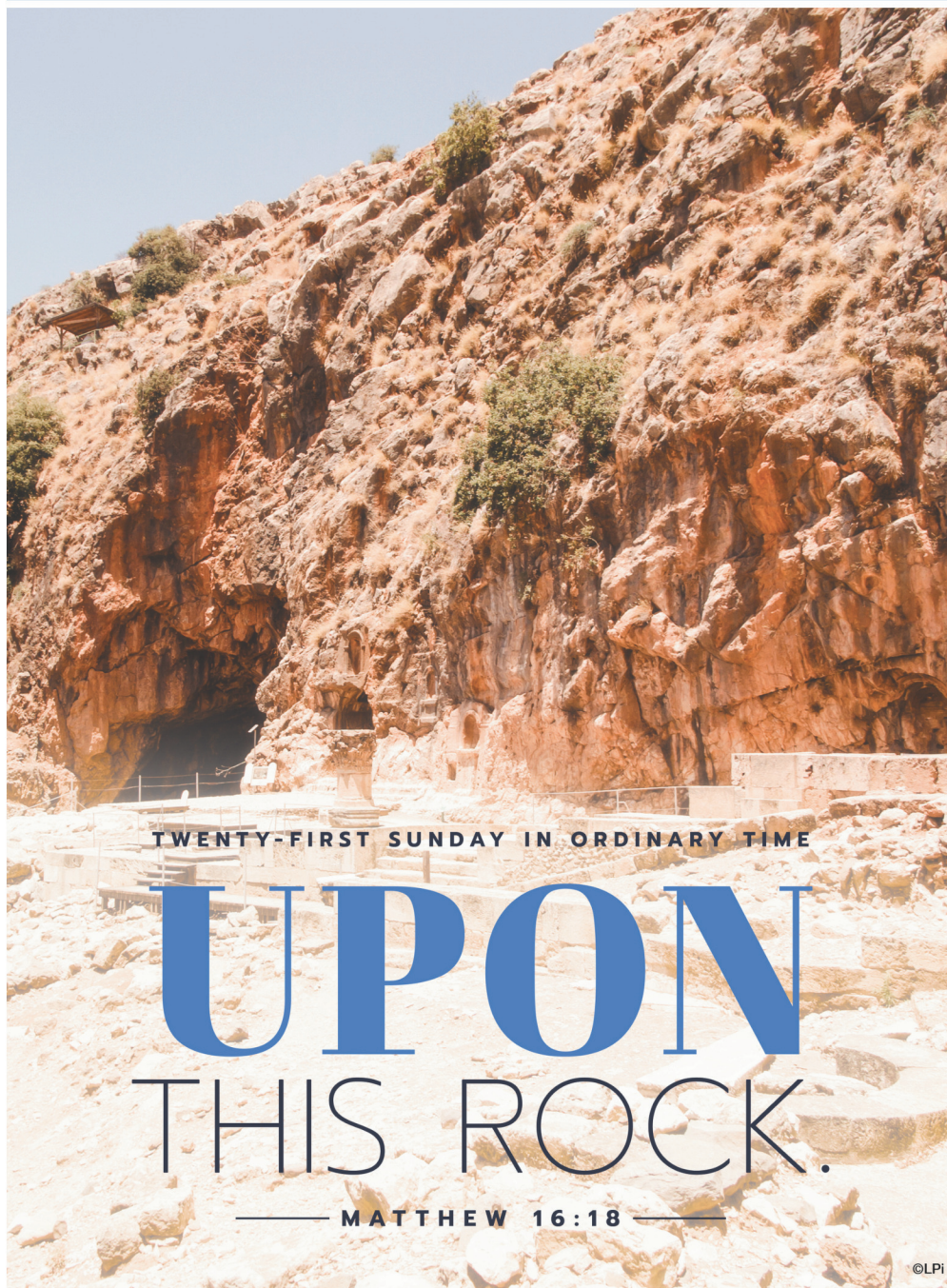


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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026



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MATTHEW 16:18

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

Friends, I'm going to take a week off from adding something new to my "Wish List" series. Rather, I thought it might be time for a little recap and unpack them a bit more. I trust you are taking the bulletins home ☺ but I don't want us to forget what we've been talking about!

First, I asked for AMBASSADORS. Be an ambassador of St. Gabriel. I asked you to think of just **one person**, either who's drifted away, used to be here, or who doesn't have a church home. Someone who's searching or who might never walk through these doors unless somebody invites them. **Invite them to come here for a Sunday Mass this fall!**

All you need to say is **"Come with me."** That's *still* on my Wish List and will *always* be until the point where we have to add another Mass to the schedule! We can never stop responding to Jesus' call to make disciples. (Matt. 28: 19).

But, let me give a couple of *pointers* in making the invite. Here's something practical that would be great, especially if these became *habits* we could start practicing:

Pastor Andy Stanley talks about listening for what he calls the "3 NOTs."

1] **"I'm NOT in church."**

(*"We used to go, but..." "I haven't been in years..."*)

2] **"Things are NOT going well."**

(*"My marriage/relationship is struggling or on the line..." "I'm worried about my kids..." "It's been a really hard year..."*)

3] **"I NOT prepared for this."**

(*A loss. A diagnosis. A new baby. Retirement. A major change in life.*)

When you hear one of those "NOTs", **THAT'S YOUR OPENING.** You don't have to preach or give platitudes.

Just connect the dots! Put it on me, or Fr. Ron or Fr. Anthony: *"You know, Fr. 'So and So' was just talking about something like 'that' a couple weeks ago..." "We were just talking about that at church..."*

And then: *"Why don't you come with me Sunday?"*
Or even: *"I'll meet you there. Come, and sit with me."*

That's it. Listen for the "NOT" and "connect the dots." Then, make the invitation.

I also asked for people who will WELCOME. (Perhaps next week, I'll start to give my vision for an actual "Greeters" ministry: people at the doors simply there to say "hello!" That's pretty much it! Maybe we'll pilot it at one Mass to begin with?)

But we can *all* help make St. Gabriel's the kind of place where somebody can walk through the doors not knowing anybody, not knowing what to do, maybe not even knowing what they believe – and still feel: **I belong here.** I can welcome from the Altar all I want, but it's you guys who "make it happen."

Here's some tips:

- Look up. Don't just talk to the same people you talk to every Sunday. Notice the person you don't know.
- Make room in the pew instead of making somebody climb over you.
- Maybe don't ask, *"Are you new?"* They may have been coming for six months! How about *"I don't think we've met. I'm 'so and so'..."*
- Introduce them to ONE other person. Now they know two people!
- Sometimes five minutes of conversation before/after Mass is what turns *"I went to a church"* into *"I think I found my church."*

Then, I asked – more like *invited* – you to SING. I know this might feel uncomfortable for some of us: *"I have a terrible voice."* or *"It's just not my thing."* I understand. Never a judgment from me! *You still* belong. But, why not try to pick up the hymnal – and at least take in the words if you're going to choose not to sing.

Friends, the Church is clear that music at Mass isn't accidental or ornamental. It's intentional and essential. The assembly's – your – singing is the **first sermon a visitor hears at St. Gabriel's. Not mine. It signals that this community is a spiritually healthy community – on fire with the Holy Spirit!**

And along with that, we're always looking for people to join our **Adult Choir** and our kids to become part of the *Archangel Choir* (coming this fall!)

And then, last week I asked for people to help us get the Gospel OUTSIDE these walls and on people's screens. Our livestream isn't just for the homebound – although I'm so grateful that it keeps them connected to us.

A few Sundays ago, our 10am livestream Mass reached **2,900 views** (Last week it was 2.8K. So, it's *still* getting views!) Think about this again: during the summer, we have about 550 people physically here on a Sunday. But the Gospel is going a whole lot farther than 88 E Saddle River Rd! You know, people might not walk into our Church until checking us out online, first. It's their "first visit" before they even visit.

And now, we need people willing to help us do that – to learn the camera, follow the action, zoom in where needed, and eventually help us when we grow to a multi-camera setup. It's really simple to operate. We can teach you. Email me, please, if you're interested!

And finally, I'm asking that we all keep growing. Myself, included – Discovering Christ. Following Christ. Sharing Christ. The goal isn't simply to get more people into the building or not even to get more people volunteering. It's about becoming or growing as **disciples of the Lord Jesus. Growing disciples growing disciples.** Where church can matter for us (engaged) by making it matter for them (disengaged)! I really believe this focus on "those not with us" is going to make Church so much more interesting and dare I say, FUN! I want us AMPED UP for this!

That might be the biggest thing on my Wish List.

Pray for the success of our parish.

More on the way next week.

Friends, know you are loved!
Fr. Frank



THE KNIGHTS CORNER

Reminder that 2026 marks the **30th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus** here at Saint Gabriel's. To

help us celebrate, we'd like to gift this beautiful 11-inch statue of Saint Gabriel to one of our fellow Parishioners. Just enter your name and number on the entry form and drop it in the entry box. **Forms and entry box can be found in the vestibule at the back of the church.** The official drawing will be held on October 11th following the 10:00AM Knight's Mass. There is absolutely no cost to enter, but please enter only once (St. Gabriel is watching!). We're awarding this as a **thank you for all the loyal support** our fellow parishioners have shown throughout these past 30 years.



On August 13, the Knights of Columbus celebrated the **feast of Blessed Michael McGivney**, the Order's founder, whose life and legacy continue to inspire the Knights' mission to strengthen Catholic families, serve the Church and help those in need. **Nearly 2,000** Knights of Columbus leaders, family members and guests gathered in Denver for the 144th Supreme Convention. **"We are not just another charitable organization,"** Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said in his annual report, delivered during the opening business session, **"We are a global brotherhood of Catholic leaders — and we are united in Jesus Christ."**

If you are interested in **joining the St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus**, contact a current member or send us an email at knights@stgabrielstr.org.

Did you know? August 27 is the **Feast Day of Saint Monica**. She earned the playful title of the **"first helicopter mom"** because she persistently tracked, prayed for, and followed her wayward eldest son, St. Augustine, across the Mediterranean Sea and Roman Empire to steer his life toward faith. Among other things, she is the **patron saint of disappointing children**.

ST. GABRIEL'S SOCIAL CLUB

The Seniors Social Club meets on the third Thursday of each month and is open to adults ages 50 and up.

The first meeting of the season will be Thursday, October 21. For more information, contact Patti Ross at 201-962-3793.

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@stgabrielstr.org

Fr. Frank Fano: ffano@stgabrielstr.org

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

A JOYFUL CELEBRATION FOR OUR PARISH

Please join us as we **celebrate a special milestone** in the life of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish!

On **Sunday, September 27**, during our celebration of the Solemnity of St. Gabriel the Archangel, **Bishop Michael Saporito** will celebrate the **Mass of Installation of Fr. Frank Fano** as Pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish.

Although Fr. Frank officially began his ministry as our pastor on July 1, this special Mass gives us the opportunity to come together as a parish family in prayer and thanksgiving as he is formally installed as our pastor.

Mass of Installation | 12:00 Noon

Reception | 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join us for the Mass and reception! We kindly ask that you **RSVP for the reception by September 20** so that we can prepare for you. To RSVP, please contact Patti Ross at 201-962-3793.

We look forward to celebrating this joyful occasion together as a parish family!



There's so much to look forward to at St. Gabe's!

As we begin a new season of parish life, we're excited to welcome back familiar favorites, begin new opportunities for faith and fellowship, and continue growing together as a parish family.

From opportunities for children and families to gatherings for adults and parish-wide celebrations, there's something happening for everyone.

Keep an eye on our bulletin, Flocknote, and social media for upcoming dates, details, and ways to get involved. We can't wait to see you!

- Children's Church
- 6pm Sunday Mass
- Faith Formation
- Fr. Frank's Installation Mass
- Tech Crew (Livestream)
- ChristLife
- Seniors Social Club
- Men's Fellowship
- Women's Christian Community Group

And much more!

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

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



Bob Kleinknecht
Thomas Malanka
Joan Massotti
Nicole Trotta
Merilyn Wolf
Patrick Scheid Scorese



WOMEN'S COMMUNITY GROUP

The Women's Christian Community Group gathers each month, September - June, for fellowship, faith-sharing, and an opportunity to grow together in faith. All women of the parish are welcome to join this friendly and welcoming group!

Meetings are held on the **second Tuesday of each month** in the Parish Rectory. The first meeting of the new season will be **Tuesday, September 8 at 1:00pm.**

For more information, please contact **Patti Ross at 201-962-3793.**

We hope you'll consider joining us!

FLOCKNOTE: NEVER MISS A PARISH EVENT AGAIN

Sign up at <https://stgabrielr.flocknote.com/home> or **scan the QR Code!**

Join us on Flocknote!

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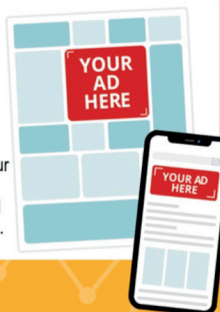
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IS *eternal.*
DO NOT
FORSAKE
THE WORK OF
YOUR HANDS.
Psalm 138



COME SING WITH US ALL ARE WELCOME!

Have you ever thought about joining the choir? We'd love to welcome you! Whether you're an experienced singer or simply enjoy making music, there's a place for you in our Adult Choir.

I joined my church choir when I was in high school, and it became one of the most meaningful parts of my life. Singing with others not only deepened my faith, but also led to lasting friendships and a wonderful sense of community.

Choir is a place where we pray, learn, laugh, and lift our voices together in praise of God. It's a rewarding way to grow spiritually while sharing the gift of music with our parish.

Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m., and our first rehearsal is **September 10.** New members are always welcome!

If you're interested or have any questions, please contact the Music Director, Dr. Melody Chen, Melodychen913@gmail.com.



Safe Environment Corner

Gaming Safety Tips for Families

Video games are a popular activity for many children. Since most games connect to the internet, it is important to help children use them safely.

- Check a game's rating before allowing your child to play.
- Use parental controls to manage content and online features.
- Keep gaming systems in a common area of the home.
- Remind children never to share personal information online.

By staying involved, parents can help children enjoy gaming in a safe and responsible way.

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.

PRAY. GIVE. HELP.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin has asked the parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark to prayerfully and generously support those affected by the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela, Colombia and Indonesia. **A second collection will be taken up the weekend of August 29-30 (next weekend) to support Catholic Relief Services' response and provide critical assistance to families and communities in need.** Parishioners may also make donations directly and more expeditiously to **Catholic Relief Services** at crs.org.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Our August 16th collection totaled \$10,072.75.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish. May God bless you and your families!



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If you suspect financial misconduct, use EthicsPoint, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit www.rcan.org for the hotline and reporting link.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: August 22, 2026

9:00am † Frances M Kiernan- r/b Roxanne & John
& Prayer request for Pat Scorese- r/b Angela
Scorese

5:00pm † Carol Lee Crowley- r/b Jane & Paul
Ibarrola

& Prayer request for Pat Scorese- r/b Angela
Scorese

Sunday: August 23, 2026

8:00am Our Parish Priest(s)- r/b Anonymous
10:00am † Ronald Sinkovitz- r/b Carmela Dell
Aquila

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

Monday: August 24, 2026

9:00am † Jill Campana- r/b Bernadette & Larry

Tuesday: August 25, 2026

9:00am † Sam Raia- r/b Denyse & Bill Galda

Wednesday: August 26, 2026

9:00am Krystyna Sorotowicz (living intention)
- r/b Anonymous

Thursday: August 27, 2026

9:00am † Brigid Lesizza- r/b Barbara O'Halloran

Friday: August 28, 2026

9:00am † Gino Morin- r/b Maria Morin

Next Saturday: August 29, 2026

9:00am † Catherine Mulligan- r/b Kristin
Malley

5:00pm † Richard V Cancilla- r/b Pat Cancilla

Next Sunday: August 30, 2026

8:00am † Patricia & John Halliwell- r/b Pam
Corry

10:00am † Ronald Sinkovitz- r/b Marie Ruppel

11:30am † Concetta DeSantis- r/b Nina &
Kevin Bernhardt

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The sanctuary lamp at the Blessed
Sacrament will be lit the week of August
23rd for Richard Bonvicino requested by
Michael Celani & MaryAnn De Rosa.

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated
during the week of August 23rd is requested
for Marco Minuto by the St. Gabriel's Social
Club.

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 22-23

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Anthony

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Ron

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Frank

August 29-30

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Ron

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Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

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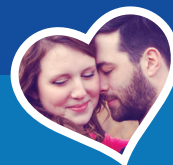
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