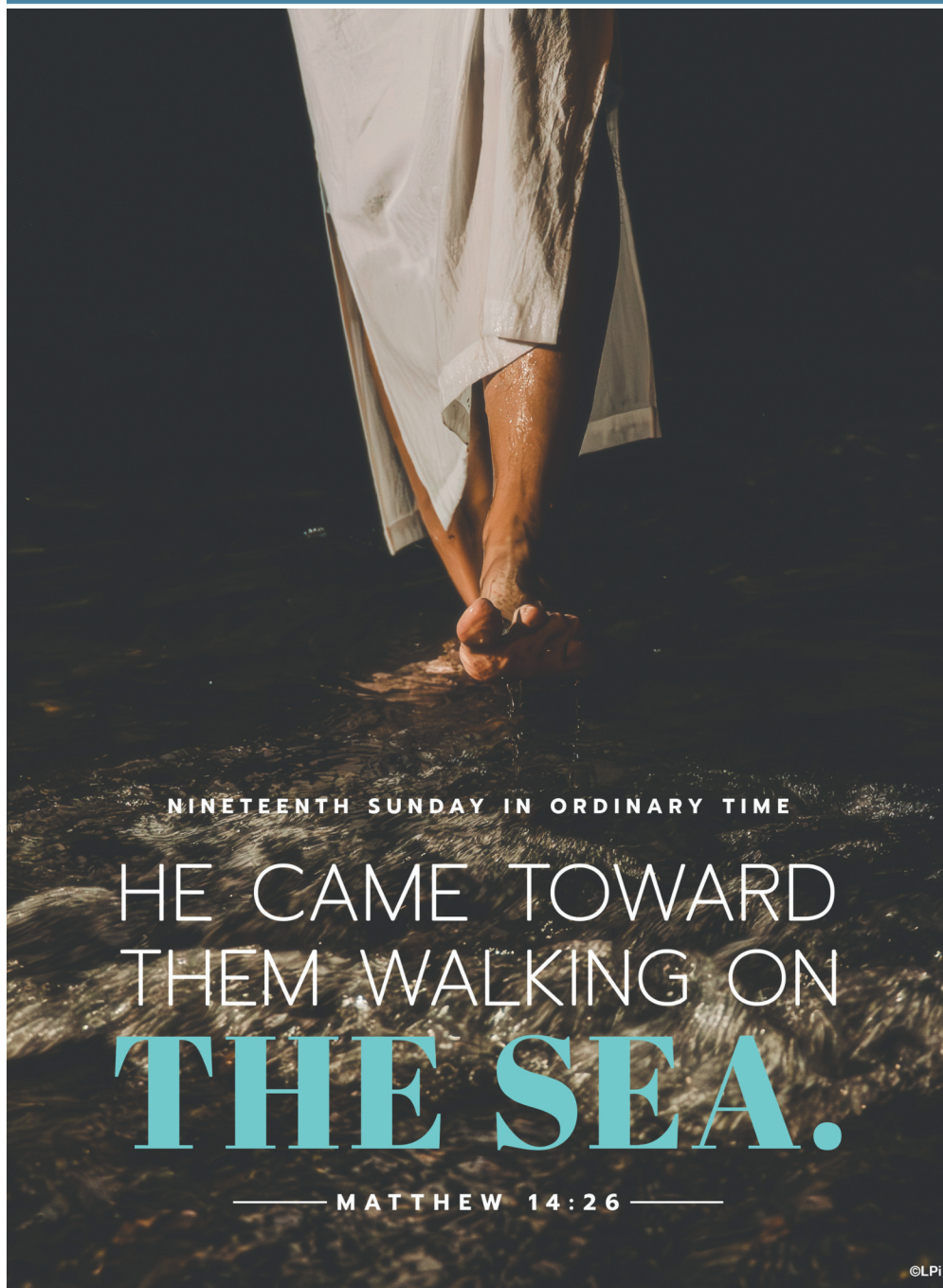


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SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026



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THE SEA.

— MATTHEW 14:26 —

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

Every week I preach, but there's things on my mind that simply don't fit into a homily. So, every now and then, I'm going to use these columns to let you into my brain...mostly into my heart.

Remember those old *Polaroid* cameras? At first, the picture looks blurry. Then, little by little, it comes into focus. That's my hope for these Wish-List columns. As the weeks go by, I hope you'll see the heart behind what we're doing as a parish, and hopefully these can become *realities*, the picture we're taking, together!

Last week, I wrote about being an **Ambassador of St. Gabriel's**. Every one of us knows someone who has drifted away from the Church or is searching for something more. A simple invitation can change a life – and the future of St. Gabriel's will be shaped by people like you who simply say, "*Come with me.*" **Pray** for that person and **invite** them here in the fall!

HERE'S ANOTHER ITEM ON MY ST. GABRIEL WISH-LIST: SING

I know what you're thinking: "*well, you like to sing. You're a musician. An organist. You have a good voice. [I really don't. I have a nice chant voice, that's about it.] You sing everything!*" Some might even roll their eyes and say, "*here he goes! Again.*"

We often assume young people aren't interested in this kind of worship. "*It's not relevant.*" Not true. Many young people – and plenty with no church background – are looking for something **authentic**. They have Spotify and entertainment. They don't need the Church to imitate the world. They're looking for something the world can't give them.

That's why there's a renewed appreciation for beautiful liturgy, singing, silence, and yes...even incense. Ironically, those are often the very things I've heard "seasoned" Catholics complain about over the years. [No one at St. Gabe's, of course!]

People are hungry for mystery, for transcendence, for worship that feels unmistakably true. And that's exactly what the Church, at her best, has always offered.

→ So, you may have noticed something we've been *intentionally* doing over the last several months. **We're singing all the verses of the entrance hymn** [sometimes the recessional. *Little-by-little*]. Imagine that, though. The whole blessed hymn! [Unless there's 18 verses, of course...]

Music sets the tone for the entire Liturgy. It gathers us as one. It focuses our minds on Someone bigger: The Father. God. It reminds us *why* we're here. Before a single word is spoken, the Church begins by singing.

So yes – our Music Director Melody, Fr. Ron, and myself are committed to this. And frankly, any guest priest who celebrates here when there's music...they'll just have to leave their preferences at home, join in the entire hymn, or just refuse to be here.

When we cut a hymn short, we unintentionally send a message. "*This really isn't important.*" "*It's ornamental.*" "*It's filler. Just while Father walks and stops when he starts to talk.*"

Nope. Music isn't ornamental. It's fundamental.

Look at the Scriptures. God acts? His people sing. When Israel crosses the Red Sea? They sing. Hannah sings. David sings. The Psalms were Israel's hymnal. Isaiah gives us songs. Habakkuk

gives us a song. Jonah prays in song. The Old Testament is *filled* with "canticles." Whenever God does a great thing, people are moved to sing.

The New Testament: Mary doesn't simply say, "*Thanks God. Thanks Gabe!*" She sings! It's called the "Canticle of Mary" because...it's a song! "*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord!*" Zechariah sings. Simeon sings. The angels sing. The disciples sing. Paul sings. There's gonna be **a lot** of singing in heaven, so it might be good to start down here! [See the Book of Revelation]

One detail always fascinates me. On the night before Jesus died, Matthew tells us: "*When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.*" [Matthew 26:30] **JESUS SANG!** On the eve of his Passion! He knows he's about to be arrested and betrayed. And what was he doing? Singing! Most scholars believe it was the "Hallel Psalms" [Psalms 113-118] – the traditional Passover hymns. Imagine Jesus singing this, knowing he was about to die: "*This is the day the Lord has made. Let us REJOICE and be glad! I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord!*" [Psalm 118]

Which tells me something. We don't sing because life is *perfect* – or when we're *feeling* it. We sing because God is *faithful*. Sometimes we're overflowing with joy or we're hanging on by a thread. Sometimes we're grieving, we're exhausted. We sing *anyway* – because God has **done** a great thing, or we trust that God **WILL** do a great thing!

If you're a *convinced* Christian – if you really believe God became human, conquered sin and death, feeds you with his Body and Blood, promises you eternal life – what else could possibly be a fitting response – except sung praise?!!

This Week's Encouragement: Don't Just Watch the Mass. SING IT.

- **Ask yourself:** *Why don't I sing?* No guilt. No judgment. Just an honest question.
- **Then ask an even deeper question:** *What has God truly done for me? Anything?* Take a moment to think about his blessings, mercy, forgiveness, faithfulness, his presence in your life. The Cross. The Resurrection. The Spirit.
- **Pick up a hymnal.** Period. Just try it!
- **Dare to sing.** Even if you don't like/know the song; if you couldn't carry a note, even if it was in a bucket! God's not after *performance*. If he "gifted" you a bad voice, blame him and let *him* hear it!
- **Sing the parts of the Mass.** The Gloria. The Psalm and Alleluia. The Holy, Holy. The Memorial Acclamation. The Great Amen. The Lamb of God. These belong to the entire assembly. They are *our* prayer together.
- **Expect something to happen.** As you sing, the words begin to move from the page into your heart. You become less of a *spectator* and more of a *participant*. God could reach places in us that spoken words can't begin to penetrate.
- **If you have a grade-school child who loves to sing,** consider signing them up for our **Archangel Choir** when rehearsals resume this fall.
- **If you've been blessed with a good voice,** consider joining our **Adult Choir**.
- **Pray:** "*Lord, give me the grace to respond to all you've done for me with a grateful heart and a willing voice.*"

I've said before that one of my dreams is for St. Gabriel's to become a parish that's absolutely consumed with reaching the disengaged and the unchurched. Well, believe it or not, singing lends to that, too.

A singing parish is almost *always* a healthy parish.

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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 the **Center for Food Action**.

Celebrating **50 years of community impact**, the Center for Food Action in Mahwah provides emergency food, homelessness prevention, and utility assistance services to residents in Bergen and Passaic counties. By adhering to core values such as **integrity and compassion**, they act as ethical stewards of resources and empathize with our neighbors' humanity and life experiences. They have more than 30 dedicated employees and hundreds of volunteers and operate **six distribution sites** in Englewood, Hackensack Ringwood, Saddle Brook and Mahwah, with a satellite center on the Bergen Community College campus in Paramus.

In his recent encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*, Pope Leo XIV emphasizes the **human need for communion** — with God, with one another and with all creation. "Let us cultivate relationships!" he writes. "In an era that favors speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness." **Through programs built around faith, family and community**, the Knights of Columbus strengthen these fraternal bonds.

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? More than 180 wounded, ill or disabled United States service members and veterans participated in the annual **Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage** to Lourdes, France, from May 19-25, accompanied by family members, chaplains and a **delegation of Knights of Columbus** led by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. "Warriors to Lourdes gives us an opportunity to heal our hearts," the supreme knight said, "to have hope and to understand the resilience of the human person, which comes from God."

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.

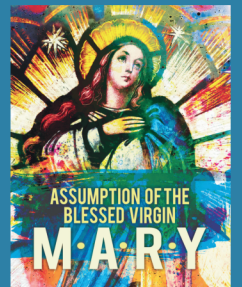
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If you or a loved one would like Holy Communion brought to your home, please contact the parish office.

Frances Ferraro: fferraro@stgabrielsr.org
Fr. Frank Fano: ffano@stgabrielsr.org

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Saturday, August 15. While this year's celebration is not a Holy Day of Obligation, all are warmly invited to join us as we honor our Blessed Mother at our 9:00am Mass.



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Last weekend, we were blessed to welcome Fr. Fred, who shared the inspiring work of Missionhurst-CICM and their ministry among some of the world's most vulnerable communities.

As one of our Gabriel Giving Projects, we invite you to prayerfully consider supporting their ministry. If you would like to make a donation or learn more about their mission, please scan the QR code above.



There's so much to look forward to at St. Gabe's! From returning favorites to exciting new opportunities, stay connected through our bulletin, Flocknote, & social media for dates, details, & ways to get involved.

- Children's Church
- 6pm Sunday Mass
- Faith Formation
- Fr. Frank's Installation Mass
- ChristLife
- Men's Fellowship
- Women's Small Groups

And much more!

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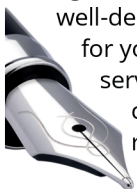
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A NOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

This past week, Cardinal Tobin bestowed upon **Fr. Frank Del Prete** the honorary title of **Pastor Emeritus** of St. Gabriel in recognition of his fifteen years of service as Pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish. The title *Pastor Emeritus* is simply an honorary recognition of his years of ministry here. Fr. Frank remains happily retired and is not serving in any official pastoral or administrative role at the parish. Rather, the title acknowledges his dedicated service to our parish family and the lasting impact he made during his years as pastor, of which we are grateful.

Congratulations, Fr. Frank, on this well-deserved honor, and thank you for your many years of faithful service to St. Gabriel's. May God continue to bless you in your retirement.

- The Parish of St. Gabriel



Congratulations

...FR. FRANK'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

When someone who's been away from church walks into a church where people actually sing [good music, good choirs aren't enough], they immediately *sense* something: this place is **alive**. Your singing becomes part of the **welcome**. Before anyone shakes their hand, before I preach – the first sermon a visitor hears at St. Gabriel's won't be mine – it'll be yours. What they hear tells them whether we really believe what we're celebrating. Underneath the sound are grateful hearts that know God has done a great thing. And Christians have always known there's only one response to that: SONG.

Note: there's no music at the 8am Sunday Mass. I'm not looking to change that. But on major feasts days, as we have done, there will be music.

Friends, know you are loved!

Fr. Frank

SAVE THE DATE! MASS OF INSTALLATION OF OUR PASTOR

Please join us as we celebrate a joyful milestone in the life of our parish!

On September 27th, the Solemnity weekend 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, the Mass of Installation is a special opportunity for our parish family to gather in prayer and thanksgiving as he is formally installed as our pastor.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
12:00 NOON
RSVP DETAILS COMING SOON



SHARE YOUR FAITH. SHAPE THE FUTURE.

We are looking for catechists for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation year, beginning this September.

No experience necessary!

For more information, contact
Amanda Perfetti, Director of
Religious Education at
aperfetti@stgabrielr.org.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: August 8, 2026

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

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

Monday: August 10, 2026

9:00am Christine Orthwerth & Family (living intention)- r/b Tara Hamilton

Tuesday: August 11, 2026

9:00am † Special Intentions of Mary Walsh- r/b Tara Hamilton

Wednesday: August 12, 2026

9:00am † Kathleen Hickey- r/b Kristin Malley

Thursday: August 13, 2026

9:00am † Mrs Alec Clerihew Sr- r/b Suzanne Clerihew Family

Friday: August 14, 2026

9:00am † Sam Raia- r/b Angela Scorese

Next Saturday: August 15, 2026

9:00am † Christa Blenkle- r/b Barbara Petrosino
5:00pm † Emilio and Tiffani Alonso- r/b Donna Alonso

Next Sunday: August 16, 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

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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 8-9

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

August 15-16

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

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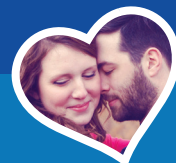
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