



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

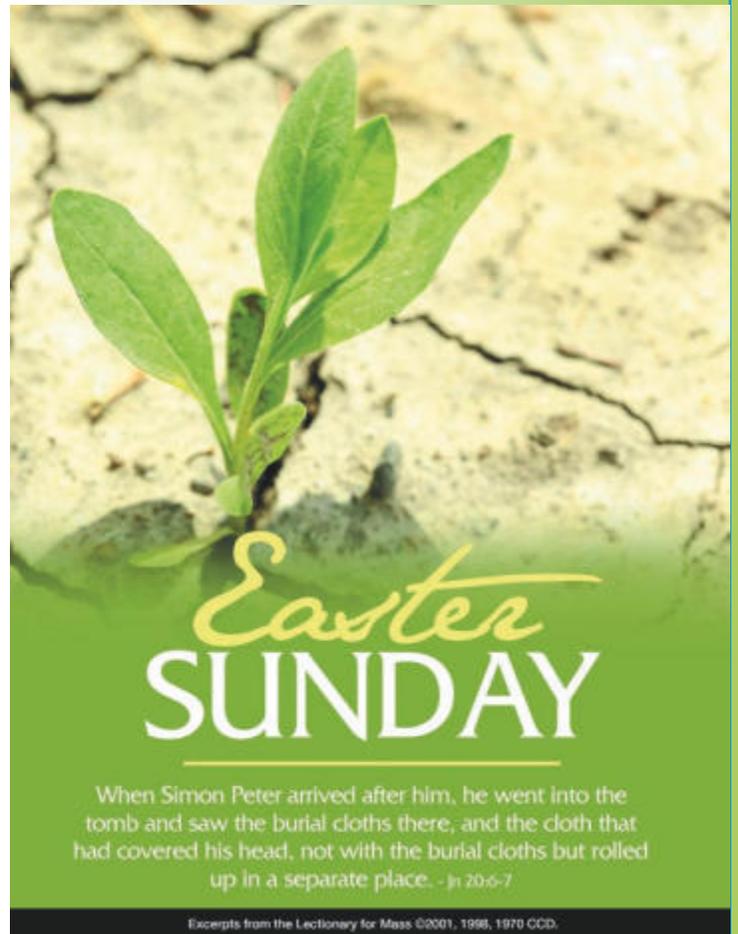
We are always happy to welcome new people into our parish family. If you have discovered our Church and like what you experience, why not become a member? Contact the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH BULLETIN

All items must be e-mailed to crooney@stgabrielma.org 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

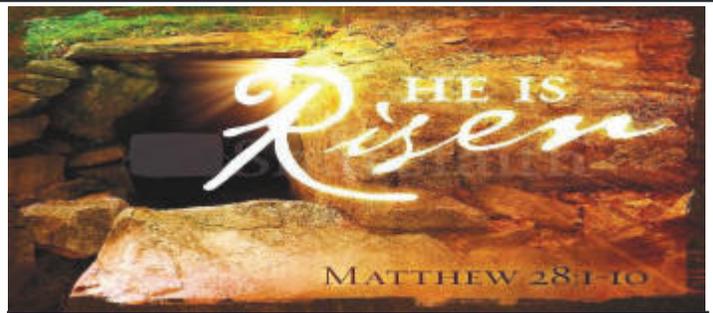
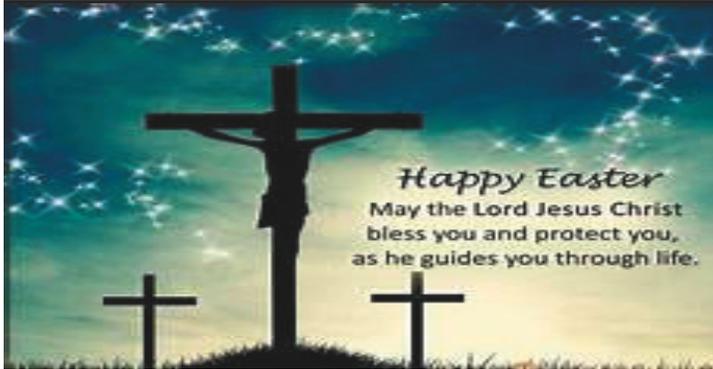


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SAINT GABRIEL'S PARISH, UPTON



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Apr 03	7:30	Eric Murray
Sun., Apr 04	7:30	Richard Brault, req by Rooney's
	8:30	Eugene Agostini, req by Dan LaBastie
	10:30	Ed Starsiak, req by Rooney's (1 Month Anniversary)
	12:00	Pauline Laczenski, req by Stephanie Fino (15th Anniversary)
	5:30	Bill Moineau, req by his Wife
Mon., Apr 05	7:30	For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues Apr 06	7:30	
Wed., Apr 07	7:30	Rev. D. Timothy O'Mara, req by a Friend
Thurs, Apr 08	7:30	Sally Dupre, req by Sandy Barry
Fri., Apr 09	7:30	For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat., Apr 10	7:30	
	5:00	Edith Shaughnessy, req by Betty Hugh and Family(10th Anniversary)
	6:30	
Sun., Apr 11	7:30	Eleanor Connelly, req by Rooney's
	8:30	Ricky Summers , req by Bergstrom Family
	10:30	
	12:00	Carol Rangin, req by Langin Family
	5:30	

EASTER GREETINGS

The Lord is Risen! It is true. As we celebrate the triumph of Jesus over all sin and death, our hearts are filled with incredible joy. We claim Christ's victory and proclaim Him our Lord who is the Lord of life. The resurrection of Jesus is central to our faith for as St. Paul writes in this first letter to the Corinthians. "And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is void of content and your faith is empty too". (1 Cor. 15:14) By raising Jesus from the dead, God has fulfilled the promise He made to the patriarchs of old. We have been renewed and our relationship with God has been restored. Christ has destroyed death, triumphed over the enemy and taken humankind to the heights of heaven. Our ultimate response can only be that of praise: Alleluia!

On this Easter day, I wish to reaffirm the depth of love that we share in the Risen Christ. You are all so special and dear to me and the relationship that we share and continue to build in the Lord is a source of abundant joy for me. I pray that this Easter may be a time of tremendous grace for all of you and your families. May our faith be vital and alive as in the Lord who has risen from the dead. May we continue to grow in the Lord's love and peace, and may God bless us all during this difficult time.

With the greatest love and affection,
Fr. Larry
Fr. Sagar

AN EASTER PRAYER

Loving and eternal God,
For three days your son laid in the tomb.
We now celebrate the glory of His resurrection and Rejoice in the new life He promises to all who are faithful to Him.
Fill all believers with the joy of Easter.
May we come to share completely in the new Life of Christ who now lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen



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
4/1, 4/2 and 4/5	OFFICE CLOSED.	
Thurs. Apr 1	Holy Thursday	7:30pm Mass
Fri. Apr 2	Good Friday	7:30pm Mass
Sat Apr 3	Holy Saturday— Easter Vigil	7:30pm
Sun, Apr 4	EASTER Sunday—Reg. Mass Schedule	
Sun., Apr 11	Divine Mercy Sunday	
Apr 19-23	School Vacation Week	

EASTER SUNDAY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER:

Anyone looking for the Summer class schedule can find it on our website at www.Stgabrielma.org. Registration forms are also available on our website.

Confirmation:

Class- Apr 11 3:15-4:15 pm
May 10th 7:00 pm Confirmation Mass
St. Paul's Cathedral, Worcester

Religious Ed schedule for Apr and May:

First Communion Apr 11 + May 2 8:30-10:15 am
Parent Mtg. First Communion 4/14 at 10:00am / or 4/15 at 7:00pm

First Communion May 08 10:00 am or / 2:00 pm
Grades 7-11 Apr 5 6-8:00 pm

The Religious Education schedule for the 2021-2022 school year has been posted on St. Gabriel's web-site., and registration forms have been mailed or can be downloaded from our website.

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 **May 7th**.



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://wwwmema.org/>.

He is risen! May the joy of Easter be with you. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you resurrect the romance in your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences:

Friday/Saturday/Sunday April 23-25
Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24



Marian Prayer

We encourage any parishioner who so desires to join us for our Marian prayer on Mondays 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.

Come to Christ

Life is perhaps God's greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate.

On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn't take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. Happy Easter!



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Grief Support Meeting (TBD)



The next meeting of the grief support group ministry will be **April 15th**. 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 Chrisedave12@gmail.com or call 508-320-6654 and feel free to leave a message.

April Second Collections

- April 11 Haiti
- April 02 Pontifical collection/Good Friday.
- April 04 Easter

May Second Collections:

- May 02 Haiti
- May 16 Ascension of the Lord

**Anytime during April or May Debt Fund

ST. GABRIEL WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

St. Gabriel Women's Club is offering two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors planning to further their education. The student must be a member of St. Gabriel's Parish. Selection is based on an essay titled "How I live my Christian life in my community" and their service to St. Gabriel's Parish.

Applications are available St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Nipmuc Regional High School and Blackstone Valley Technical High School websites.

Contact Sally Riendeau at riendeer18@msn.com if you have any questions.

Completed applications need to be submitted for consideration by April 30, 2021 to Sally Riendeau, President of St. Gabriel Women's Club.

Please mail all applications to:
Sally Riendeau
2 Tower Rd
Mendon, Ma. 01756

At Easter, we celebrate that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered death, rose from the dead, and remains very much alive. To the world of non-believers: what!? It is quite a big reality to swallow. But for the believer, it is a reality that inspires us to the point where we find ourselves constantly sharing the Gospel with everyone we meet! Right?

So what does Easter mean to you? The question is not what do you believe. The question is what impact does Easter have on you? How do your actions demonstrate the power of Easter? What does it mean we you hear that we, the Church, are an Easter people?

You may be saying right now that you have no intention of becoming an evangelist, passing out Bibles to all you meet. But I would like to suggest that you actually have a more powerful way of evangelizing others: everyday stewardship. Actions speak louder than words and the way you live your life can be a great testimony to all those you encounter. By acknowledging the gifts you have been given, cultivating those so they grow to an increase, and then sharing them fully with God and with others in God's name will give testimony to your belief that Jesus is alive and seeking a relationship with each of his people.

If more of us won't live our lives in this manner, then non-believers and non-intentional disciples will ask the question, "What difference does Easter make anyway?" Jesus died and rose for you and me. To be sure, it DOES make a difference.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you wish to obtain a prayer shawl?

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 our 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. If you would like to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry, please call office at 508-603-1430. . All are welcome!

BE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

www.stgabrielma.org for lots of information on our parish including our event calendar, religious education information & scheduled meetings. It is updated daily/weekly.



**ALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON:
Thursday 4/1, Friday 4/2 and Monday, April 5th
Easter Monday**

EASTER SUNDAY

Tuesday Adoration:



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

We're now on Facebook!

Search for "St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish" on Facebook and like and follow our Parish's page. Share our page with fellow parishioners to help our online community grow! Watch our Virtual Maas on our Facebook Page!!



Easter

Why does the date of Easter change every year, while most other celebrations are celebrated on the same day?

Every feast is celebrated at a certain time for a reason. Saints feast days are commonly the day of their death. While we don't know Jesus' exact birthday, we celebrate the "light of the world" around the time of winter solstice, as dark, wintery days begin to lengthen again. We have a historical clue, however, to when the Easter events occurred. We know that Jesus was crucified the day before Passover. The Jews calculated the date for Passover based on both the solar and lunar calendars. It corresponds to the first full moon after the spring equinox. The early Christians maintained this connection in their celebrations of Easter on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

We don't re-calculate the full moon every year. As astronomy developed, so too did the forecasts of when Easter would occur in future years. The Church has created a table of calculated dates, projecting the date of Easter decades in advance. The date of Easter also determines the date of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, as well as the feast days following in the Easter season, including Pentecost. So these feasts move, too! This tradition may seem complicated, but it connects our Christian faith now to what has come before — our Jewish roots and the real, historical reality of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.

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.



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.

Peace & Social Justice Ministry

Join us in praying, learning and acting on issues that address the needs of the poor and vulnerable in our community and world. Topics we have discussed include: gun violence, immigration, abortion, living wage, caring for our environment, human trafficking and the death penalty. **The ministry usually meets monthly on the third Sunday of each month after the 5:30pm Mass (approximately 6:30pm) in lower level of the church. Our April meeting will be held on Sunday, 19th.-VIRTUALLY.** If you have questions, please speak with Fr. Larry, or Sarah Baldiga: sbaldiga@gmail.com or 508-320-8676.



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 THOSE IN NEED

DONATE TO PARTNERS IN CHARITY ONLINE!

Go to the parish's website to donate:

<https://www.stgabrielma.org/>

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Names for Prayers of the Faithful will be removed every six weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list you must call the office (508-603-1430) every six weeks. Thank you!

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