



# Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish

**Rev. Laurence V. Brault / Pastor**  
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OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY – FRIDAY  
9:15 AM – 4:00PM  
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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

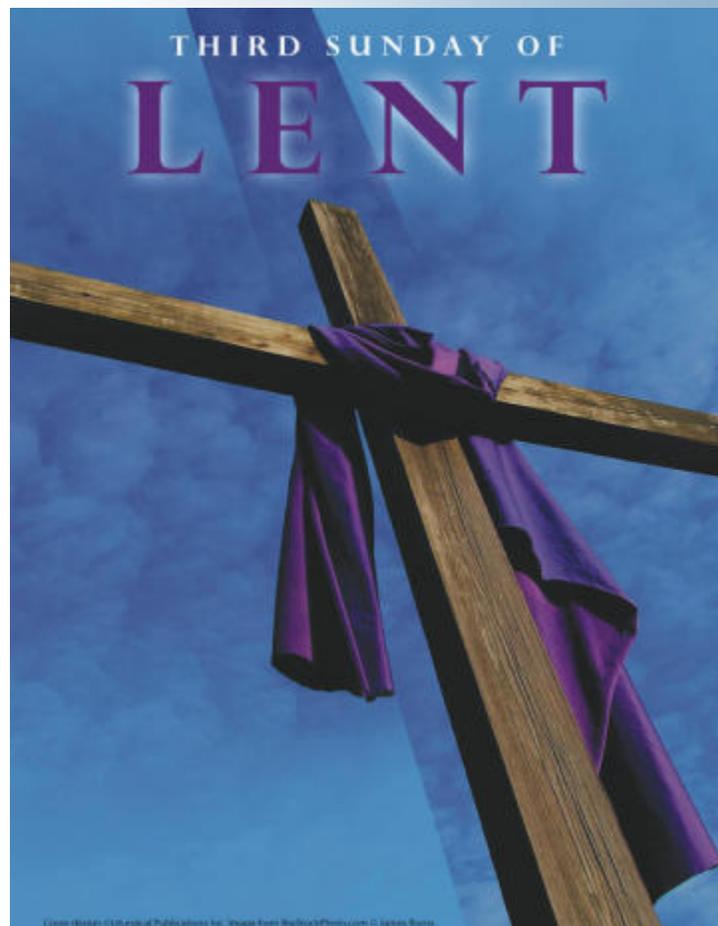
We are always happy to welcome new people into our parish family. If you have discovered our Church and like what you experience, why not become a member? Contact the Parish Office for more information.

#### 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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March 7, 2021– 3rd Sunday of Lent



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat., Mar 06	7:30	Lawrence Crolla
	5:00	Richard Brault, req by Family
	6:30	Sue Malone, req by a Friend
Sun., Mar 07	7:30	Maurice Hall, req. by Tate Family
	8:30	Doris Sadler
	10:30	
	12:00	William and Margaret Brimmer, req By Langin Family
	5:30	
Mon., Mar 08	7:30	Doris Sidler
	7:00	
Tues Mar 09	7:30	Don Rose Sr., req by Family
	7:00	
Wed., Mar 10	7:30	Kevin Sullivan
	7:00	Eleanor Connelly, req by a Friend
Thurs, Mar 11	7:30	Ricky Summers, req by Rita Braney
	7:00	
Fri., Mar 12	7:30	For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00	
Sat., Mar 13	7:30	
	5:00	Ricky Summers, req by Tate Family
	6:30	
Sun., Mar 14	7:30	Ann Wilson, req by Rooney Family
	8:30	Ricky Summers, req by John and Denise Mazzone
	10:30	John Pond, req by Family (8th Ann.)
	12:00	
	5:30	

**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.
Sun. Mar 21	YNIA Meeting @	6:30-8:00pm
Sun, Mar 28	PALM Sunday	
Thurs. Apr 1	Holy Thursday	7:00pm Mass
Fri. Apr 2	Good Friday	7:00pm Mass
Sat. Apr 3	Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil	7:00pm
Sun, Apr 4th	EASTER Sunday	

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response. We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

- LENTE SCHEDULE:**
- *Daily Masses* :7:30 am (live streamed) and 7:00pm
  - *Stations of the Cross*– Friday evenings 6:15 pm
  - *Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy*-Daily 8:00 am; Monday's at 4:00pm
  - *Confessions*– Call office for apt. 508-603-1430

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER:

Anyone looking for the Summer class schedule can find it on our website at [www.Stgabrielma.org](http://www.Stgabrielma.org). Registration forms are also available on our website. Registrations will be mailed out in March.

#### Confirmation:

Class— Mar 7,21,28                      3:15-5:15 pm

#### Religious Ed schedule for March:

Grades 1, 3-6    Mar. 21                      9:00-11:00 am

First Communion    Mar 7                      8:30-10:15 am

Grades 7-11    Mar    8, 29                      6-8:00 pm

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 need Him. Our next First Friday Adoration will be on **April 2nd**. If you are able to spend some quiet time in prayer, please sign the sheet by Mary's Chapel for Friday Adoration.



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### Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming. We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink. For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it. Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

**Grief Support Meeting**



The next meeting of the grief support group ministry will be **March 18th** 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 [Chrisdave12@gmail.com](mailto:Chrisdave12@gmail.com) or call 508-320-6654 and feel free to leave a message.

**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/>.



"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me." Do we have zeal to honor God through our marriage? The next virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences are: Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 19-21  
Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29



**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.

**ST. GABRIELS APP:**

<https://www.parishsolutionsco.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.

Go in your APP Store and look for : **St Gabriel Upton** - Download and make sure to allow **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS** for all new information.



**Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead on March 20th when Daylight Saving time begins!!**

**3D SUNDAY OF LENT**



## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### Tuesday Adoration

My friend, an appeal from My Sacred Heart to your loving heart from your friend Jesus Christ.

Won't you please take an hour of your precious time to come and visit me in the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** So many are trying to deal with problems alone-without me and my help. They seem to have no

time for me. I am there for you and want you to come to me.



### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Thank you for helping the individuals and families, who visit our Food Pantry, with your gifts of nonperishable food, paper products, and cleaning supplies. They deeply appreciate your help. Small weekly donations help to keep our shelves well stocked. May God bless you for your kindness and your thoughtfulness.

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### Marian Prayer

We encourage any parishioner who so desires to join us for our Marian prayer on Monday's at 4:00 pm.. 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.



### CALLING ALL HANDS!

Please join us on Holy Saturday morning at 9 am to bring new life

and decorations to our beautiful altar! We need all hands to make the task fast and easy. Flowers need to be put out, crosses need to be moved, cloths need to be fluffed, candles need to be changed, gold needs to be polished and banners need to be hung. Do a good deed and help us out!! Thanks!

## What to Give Up...

- |                       |                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Give up complaining - | Focus on Gratitude              |
| Give up pessimism -   | become an Optimist              |
| Give up worry -       | trust Divine Providence         |
| Give up bitterness -  | turn to Forgiveness             |
| Give up hatred -      | return Good for evil            |
| Give up negativism -  | be Positive                     |
| Give up anger -       | be More Patient                 |
| Give up pettiness -   | become Mature                   |
| Give up gloom -       | enjoy the Beauty all around you |
| Give up jealousy -    | pray for Trust                  |
| Give up gossiping -   | control your Tongue             |
| Give up sin -         | turn to Virtue                  |
| Give up giving up -   | Hang in there!                  |

If you wish to obtain a prayer shawl for someone who needs a "hug from God" ( for loss, comfort, illness, surgery, military, etc.) please fill out a request form found in the entrance of the



church. Occasionally the forms will be inserted into the weekly church bulletin. Please send it or take it to the parish office. We will call you when it is ready to be picked up. The shawls are FREE! Donations of yarn and/or money for supplies are very much

appreciated. Meetings for the Prayer Shawl Ministry are on the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Chapel at St. Gabriel's. (We will announce when we resume) All are welcome!

### Can we pray for you?

We have made it easier for parishioners to send in prayer requests by adding a direct link to our prayer line right on our website

at [WWW.STGABRIELMA.ORG](http://WWW.STGABRIELMA.ORG) and clicking on the "MINISTRY" tab. As always you can send your intentions: prayers for the sick, for healing, for thanksgiving by sending an email

to [stgabrielsprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:stgabrielsprayerline@gmail.com) . We are always looking for more volunteers to join us in prayer. The commitment is just your own time in prayer with our list which is distributed bimonthly, no meetings, no hassles. If interested in joining this ministry send an email to our prayer line as well. We hope to hear from you.



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