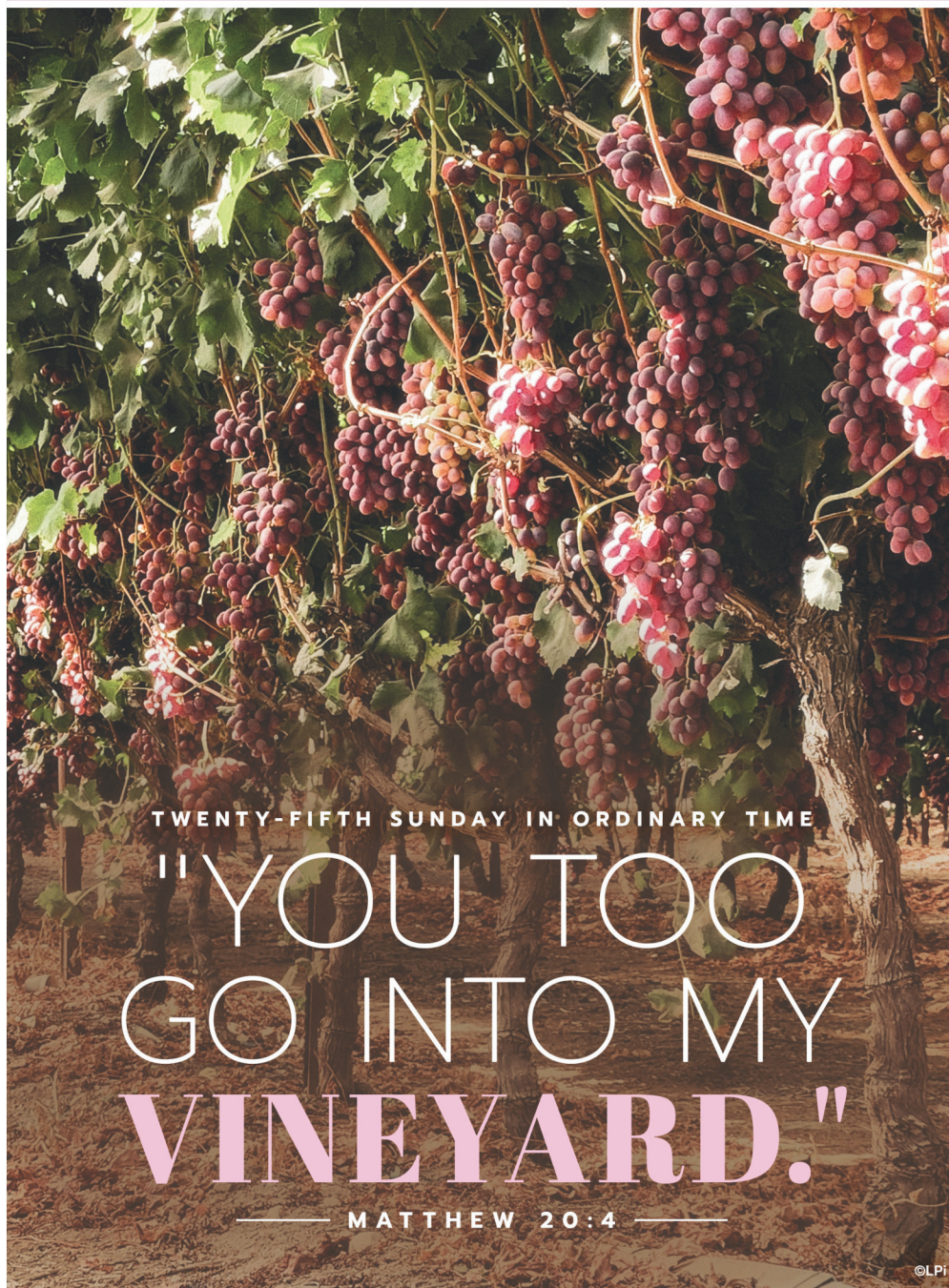


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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"YOU TOO
GO INTO MY
VINEYARD."

MATTHEW 20:4

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

*6:30am Mass is not celebrated during the summer months

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FROM FR. FRANK

This past week, I've been spending some time reading and looking through our **50th Anniversary Commemorative Book**, published back in 2003 when **Msgr. Fuhrman** was our pastor. I have to admit, I laughed out loud a few times.

Our first pastor, **Msgr. Colrick** (1953-1974, who's buried on our front lawn) was quite a character! Among other things, he refused to have live music at Mass. Instead, he would play recorded music of the *Mormon Tabernacle Choir*! And every now and then the sound system would go haywire, and Msgr. Colrick would have to leave the altar and go fix it himself: right in the middle of Mass! Somehow, I find that strangely amusing, if not endearing.

But underneath some of those great stories of our previous pastors, **I found the story of a parish that began from very humble beginnings.**

The property on which St. Gabriel stands was originally used by the Church of Zion as the "Tabernacle of God Church." (Maybe that explains why our church looks a little Protestant! I love the style, actually.) That mission eventually failed, and the Archdiocese purchased the property from the builder for the grand **sum of one dollar.**

And so we began, first as a mission parish of St. Luke in Ho-Ho-Kus.

I also learned that there were three possible names being considered for our new parish: **St. Joan of Arc, Our Lady of the Valley, and St. Gabriel.**

I'm so glad they chose the latter, because **Gabriel** is the great messenger of **Good News**. Whenever Gabriel appears in Scripture, something new is about to happen. He announces to Zechariah the birth of John the Baptist. And, of course, he comes to a young woman named Mary with news that will change human history forever: *"you will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus."*

Gabriel shows up when God is about to do something new. Maybe that's not a bad patron for us, at all!

As I continued turning the pages, I saw plenty of familiar faces. And, of course, nobody has aged a day in the past 23 years! But looking at those pictures, I found myself thinking: **we really are standing on the shoulders of giants!**

People *sacrificed* for this parish. They *volunteered*. They *taught* our children. They *served* at the altar. They *formed* a serious music ministry. They *built* ministries and friendships. They *gave* generously. **And what they built was eventually handed down to us, freely.**

And now it's ours to tend, to care for.

But I noticed something else.

There was a tremendous amount of life here.

Ministries. Organizations. Families. Activities. People everywhere. And you can't help but wonder: **what happened over the past 23 years?**

I don't think there's *one* answer. The world changed! Demographics change. In 2002 and 2011-12, the wider Church went through painful scandals that damaged trust. COVID accelerated patterns that were already developing. And, perhaps most importantly, people simply stopped organizing their lives around church the way previous generations did.

I don't say any of that sadly or nostalgically. We can't recreate 2003, nor should we try.

But I have to tell you: **I think something is happening here again.** It's not explosive growth. It's slow. And maybe slow growth is actually the healthier kind.

Last Sunday evening, for example, we celebrated our first **6pm Mass** after the summer break. And we had an amazing crowd, with *many* young adults. (You're going to be hearing something about Young Adults fairly soon.)

At the 10am Mass (celebrated during a deluge!) *Children's Church* returned, and **18 children** got up from their pews to go hear the Word of God proclaimed for them in a way they could understand. I think that might be a record for us, and it was only the first Sunday back!

I think that's a great sign of things to come for 2026-27!

So today, mostly, I just want to say **thank you**. Thank you for *choosing* St. Gabriel. Yes, we have a gorgeous church building. Everyone who walks through our doors for the first time comments on it. There is something warm and beautiful about this place.

But for Jesus, "church" has little to do with a structure. Church = people.

It's your *welcome*, your *participation* at Mass, your willingness to get *involved*, your *joy*, your *openness* to new people and new ideas...all of that inspires me more than you realize.

And maybe today's Gospel gives us a pretty good picture of what comes next. The landowner keeps going out. Early in the morning. 9am. 12n. 3pm. Even at 5 o'clock, when the workday is almost over, **he's STILL looking for people to bring into the vineyard!**

Some of us have been part of St. Gabriel for 50 years. Some came five years ago. Some walked through our doors for the first time last Sunday, today. And there are others who aren't here yet – people who might think it's too late, that they don't belong, that the Church isn't for them anymore, or that no one would notice whether they came or not. **There's room for them in the vineyard, too.** There's always more people to welcome and invite. And maybe some of those "latecomers" will become part of the next great chapter of St. Gabriel.



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THE KNIGHTS CORNER

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the monthly **Men's Mass** on **September 26th at 8:00am**. While these Masses

are hosted by the Knights (we provide the coffee and donuts!) they are open to all men of the parish and beyond. At times we have had participants from up to six different parishes. The Mass is followed by light snacks and discussion about issues of the day that affect us as Catholic men. We will start exploring the "**Dignity of Work**" video series.

We encourage all parishioners, and especially all Brother Knights, to mark your calendars for the 10:00am Mass on October 12th. **This Mass will honor the Saint Gabriel's council**, and we will receive a special blessing. Please make every effort to attend the 10:00am Mass that weekend.

We recently marked the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York, Arlington, Virginia, and Shanksville, PA on Sept. 11, 2001. The unprecedented attacks took the lives of nearly 3,000 people, among them **46 Knights of Columbus**. Through the Order's scholarship program for the children of Knights of Columbus first responders, more than 30 children affected by 9/11 have received scholarships over the years, including some who were infants at the time of the attacks.

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

Did you know? Saint Matthew's original name was Levi. Matthew comes from the Hebrew *Mattityahu*, meaning "gift of God. We celebrate his Feast Day on September 21st. He is the patron saint of accountants, bankers, and bookkeepers – basically anyone who works with money.



FROM FR. FRANK- CONTINUED

Friends, next Sunday at 12n, I will be formally installed as your pastor. (Technically, I've been Pastor since July 1, but the Installation makes it official in a very public way.) And I'm walking into this week with a heart filled with two things: **gratitude and amazement**.

Gratitude for the people who came before us and built this parish. Gratitude for all of you who are building it now.

Amazement at the goodness of God, that somehow, of all people, he would choose me (apparently God's got his reasons!) **to help lead St. Gabriel into the next chapter of our life and, God willing, toward its 75th anniversary (2028!)**

For a parish named after the angel who announces that God is doing something new – now, *another* new chapter. We have no clue what it will look like, who God's going to send through our doors.

**But the landowner is still going out.
The invitation is still being made.
And there is still plenty of room in the vineyard.**

Know you are loved!
Fr. Frank



SAVE THE DATE: NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 27, 2026

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

Next 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.

**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 this evening, Sept. 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!



A special word of thanks to our friends at **Brighton Gardens**, especially Patty and Victoria, for providing refreshments for us after our Sunday morning Masses this weekend! We are always so blessed by our visits with the residents of Brighton Gardens. Those visits build up our faith and give us a beautiful opportunity

to put into practice the Lord's words: **"I was ill and you cared for me."** (Matthew 25:36) Thank you, Patty, Victoria, and everyone at Brighton Gardens, for your kindness and generosity and for being such wonderful neighbors to us!

- St. Gabriel the Archangel

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



MASS INTENTIONS

September 19, 2026

9:00am † Emmanuel Diaz (anniversary of death) - r/b Christopher Diaz
5:00pm † Romelyn Gaddis - r/b Lynn Frieman

September 20, 2026

8:00am † Sam Raia - r/b Nina and Kevin Bernhardt
10:00am † Jim Sutliff - r/b Cathy Sutliff
11:30am † Mattea Mattessich - r/b Robert and Janet Zakrzewski
6:00pm † Charles Descarfino - r/b Carol and Michael

Monday: September 21, 2026

9:00am Owen Heafy (living intention) - r/b The Payne Family

Tuesday: September 22, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am † Thomas Kilfull - r/b Chela

Wednesday: September 23, 2026

6:30am Kenneth Mandra (Wedding Anniversary) - r/b Susan Mandra
9:00am † Lee Arnold - r/b Kristin Malley

Thursday: September 24, 2026

6:30am Olman Barrantes (living intention) - r/b The Barrantes Family
9:00am † Romelyn Gaddis - r/b Lynne Frieman

Friday: September 25, 2026

9:00am † Hazel Surless - r/b Chela

September 26, 2026

9:00am † Annette Garafano - r/b The Sanzari Family
5:00pm † Michelle Paparella - r/b Mom and Dad

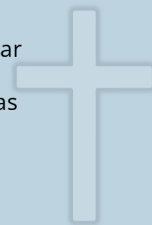
September 27, 2026

8:00am † Patricia and John Halliwell - r/b Pam Corry
10:00am † Christopher Quiros - r/b The Barrantes Family
12:00n † Patricia Deegan - r/b Paul and Jane Ibarrola
6:00pm † William Murphy - r/b Pat O'Brien

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament and the Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week are available as memorials for loved ones.

To arrange, contact the parish office at (201) 327-5663.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH IS BACK AT THE 10:00AM MASS!

Children ages 4 to 10 are invited to join us for a fun and faith-filled experience designed especially for them.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Our September 13th collection totaled \$12,418.75.

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



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Confirmation candidates: Participation may count toward service hours.

First Rehearsal: Thursday, Oct. 8

First Mass: Sunday, Oct. 18 at 11:30am

Ready to join?

Scan the QR code & complete our *quick* registration form!

Questions? Email Erin at erin.stgabes@gmail.com

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WHO ARE SICK OR
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Daniel Castillo
Dawn Conguis
Ada Fields
Meg Gallagher



Grace Gilbert
Bob Kleinknecht
Joan Massotti
Nicole Trotta
Marilyn Wolf
Patrick Scheid Scorese



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is near
to all those
who *call*
upon him.

PSALM 145



PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

September 19-20

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Ron

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Frank

Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Ron

September 26-27

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Ron

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Ron

Sun 12:00n- Bishop Saporito

*Fr. Frank's Installation Mass

Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Frank

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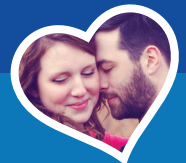
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