



# Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish

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OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY – FRIDAY  
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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Lord's Day:** 5:00 and 6:30 PM (Vigil)  
7:30, 8:30, 10:30, 12:00 and 5:30 PM  
**Weekdays:** 7:30 AM (Rosary at 8:00 AM)  
**Saturday:** 7:30 AM  
**Holy Days:** 7:00 PM (Vigil)  
8:30 AM and 7:00 PM  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at 4:00 PM or by appointment. Those wishing spiritual direction should phone the Parish Office for an appointment.

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION

(For Infants) Baptisms can be celebrated during or apart from Sunday Mass. For information concerning our parent and god-parent preparation program, please contact the Parish Office. (For Adults) The R.C.I.A. is for Non-Catholic and Catholic Adults who wish full initiation into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The R.C.I.A. is an ongoing process designed to meet individual needs. The R.C.I.A. Faith Sharing Community meets regularly on Tuesday evenings at 7:00.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE :** contact Pastor for information at least 6 months prior to designated wedding date

### WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

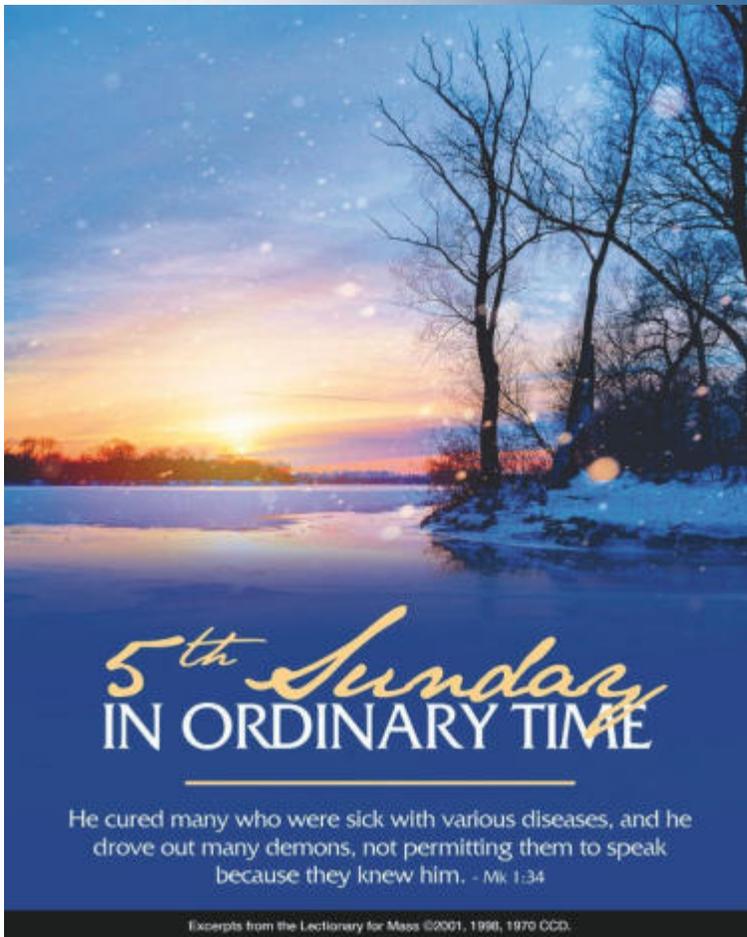
We are always happy to welcome new people into our parish family. If you have discovered our Church and like what you experience, why not become a member? Contact the Parish Office for more information.

### PARISH BULLETIN

All items must be e-mailed to [crooney@stgabrielma.org](mailto:crooney@stgabrielma.org) or proposed in writing and left at the Parish Office by 9:00 AM Monday or one week early for holidays.

### PASTORAL CARE

Arrangements for the reception of the sacraments at home can be made by contacting the Parish Office. Please also notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital or otherwise



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## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb 06	7:30 5:00 6:30	
Sun., Feb 07	7:30 8:30 10:30 12:00	Maurice hall, req by Rooney Family John Kearns, req by his Wife Maureen and Peter Place, req by Bache Family
Mon., Feb 08	5:30 7:30	Alan Algeo
Tues Feb 09	7:30	Matt Murray, req. by P. Lawrence
Wed., Feb 10	7:30	Jeannine Smith, req. by P. Lawrence
Thurs, Feb 11	7:30	Ken O'Sullivan, req. by Joan Claflin
Fri., Feb 12	7:30	For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat., Feb 13	7:30 5:00 6:30	
Sun., Feb 14	7:30 8:30 10:30 12:00 5:30	William Nienstadt Paul Hastings Sr., req by Family Jeff Larkin, req by Gorman Family Anne McKenna, req by Bache Family

## Parish Calendar

**CHECK WITH OFFICE TO SEE IF EVENT CANCELLED OR HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED:** *(Make sure to have downloaded St Gabriel's APP and get instant cancellation/ updates)*

Mon., (all)	Bible Study	10:00am
Mon., (all)	Marian Rosary Group	4:00 pm
Thurs.,	3rd of each Month— Grief Group	Mtg. 7:00 pm in Parish Hall
Sun.,	3rd of each Mth.—Peace & Social Justice Mtg.	7:00 pm –Virtually.
Sat/Sun Feb 6+7	Blessing of Throats at each Mass	
Weds. Feb 17	ASH Wends.— Mass schedule	7:30 and 8:30 am ; and 5:00 and 7:30 pm
Weds, Feb 24	Women's' Club MTG	—7-10-CANCELLED

### February 7, 2021: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER:

#### Confirmation:

Class— Feb. 7, 21	3:15-5:15 pm
Rite of Welcoming (2/7)	5:30 Mass (TBD)
Rite of Calling (2/21)	5:30 Mass (TBD)

#### Religious Ed schedule for Feb:

First Eucharist Class	Feb 7	8:30-10:20am
Grades 7-11	Feb 1, 8	6-8:00 pm
Grades 1, 3-6	Feb 28	9:05-10:20 am

The Religious Education schedule for the 2021-2022 school year has been posted on St. Gabriel's web-site. If you have any questions please contact Simone.



CCD WINTER REMINDER.....WHEN SCHOOL IS CANCELLED THERE WILL BE NO C.C.D. CLASSES THAT DAY. CANCELLATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON CHANNEL 5 (WCVB).

### The Audacity of Holiness

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness “a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness.”

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature. Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that “the fever left her and she waited on them.” Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs. God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

### 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### The YNIA is sponsoring a fundraiser

at Gallifords Restaurant in Mendon on Thur. Feb. 11th. It's a great way to treat your family to an early Valentine's dinner while supporting the YNIA mission trip! When calling for take-out or making a reservation to dine in, please be sure to mention YNIA. Please notify your server as well, to ensure that our YNIA group will get 15% of all food sales. Please spread the word to your friends, family and neighbors!

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwwmema.org/>.



"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Bring your marriage to its fullest on the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Feb 12-14, 2021 in East Hartford, CT and Feb 22-Mar 15, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY

## Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are im-



**Knights of Columbus**  
If interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus or becoming a member, please contact Don Cook at 1-508-634-8548.

## THERE WILL BE NO HEALING SERVICE FOR FEBRUARY.

**Marian Prayer**  
We encourage any parishioner who so desires to join us for our Marian prayer on Monday 's at 4:00 p.m. This prayer, seeking the intercession of Mother Mary is offered for the continued strength and vibrancy of the faith community here at St. Gabriel's.

### Are there HMOs in Heaven?



A doctor, a nurse, and the top executive of an HMO died and were in line together at the pearly gates. St. Peter asked each one what good they had done in their lives. The doctor said, "I have devoted my life to the sick and needy and have had a part in caring for and healing thousands of people." St. Peter replied, "That's great. Go ahead into heaven."

The nurse chimed in, "I have supported the doctor and his patients my entire life as an adult, have taken time to explain things to patients, and have helped them lead healthy lives."

"Wonderful," says St. Peter. "Please proceed in with the doctor." Then the executive said, "I was the president of a very large health maintenance organization. I was responsible for the healthcare of millions of people all over the country."

St. Peter says, "Oh, I see. Please go on in ... but you can only stay two nights!"

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

**Our Food Pantry shelves are now well stocked thanks to your generosity. Small weekly donations will help us to provide the food, paper and personal hygiene products that our dear neighbors need. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.**

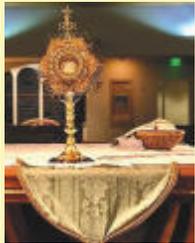


**February Second Collection**

February 6/7	Haiti
Catholic Free	Anytime in February
Debt Fund	Anytime in February

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Tuesday Adoration



My friend, an appeal from My Sacred Heart to your loving heart. Could you please take an hour or a half hour of your precious time to come and visit me in the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesdays from 8:30-6:00pm**. So many are trying to deal with problems alone without me and my help. They seem to have no time for me. I am here for you and want you to come to me. Your friend, Jesus.

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The Lord invites us personally to spend time with Him during adoration. Let's accept His invitation! Being still and setting aside an hour to adore Him may be a hard thing to do; but, it may be the most important. The times when you need God the most are when you don't think you do. Please join us next First Friday on, **March 5th from 8:30—11:30 am**.



**BE SURE TO Download our new APP and to VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT :[www.stgabrielma.org](http://www.stgabrielma.org)** for lots of information on our parish including our event calendar, religious education information & scheduled meetings. It is updated weekly.

### Catholic Free Press



**Each year the Parish is Assessed \$4763.00 for the Catholic Free Press. This assessment is called the Communication Ministry Assessment.**

**We average only \$800 from those who choose to subscribe to the Catholic Free Press- This year during the month of February we will have a basket designated just for a collection to off set this assessment. You can use your Catholic Free Press envelope if you desire. We thank you in advance for your generosity!!**

#### BE AN INFORMED CATHOLIC

Do you know what is happening in our Church?

What the

Holy Father is saying? What our Bishops are saying on the Diocesan level? You can know these things, and other interesting events that are happening in our Diocese and in the Church throughout the world by being a subscriber to The Catholic Free Press. February is the time to renew or become a new subscriber to our Diocesan weekly newspaper. It contains interesting and informative articles on the church. If you wish to subscribe or renew your subscription just place your special envelope in the basket at any Mass during February. If you do not receive envelopes, you may call the office. Also, by your purchasing the Catholic Free Press for \$39.00 per year you help us meet the assessment that is charged to the parish.

### BOY SCOUTS :



Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, is Scout Sunday. The Scouting program at St. Gabriel's is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect and affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness. But the success of our Scouting depends on our volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles so that our young people may benefit from our Scouting ministry. As the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its anniversary, we salute our many volunteers who make this program a success. For more information about Boy Scout Troop 132, please visit [www.troopwebhost.org/](http://www.troopwebhost.org/)

### Be Immersed in the Holy Spirit



Dear parents, dear godfathers and godmothers, if you want your children to become true Christians, help them to grow up "immersed" in the Holy Spirit, that is to say, in the warmth of the love of God, in the light of his Word. For this reason, do not forget to invoke the Holy Spirit often, every day. ...We usually pray to Jesus. When we pray the Our Father, we pray to the Father. But we do not often pray to the Holy Spirit, because he teaches us how to bring up the family, the children, so that these children may grow up in the atmosphere of the Holy Trinity. It is precisely the Spirit who leads them forward. For this reason, do not forget to invoke the Holy Spirit often, every day. You can do so, for example, with this simple prayer: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love." You can say this prayer for your children, as well as, naturally, for yourselves!

When you recite this prayer, you feel the maternal presence of the Virgin Mary. She teaches us to pray to the Holy Spirit, and to live in accordance with the Spirit, like Jesus. May Our Lady, our Mother, always accompany the journey of your children and of your families. So be it.

Pope Francis

### Attention to St. Gabriel's Committee's



For those of you who have mail-slots in the office ( Boy-Scouts, KOC., Women's Club, etc.) your boxes are getting full. If you would kindly stop by the office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. we would be happy to give them to you.

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