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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LOOSED IN HEAVEN.

— MATTHEW 18:18 —

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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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.

FROM FR. FRANK

WHERE'D THE TIME GO?

Wow. **Where'd the summer go?** I feel like Memorial Day was like three weeks ago, and it's already Labor Day. I still get that awful feeling in my stomach even though I'm 46 and won't even step foot in a classroom again. I hated Labor Day night! Time moved so slow when you're a kid. As an adult, *fuhgeddaboudit!*

I'm taking a little break this week from my **"Wish-List"** for St. Gabriel's.

Summer is over. Vacations are wrapping up. School is starting or has started. Our regular parish schedule is coming back. And I have to tell you: **I'm really looking forward to this new season with all of you.**

Because when I look back at what has happened here at St. Gabriel's over this past year, it's pretty incredible. We've welcomed a *lot* of new faces. Since last September, more people are **celebrating Mass** here. We launched **Children's Church** (restarts next Sunday at 10am!) More than 160 between St. Gabriel and Mount Carmel people signed up for **Discovering Christ**, with so many others interested that we actually ran out of room. We continued with *Following Christ*, and *Sharing Christ* is coming on Sept. 22, right here in the Kavin Center. We've made **improvements** to our campus. We've welcomed new people into the Church, celebrated **Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Weddings**, and, yes, walked with a lot of families through some **very difficult goodbyes**.

And through all of it, I think St. Gabriel's is becoming more and more what I hope it will always be: **a place where people know they belong**. And there's a lot more to come!

In just a few weeks, on **Sunday, September 27 at 12n**, Bishop Michael Saporito will be here for my Installation as Pastor. I hope you'll come! I really don't care that it's *my* installation. I almost want to say, "big deal." But I really see this as a celebration of **all of us** and what God is doing, and will do here at St. Gabriel's.

And as everybody starts coming back this fall, please remember something I've been talking about in those Wish-List columns: **Be an Ambassador for St. Gabriel's**. Invite somebody. If you love your parish, tell somebody about it. If you know somebody who hasn't been to church in a while, ask them to come with you. If you see somebody you don't recognize when you get here, say hello. You don't need a title or a name tag to be a welcoming Ambassador.

And speaking of new beginnings...this weekend, I will invite **anyone who has gone back to school – at any age! – to come forward after Communion for a special blessing**. Our **kids, teenagers, college students, graduate students, teachers, professors, administrators** – wherever this new school year is taking you, we want to pray for you as you begin it.

And **next Sunday is Grandparents Day!** So, grandparents, it'll be your turn. We'll have a special blessing for you, too.

There is, however, one other anniversary coming this week that I don't want to pass by. This Friday marks **25 years since September 11, 2001**. That's hard for me to even write. **Twenty-five years**. If you're old enough to remember that morning, you probably remember *exactly* where you were when these horrific attacks began. And yet, there are now adults – some with children of their own – who weren't even alive when it happened.

For us here at St. Gabriel's and in Saddle River, September 11 has names attached to it: **Joseph Berry, William Raub, Walter Travers, Richard Woodwell, and Robert Zampieri**. Twenty-five years later, we remember them. We pray for them. We pray for their families. And we remember the thousands of other lives lost that day, along with all those whose lives were forever changed by what happened.

But I also hope we remember something about the days that followed. **People showed up for each other**. Churches were filled with a need for a Savior. People checked on their neighbors. We pressed into our own loves, our relationships. Differences that seemed so important suddenly didn't seem quite as important anymore. For a little while, we remembered something we have a terrible habit of forgetting: **Life goes fast**. Where's the time go?

Maybe the best way we can honor those we lost isn't simply by remembering how they died, but **by remembering how we're supposed to live**. Love the people God has given you. Call somebody you've been meaning to call. Forgive somebody. (It only takes one party to forgive. It's always possible. Ask for that grace...) Check in on somebody. Come back to church. Bring somebody with you. And don't keep putting off the things – and especially the **people** – who really matter. If this summer went by in a flash...**so does life**.

Have a great Labor Day Weekend!
Know you are loved!

Fr. Frank

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





THE KNIGHTS CORNER

The next Saint Gabriel's Knights of Columbus **council meeting** is scheduled for

Monday, September 14, starting with a social gathering at 6:30pm, followed by our business meeting at 7:00pm. The officers have made a commitment to do their best to end each business meeting by 8:00pm. This is **our first meeting of the new Columbian year** so we encourage all Brother Knights to attend, especially our newest Knights who have joined over the summer and those Brothers we haven't seen in a while. We have great plans for the year.

Our first fundraiser of the year is fast approaching, just in time to decorate your homes and yards for the fall. We will be selling potted **Chrysanthemums**, from the Bel Fiore Greenhouse, after all Masses on the weekend of **September 19 and 20**. This is the same supplier as last year. Their products are always top notch. As always, your generosity will go towards the Knights' support of local charities. If you have plans to buy Mums this year, please consider doing so at our fundraiser. Thank you in advance for your backing.

More than 2,000 men and dozens of Knights recently participated in the 50th annual **Pilgrimage of Fathers to Cotignac**, a three-day walking pilgrimage that covered about 75 miles in southeastern France. Throughout the journey, the pilgrims sought the intercession of Mary and Joseph **as they reflected on their own roles as protectors and providers for their families**.

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? Americans eat an estimated 20 billion hot dogs per year (roughly 70 per person). Approximately 7 billion of those are consumed between Memorial Day to Labor Day. That works out to a staggering 818 hot dogs every second over the roughly three-month peak grilling period. No wonder tradition says that you can't wear white after Labor Day. None of your white clothes fit any longer.

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!



COME SING WITH THE ADULT CHOIR

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.



There's so much to look forward to at St. Gabe's! As we begin a new season of parish life, we look forward to new opportunities for faith, fellowship, and growing together as a parish family. There's something for everyone!

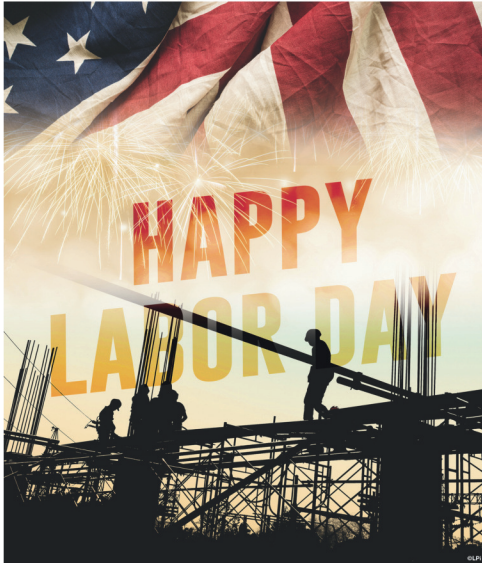
Watch the bulletin, Flocknote, and social media for upcoming events and ways to get involved. We can't wait to see you!

- Children's Church- *returns 9/13 at the 10:00am mass*
- 6pm Sunday Mass - *returns 9/13*
- Faith Formation- *begins 9/14*
- Fr. Frank's Installation Mass- *9/27 at Noon*
- Women's Christian Community Group
- ChristLife
- Seniors Social Club
- Men's Fellowship
- Tech Crew (Livestream)

And much more!

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

Children's Church returns Sunday, September 13 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 August 30th collection totaled \$11,937.75.

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



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THE ARCHANGEL CHOIR

Grades 2 and Up



Come sing, make friends, & share your love of music with our parish family. No experience necessary!

We rehearse 2-3 Thursdays each month from 6:10-7:20pm & sing at the 11:30am Mass once a month.

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



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

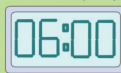
SCAN ME



Sunday NIGHT IS BACK AT ST. GABE'S!

The 6:00pm Sunday Mass returns September 13!

Come celebrate with us on Sunday evenings with contemporary music and a vibrant, welcoming community. Bring your family, bring a friend, and come as you are!



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: September 5, 2026

9:00am † Chela Sanchez - r/b Chela
5:00pm † Emilio and Tiffani Alonso - r/b Donna Alonso

Sunday: September 6, 2026

8:00am † Robert J Lawson - r/b The Bigley Family
10:00am † Joseph and Frances Mistretta - r/b Fred and Sharon Mistretta
11:30am † David H Fant - r/b The Cheney Family

Monday: September 7, 2026

9:00am † Gordon and Judy Howath - r/b Jeannie Marzitelli

Tuesday: September 8, 2026

6:30am † Donna La Poma - r/b Lynn and Bruce Massey
9:00am † Robert Mattessich - r/b Lina Mattessich

Wednesday: September 9, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am † Sally and Bob Harris - r/b Dave Stuhr

Thursday: September 10, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am † Joan Sirard - r/b Patti Ross

Friday: September 11, 2026

9:00am † Domenick Mircovich - r/b Lina Mattessich

September 12, 2026

9:00am Ronald Giancristofaro (living intention) - r/b Teresa and Dan Gallagher
5:00pm Living and Deceased members of the Amorino Family - r/b Susan Taite Malone

September 13, 2026

8:00am † Colleen Murray (Sharon Muscarelle's sister) - r/b Don and Mary McLaughlin
10:00am Al and Mary Tarabocchia 45th Wedding Anniversary
11:30am † Richard Stefanacci - r/b Carol Stefanacci
6:00pm † Anne Warner- 3rd Anniversary of passing - r/b Jack Warner

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

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.



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

Salvatore Averso
Daniel Castillo
Dawn Conguis
Ada Fields
Meg Gallagher
Grace Gilbert

Bill Hamilton
Bob Kleinknecht
Joan Massotti
Nicole Trotta
Marilyn Wolf
Patrick Scheid Scorese



FLOCKNOTE: NEVER MISS A PARISH EVENT AGAIN!

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IF WE LEARN
NOTHING ELSE
FROM THIS TRAGEDY,
WE LEARN THAT LIFE
IS SHORT AND THERE
IS NO TIME FOR HATE.

Sandy Dahl, wife of United
Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl

PATRIOT DAY
★ ★ 9/11 ★ ★



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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.

PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

September 5-6

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Anthony

September 12-13

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Ron

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Anthony

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Ron

Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Frank

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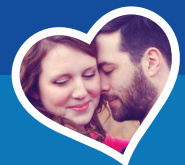
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