

ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



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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A WEEKEND OF CELEBRATION

Solemnity of Saints Gabriel, Michael
& Raphael, Archangels

Installation Mass of Fr. Frank J. Fano

Sunday, September 27 • 12:00pm

FROM FR. FRANK

HAPPY FEAST DAY, ST. GABRIEL!

This weekend we celebrate our parish feast day, the Solemnity of St. Gabriel. It is also the weekend when Bishop Saporito will formally install me as the pastor of St. Gabriel's at the 12n Mass. It's just natural for me to look back on the past *15 months?* with tremendous gratitude.

I remember my first weekend here in July 2025. One of the first things I said to you was: *"You don't trust me yet. You're not supposed to. You don't even know who I am. I hope to earn that trust over the next few months."*

At that point, we were just beginning to get to know one another. I was getting to know St. Gabriel's – its people, its history, its personality, its hopes, and even its quirks! And you were getting to know me – *my history, my personality, my hopes, and even my quirks!*

That was like the "dating phase." Today, with my formal installation as pastor, I feel like, in a strange way, I'm "putting a ring on it."

Trust is something that's got to continue growing – slowly built through presence, listening, honesty, and walking through life together. My prayer is that the trust between us is still growing, and that it will continue to deepen in the years ahead. And it *seems* like years, in a good way!

And I think of the strides, and I'm not thinking primarily about attendance, giving, programs, or any of that good stuff. I'm thinking about the *spirit* of this parish. I'm thinking about the relationships that have formed, the openness I have experienced, the laughter we have shared, tears we may have shed, and the sense that God is doing something amazing among us.

When I received my assignment from Cardinal Tobin on May 28, 2025, in a hotel in Atlantic City during our priest convocation, I would *never* have guessed it would be St. Gabriel's. Not in my wildest dreams! My jaw dropped when he told me. I was nervous, of course. First-time administrator – the grief I knew I'd experience leaving a wonderful parish (Mount Carmel, Ridgewood). But how *could* I have imagined the welcome I would receive, the people I would meet, or how quickly this parish would become home?

I often ask myself – because I know myself, and could beat you in a sin competition – *"Who am I? How did this happen? How did I end up here?"* I am still amazed by it. Believe me, please.

Friends, listen to me: I know my weaknesses. I know the ways I fall short. And yet, God has entrusted me with the care of this parish, and you have entrusted me with a place in your lives. That is something I hope *never* to take lightly.

So, as I am formally installed as your pastor, my heart is filled most of all with gratitude: gratitude to God, gratitude to Cardinal Tobin and my friend Bishop Saporito, and gratitude to all of you.

Thank you for welcoming me. For your patience with me. For allowing me to be part of your lives. Thank you for trusting me, and for continuing to help that trust grow. What began as a truly unexpected assignment has become one of the greatest gifts of my priesthood.

Happy Feast Day!

CONGRATULATIONS, BISHOP MICHAEL A. SAPORITO!

We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Bishop Michael A. Saporito, appointed by Pope Leo XIV as the new Bishop of Metuchen!

Bishop Michael has served the priests, parishes, and people of Bergen County with tremendous warmth and pastoral care. He has been a true friend of St. Gabriel's, and we are especially honored that he will join us this weekend to celebrate our parish feast day and formally install me as pastor.

We will miss having him as our Regional Bishop, his dynamic preaching, and celebrating our Wednesday 9am Mass, but we rejoice with the people of the Metuchen Diocese. I happen to think they are now the most blessed people in the entire country to have Bishop Michael as their shepherd.

Bishop Michael, please know of the gratitude, affection, and prayers of our entire parish family. May God bless you in this new chapter as you continue to live your episcopal motto: "Feed My Sheep."

COMING UP AT ST. GABRIEL'S!

Mass on the Solemnity of Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels | Tuesday, September 29 | 9a | Church

While today, Sunday, is an "external solemnity" of our Patron, Gabriel – join us on the "actual" feast day of our parish! Mass will be celebrated with music and solemnity.

Blessing of Animals | Saturday, October 3 | 10a | Lower Parking Lot

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, bring your beloved pets for our annual Blessing of Animals! Dogs, birds, rabbits, hamsters, husbands, **and I want to see CATS, CATS, CATS!** All pets are welcome. Please make sure they are safely leashed or secured.

Rosary Week | Monday, October 19 – Thursday, October 22 | 7-7:30p | Church

October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Join us each evening as we entrust our families, our parish, and the needs of our world to the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Come for one evening or join us for the entire week!

Wine & Cheese for Religious Education Parents | Thursday, October 22 | 7:30–8:30p | Kavin Center

This evening is simply an opportunity for us to support and encourage you, and for me to get to know you better. I also want to share a little of our vision for our young people and begin a conversation about how the parish and our families can work together.

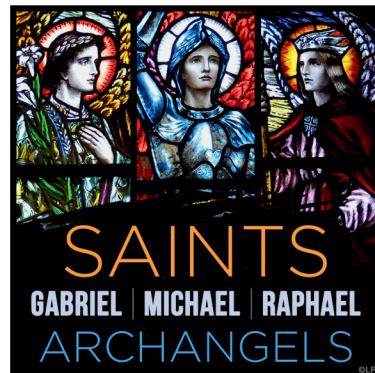
Memorial Mass | Monday, November 2 | 7:30p | Church

We will celebrate a special Memorial Mass for those whose funerals were held at St. Gabriel's during the past year. Their names will be read and candles lit in their memory. Anyone is invited to join their families in prayer, comfort, and support.

Friends, I know I'll have WAY MORE to say at the end of the Installation Mass. But please...

Know you are loved!

Fr. Frank





THE KNIGHTS CORNER

We are so pleased to report a **complete sell-out of all the mums** at last week's sale. One hundred twenty plants

purchased by our generous supporters and parishioners. Our total profit from sales and donations totaled \$990. The wife of one of our Brother Knights threw in an extra ten to bring us to an even **one thousand that will eventually be donated to local charities** when we send out our contributions in the spring. There were some nerves that the rain would negatively affect the sale, but we should have known that **the people of Saint Gabriel's always come through** to support the Knights! Thank you!

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. Please consider joining us.

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.

The Knights would like to extend our **congratulations to Fr. Frank** on his installation as Pastor. He has been a great supporter of our work and we are grateful for his spiritual leadership.

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

Did you know? The name **October** comes from the Latin **octo** ("eight") because it was originally the eight month of the early Roman calendar, which began in March. When January and February were added, the name stuck even though it became the tenth month.



The Knights would like to welcome **our newest brother, John Frey** (center), flanked by **Membership Chairman John Haiduk** and **Grand Knight Randy Vlasak**.

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@stgabrielssr.org

Fr. Frank Fano: ffano@stgabrielssr.org



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.

KNIGHTS GIVEAWAY



Reminder that 2026 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus here at St. Gabriel's. To help us celebrate, we'd like to gift this beautiful 11-inch statue of St. 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.

God's word. Kid-sized
Children's Church

REMINDER: THERE IS NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH THIS SUNDAY, 9/27.

We are currently renovating a dedicated room for our children – a space designed especially for *Children's Church*. The room will be warm, bright, and welcoming, with comfortable chairs and floor cushions gathered around a central area for hearing the Gospel, prayer, conversation, and activities. It will also include media that will help bring Scripture and lessons to life.

This renovation is possible in large part through a generous donation from **Kenneth and Francine Kaufmann, in memory of Marco Minuto**, who passed recently. We are deeply grateful to them for helping us create a place where our youngest parishioners will know that they are welcomed, loved, and truly belong. We can't wait to see it completed, and we hope to invite the children into the room next Sunday at the 10am Mass!



COME PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US!

October is traditionally the month of the Holy Rosary, a beautiful opportunity to come together in prayer and devotion to Mary and Jesus.

Join us in the church at **7:00pm, Monday, October 19 through Thursday, October 22**, as we pray a different set of Rosary mysteries each evening:

Monday: Joyful Mysteries

Tuesday: Sorrowful Mysteries

Wednesday: Glorious Mysteries

Thursday: Luminous Mysteries

Prayer sheets will be available for anyone new to praying the Rosary.

Come for all four evenings or join us for just one! Less than 30 minutes of prayer, together as a parish community. Bring your intentions and join us!



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

We've asked for your Time, your Talents, and sometimes your Treasure. Now we want your BLOOD!

The Knights of Columbus invite you to their 2nd Annual Community Blood Drive on **Saturday, October 24, from 9:00am-3:00pm** in the Kavin Center.

Every donation can help save up to three lives and last year, our community helped save 120 lives!

Appointments are encouraged. **Scan the QR code to reserve your spot.**

Please bring a photo ID and eat a healthy meal before donating.

Snacks and drinks will be provided to all donors.

Bring your family and friends and help make a life-saving difference!

For more information: Frank Weißenig | frankstgabs@gmail.com



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: September 26, 2026

9:00am † Annette Garafano - r/b The Sanzari Family

5:00pm † Michelle Paparella - r/b Mom and Dad

Sunday: 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

Monday: September 28, 2026

9:00am † Maureen Malley - r/b Kristin Malley

Tuesday: September 29, 2026

6:30am † Miguel Quiros - r/b The Barrantes Family

9:00am † Cosmo Ferro & Dolores Daley - r/b Patti Ross

Wednesday: September 30, 2026

6:30am † Anica Milcetic - r/b Maria DiSaverio

9:00am Special Intention

Thursday: October 1, 2026

6:30am † Al Breneisen - r/b Maria DiSaverio

9:00am † Linda Gaess Rinko - r/b Brad and Lisa Cerepak

Friday: October 2, 2026

9:00am † James FitzPatrick - r/b Martha Post

Saturday: October 3, 2026

9:00am † Kathleen Cronin - r/b The Cronin Family

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

Sunday: October 4, 2026

8:00am † Jimmy DiBetta - r/b Patricia DiBetta

10:00am † Arthur and Caroline Tassely - r/b Fred and Sharon Mistretta

11:30am † Nancy Seaman & Deceased members of the Nobile Family - r/b Susan Taite-Malone

6:00pm † Teresa Tosi Gambacorta - r/b Sharon and Roger Pollock

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The sanctuary lamp at the Blessed Sacrament will be lit the week of September 27th for Bobby & Jerry Mattessich requested by Anna Mattessich.

The Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week of September 27th is requested for Bobby & Jerry Mattessich requested by Anna Mattessich.

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



FINANCIAL REPORT

Our September 20th collection totaled \$12,009.75.

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PSALM 25



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Additional opportunities include our Christmas Concert, Christmas Eve Mass & more!

Ready to join?

Scan the QR code & complete our quick registration form!

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



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WHO ARE SICK OR
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Joan Massotti
Nicole Trotta
Merilyn Wolf
Patrick Scheid Scorese



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<https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/apostolato/italian-apostolate-italian-heritage-night>
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SEPTEMBER
Month of the *Seven
Sorrows of Mary*

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PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

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

October 3-4

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Ron

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Ron

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Ron

Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Frank

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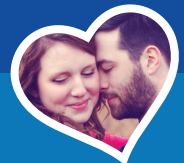
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