

# Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish



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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

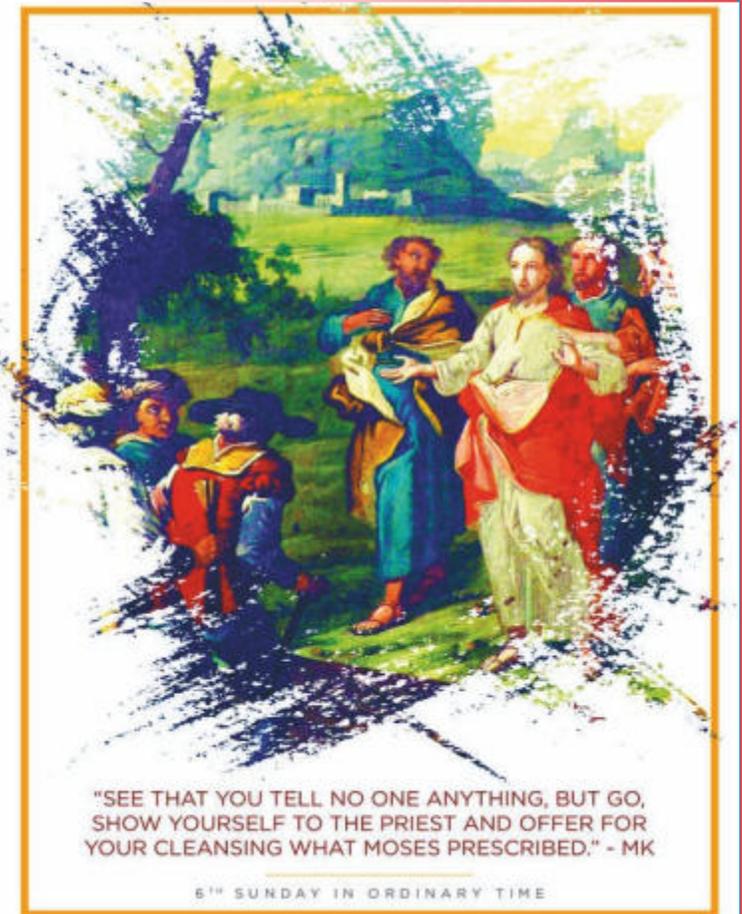
We are always happy to welcome new people into our parish family. If you have discovered our Church and like what you experience, why not become a member? Contact the Parish Office for more information.

#### 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

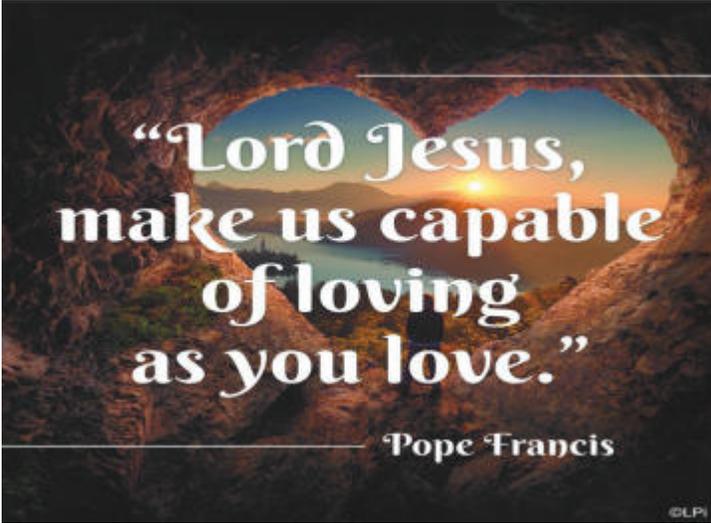
Arrangements for the reception of the sacraments at home can be made by contacting the Parish Office. Please also notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital or otherwise confined. Emergency sick **anytime**



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# SAINT GABRIEL'S PARISH, UPTON



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb 13	7:30	
	5:00	Blanche Mattson, req by Family (32nd Anniversary)
	6:30	
Sun., Feb 14	7:30	William Nienstadt
	8:30	
	10:30	Paul Hastings Sr., req by Family
	12:00	Jeff Larkin, req by Gorman Family
	5:30	Anne McKenna, req by Bache's
Mon., Feb 15	7:30	William Nienstadt
Tues Feb 16	7:30	
Wed., Feb 17	7:30	
	8:30	
	5:00	
	7:30	
Thurs, Feb 18	7:30	
Fri., Feb 19	7:30	For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat., Feb 20	7:30	
	5:00	Terry and Ed Nealon, req by Ann Halsing
	6:30	
Sun., Feb 21	7:30	
	8:30	
	10:30	
	12:00	Frank Perrone, req by Gorman Family
	5:30	Barbara Reis, req by Linda Russo

## 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.
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-
<b>CANCELLED</b>		

## February 14, 2021: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love. Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more con-



## THE SIXTH 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 Feb7    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).**

### 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.**



### 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.



### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Two or three people visit our small food pantry most days. Some individuals and families need to visit the food pantry twice a month and a few visit weekly. Your generosity helps to supplement their needs and to provide for their families. At this time we need tuna (light chunk and solid white), canned spaghetti, corn, mac & cheese, coffee and bath tissue. Thank you for your concern and thoughtfulness.



### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Attention High School Seniors who are **ACTIVELY** involved in St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish. You are invited to apply for the following Scholarship from Greater Worcester Community Founda-

tion:

Cecilia & Ed Summers-Grynsel Family Education Scholarship – Apply at: [www.greaterworcester.org](http://www.greaterworcester.org)  
Application Deadline: March 1, 2021  
Submit ONE application and you'll be considered

### The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

### February Second Collection

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

"Love is patient, love is kind.  
It does not envy,  
it does not boast, it is not  
proud.  
It does not dishonor others,  
it is not self-seeking,  
it is not easily angered,  
it keeps no record of wrongs."

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-5



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

BE SURE 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.



**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.

**ST GABRIELS APP:**

<https://www.parihsolutionsco.com/gabrielupton.html>

We are excited to announce the release of a new Mobile App for our parish. This app is available for download in the Android and Apple Stores. The App is a new and effective way for the parish to communicate with you and for you to stay connected with the parish. The App is PACKED with prayer resources including Liturgy of the Hours, Daily Mass Readings, the Order of the Mass, Sunday Reading Reflections, the Bible, the Catechism, a digital rosary and on and on. It is also packed with educational resources, parish events, event sign up forms, mass schedules, photo capture tools, discussion boards and more. Best of all, we can alert you of extra special happenings and cancellations via the app's push notifications system.

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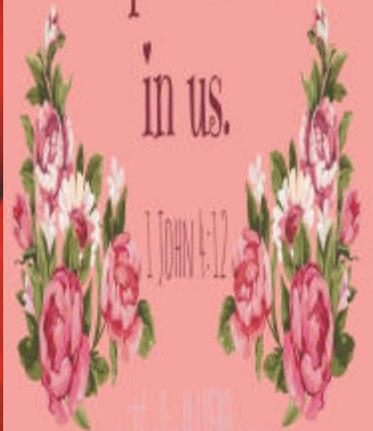
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Happy

Valentine's

Day

if we love  
one another,  
God lives in us,  
and his love  
is perfected  
in us.



1 JOHN 4:12

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**Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!**

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, 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://www.mema.org/>.



"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Does your marriage give glory to God? Learn how to let your Sacrament shine on an upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Feb 22-Mar 15, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY and Mar 19-21, 2021 in HAWTHORNE, NJ

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Face-To-Face Confession:

In today's digital world, do we really need to be face-to-face with a priest to confess our sins? Would Facetime or Zoom ever be allowed?

The question of whether or not Catholics can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation virtually (via social media, by phone, or in some other way) is a question that has actually been around for several years. The recent COVID-19 pandemic brought the question back in a new way, especially as many parishes were forced to introduce a sort of "social distanced" confession, with the sacrament being celebrated outdoors. In reflecting on this question, however, there are a couple points that we want to keep in mind. First, as the Code of Canon Law observes in different places, the faithful have a right to the sacraments of the Church and the Church's ministers have a responsibility to make them accessible. At the same time, however, we always have to be sure that we respect the nature of the sacraments themselves. Although modern forms of technology and communication can help us in our work of evangelization catechesis, the Pontifical Council for Social Communication has reminded us that, "Virtual reality is no substitute for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the sacramental reality of the other sacraments, and shared worship in a flesh and blood human community. There are no sacraments on the internet" (The Church and the Internet, no. 9). Although our encounters with others on the internet and via social media can be considered "real" in one sense, in the sacraments we encounter Christ in a personal and ecclesial way. It is never just a private experience but is always grounded in the life of the Church and this means that it must truly be personal, including the contact between the confessor and the penitent. While the convenience or ease of online celebrations might be appealing for many reasons, at heart, we always want to keep in mind the fullness of the Church's tradition and the meaning of the sacraments.

### 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!!

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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.

### Grief Support Meeting

The next meeting of the grief support group ministry will be **February 18th** at 7:00pm. The primary mission of this ministry is to help bring healing to the wounds caused by grief. Meetings consist of listening to a reflective reading followed by optional sharing. All are welcome to attend whether you are grieving the loss of a spouse, child, sibling or friend and regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago. For more information please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Larry or Christine Baldiga at [Chris-dave12@gmail.com](mailto:Chris-dave12@gmail.com) or call 508-320-6654 and feel free to leave a message.

### OUR ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE IS :

**Wednesday, February 17 at 7:30 & 8:30 a.m.; and 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.**

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows.

**ABSTINENCE** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

**FASTING** is to be observed by all Catholics who are (18) years of age but not yet (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.



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