with us this weekend, inviting us to exercise our discipleship, and work with Christ to feed hungry people – hungry for food, education, healthcare, and the hope of Christ. *"Give them some food YOURSELVES!"*

Five loaves and two fish weren't enough...until they were. And what we place into his hands, he still multiplies today.

### ST. GABRIEL WISH-LIST: BE AN AMBASSADOR

Last week, I ended my column with the one overriding desire I have:

*"My guess is that the greatest needs on our 'Wish List' aren't things at all – they're opportunities for each of us to take one more step in discovering, following, and sharing Christ together – all while becoming a parish that's consumed, animated, almost 'obsessed' in every decision and plan we make attracting those not here with us. I must confess – that is ALWAYS on my mind. They are. ALWAYS."*

I believe, with all my heart, that a parish is truly alive when it's made up of **growing disciples who are growing other disciples**.

Every Sunday – while it's difficult to see over the summer – our attendance is growing. God is doing something beautiful here.

Throughout the year:

- Children gather for **Children's Church** [10am Sundays] where they hear the Gospel in a way they can understand;
- Faith Formation continues to form young disciples;
- Close to 70 adults experienced **ChristLife** in the winter with *Discovering Christ*, most continued in the spring with *Following Christ*, and this fall, many will begin *Sharing Christ*;
- Men gather monthly for prayer and fellowship [8am last Saturdays];
- Women meet monthly for small group sharing;
- Baptisms, Marriages, Anointings, Funerals...

But here's what I've noticed in *"ChurchWorld."* People don't just show up. First, there's a "buzz" about a place. People talk. It gets around. But mostly, people come because someone *invited* them, *welcomed* them. Someone dared ask, *"Come with me."* That's how the Gospel has spread for two thousand years! Andrew brought Peter, the Samaritan woman brought her village, Philip told Nathanael, *"Come and see."*

**The Gospel spreads best through relationships. That's where YOU come in. You are an ambassador for what God is doing here.**

One simple way? Invite someone to Sunday Mass. Hopefully, you won't be embarrassed when they arrive. Every Sunday, I primarily preach with the person who's been away from Church in mind – who's asking questions, who's hurting, who's unconvinced in faith, or who's simply curious. **They're ALWAYS on my mind.** And here's the beautiful thing: when we stop making church just about ourselves and start thinking about *those who aren't here yet*, we all end up hearing the Gospel with fresh ears!

Think about the people in your life: a family member who hasn't been to church in years. A neighbor looking for hope. A coworker carrying a heavy burden. A young family searching for somewhere to belong. Imagine yourself saying: *"Why don't you come 'with me' this Sunday?"* That's often how it starts. The truth is – many people are waiting for an invitation they might never receive!

Now, I'd love to get to the point where we feel confident enough to say [to anyone, in any age-group, background]: *"St. Gabe's has something I'd love for you to experience."* [Do we? Can we?] Again, not from our "churchy" point of view/preference, but from *theirs*. A dream of mine is that *whenever* we offer something spiritual, it's not *just* for us "Church" folk. That even if an agnostic or atheist dropped in, they would experience welcome and not be made to feel like they're a project-to-be-fixed, or an outsider who doesn't belong.

So, here's what I'm asking every parishioner to do:

- **Pray** each day for *one person* in your life who isn't with us for worship.
- **Invite** at least that one person to Sunday Mass for the fall.
  - Sit with them if they come. Don't let them walk in or leave alone.
- **Welcome** someone you *don't* know before or after Mass. Introduce yourself.
- **Tell** someone why St. Gabriel's has become important to you. Your story matters more than you realize!
- **Think outward.** Are we building a parish just for ourselves, or for those God is *still* sending?

I want St. Gabriel's to be known as a parish that is constantly looking *outward* – because WE know what it feels like to encounter Christ, and we want OTHERS to experience that same joy.

Every one of us has a role to play. It can't all hinge on the priest! You are the face of this parish long before a priest speaks, before a priest ever got here, and long after they're gone. YOU ARE the welcome in the parking lot, the pew, the conversation after Mass, the one who looks for the unfamiliar and introduces yourself, the invitation that could change someone's life. **BE AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST!** [2 Corinthians 5:20]

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 **Priestly Vocations in the Archdiocese of Newark.**

With the support of the Saint Gabriel community, the Knights were able to make a donation to **two young men, nominated by the Archdiocese**, studying for the priesthood at the **Immaculate Conception Seminary of Seton Hall University.** The Seminary offers men preparing for the priesthood the personal, academic, ministerial and spiritual formation essential for their conversion to Jesus Christ and for their commitment to a life of service to the church. The donation will help these two men with incidental expenses they incur throughout their upcoming school year.

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](mailto:knights@stgabrielsr.org).

Each of the Order's four principles — charity, unity, **fraternity** and patriotism — uniquely contributes to the Knights of Columbus' mission. Bishop James Ruggieri of Portland, Maine argues that fraternity "is essential to evangelization and inviting men to a deeper life of faith." He emphasizes that fraternity "**is a bond of brotherhood rooted in Christ.**" It is the conviction that we do not walk alone, that we do not serve alone, that we do not carry our burdens alone, and that we do not grow in holiness alone."

**Did you know?** August 6 is the **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.** Most biblical scholars and Christian traditions view the appearance of **Moses and Elijah** at the Transfiguration as a visionary or spiritual manifestation rather than a fully physical, earthly presence. The Luke's Gospel describes them **appearing in "glory"** and talking with Jesus before vanishing, which aligns with a heavenly or supernatural phenomenon rather than flesh-and-blood bodies walking on the mountain.

### 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](mailto:fferraro@stgabrielsr.org)

Fr. Frank Fano: [ffano@stgabrielsr.org](mailto:ffano@stgabrielsr.org)



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## LET'S GIVE A ST. GABE'S WELCOME TO FR. FRED FROM MISSIONHURST CICM!

Fr. Fred is a native of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Africa. He belongs to the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (CICM). He was ordained priest in June 22, 2013.

WHO WE ARE: Missionhurst-CICM  
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Missionhurst-CICM was founded in 1862 by a Belgian priest. Fr. Theophile Verbist, initially for the evangelization in China. Actually, we're serving in 26 countries around the world.

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Fr. Fred will share about their mission among forgotten children in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Understanding that the church in its very nature is missionary, Fr. Fred will invite to participate in their mission through prayer and generous financial support.



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## 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 in September!

## SHARE YOUR FAITH. SHAPE THE FUTURE.

We are looking for catechists for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation year, beginning this September. No experience necessary!

For more information, contact  
*Amanda Perfetti*, Director of  
Religious Education at  
[aperfetti@stgabriel.org](mailto:aperfetti@stgabriel.org) or (201) 327-5663.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to support those affected by the recent earthquakes in Venezuela. Your prayers and generosity are deeply appreciated. All donations will be forwarded through the Archdiocese of Newark to assist those in need.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for July 26th was \$13,035.75. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.



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# BLESSING



He said the blessing,  
broke the loaves,  
and gave them  
to the disciples.

MATTHEW 14:19c

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2 Corinthians 5:20

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday: August 1, 2026

9:00am † Szymkowiak Family- r/b Family  
5:00pm † Joan Ferro- r/b Patti Ross

### Sunday: August 2, 2026

8:00am † Loretta & Richard Cook- r/b The Cook Family  
10:00am † Gordon Howath- r/b Jane and Paul Ibarrola  
11:30am † Josephine Felice- r/b The Felice Family

### Monday: August 3, 2026

9:00am Kimberly Barrantes (living intention)- r/b The Barrantes Family

### Tuesday: August 4, 2026

9:00am † Peter Picone-r/b Lynn & Bruce Massey

### Wednesday: August 5, 2026

9:00am † Special Intention Virginia-r/b Tara Hamilton

### Thursday: August 6, 2026

9:00am † Carey Hamilton-r/b Tara Hamilton  
Prayer request for Pat Scorese-r/b Angela Scorese

### Friday: August 7, 2026

9:00am † Carey Hamilton- r/b Tara Hamilton

### Next Saturday: August 8, 2026

9:00am † Robert Mattessich- r/b Lina Mattessich  
5:00pm † Rosina Farro- r/b Pat Zampieri

### Next Sunday: August 9, 2026

8:00am † John and Mary Ann Pennell- r/b The Cook Family  
10:00am † Katherine Ferro- r/b Patti Ross  
11:30am † Yannic, Vixamar Ciceron- r/b Gaelle Duvivier

## IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of August 2nd 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.



## PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

### August 1-2

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

### August 8-9

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



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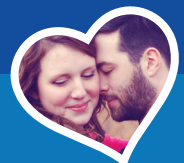


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