



Saint Gabri- el the Archangel

**Rev. Laurence V. Brault / Pastor
Rev. V. Sagar Gundiga / Assoc. Pastor**

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.

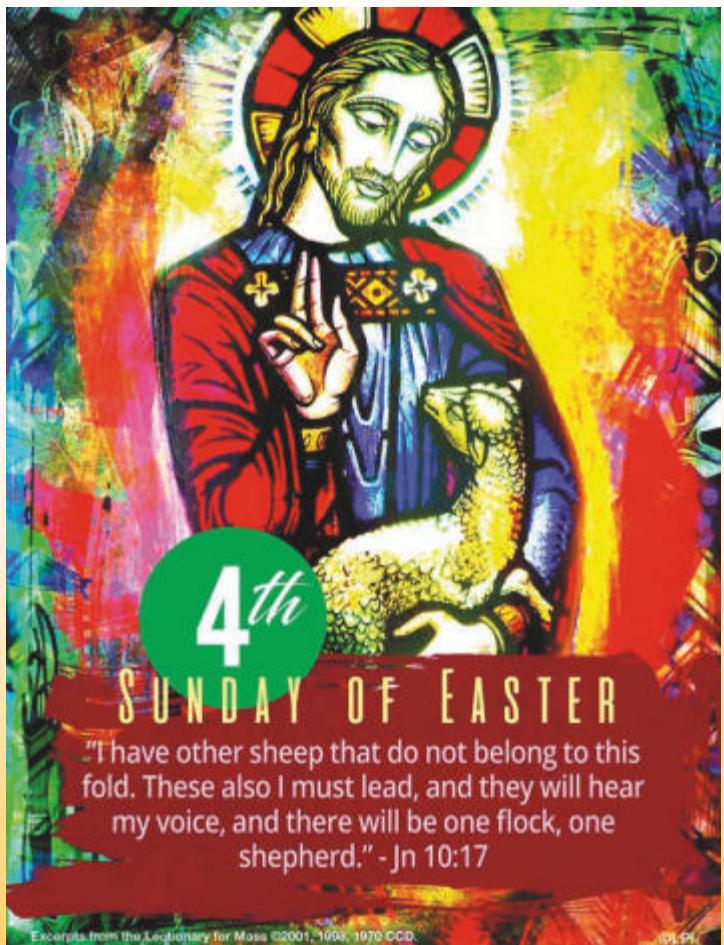
PARISH BULLETIN

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

OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY – FRIDAY
9:15 AM – 4:00PM
508-603-1430
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SAINT GABRIEL'S PARISH, UPTON

I AM THE
GOOD SHEPHERD.
A GOOD SHEPHERD
LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE
FOR THE SHEEP.
JOHN 10:11

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Apr 24	7:30	
	5:00	Richard Broderick, and "Magee" req by Karen Broderick (3rd Anniversary)
	6:30	
Sun., Apr 25	7:30	Eleanor Connelly, req by Joan Claflin
	8:30	
	10:30	Charlie Rowley, req By Rossman Family
	12:00	Maurice and Pauline Capistran, req by Family
	5:30	Daniel Ahearn, req Saras Family
Mon., Apr 26	7:30	
Tues Apr 27	7:30	Patricia O'Sullivan
Wed., Apr 28	7:30	Calise Kilo, req by P. Lawrence
Thurs, Apr 29	7:30	Walter Shacker, req P. Lawrence
Fri., Apr 30	7:30	For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat., May 01	7:30	Dorothy Mehalko, req by Family
	5:00	Judith Kossuth, req by Family
	6:30	
Sun., May 02	7:30	Salvatore Tinio, req by Brian and Maggie Bethel
	8:30	Joan Kearns, req by his wife
	10:30	
	12:00	Maurice and Pauline Capistran, req by Family
	5:30	Daniel Ahearn, req by Saras 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.	
Apr 19-23	School Vacation Week	

PLEASE REMEMBER.....

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!



April 25, 2021: 4th Sunday of Easter

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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. Registrations will be mailed out in March.

Confirmation:

May 10th 7:00 pm Confirmation Mass
 St. Paul's Cathedral ,
 Worcester

Religious Ed

First Communion Class May 02 8:30-10:20 AM
First Communion Mass May 08 10:00 am or / 2:00 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.

If you have any questions please contact Simone.

BOOK DONATIONS:

Thanks to everyone for making the prison ministry successful. Books have been delivered to prisons, jails, and juvenile detention centers. These facilities are so thankful that you have cared enough to share with them and your donations have been gratefully received. Consequently, I am asking again if you have any books-hard or soft cover, graphic novels, or children and young adult books could you please leave them in the narthex. Thank you so very much.

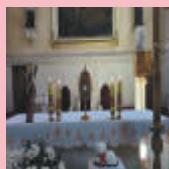


FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

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**. If you are able to spend some quiet time in prayer, please sign the sheet by Mary's Chapel for Friday Adoration.



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 weekly.

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 :

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Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?"

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade. But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes," the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — "I've got this."

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

Grief Support Meeting



The next meeting of the grief support group ministry will be **May 20th**. (TBD) 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 Chrisdave12@gmail.com or call 508-320-6654 and feel free to leave a message.



YOU CAN DONATE TO PARTNERS IN CHARITY ONLINE!
Go to the parish's website to donate:
<https://www.stgabrielma.org/>

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month during the school year. (Due to COVID we will let you know when we resume our meetings.) Please come to knit or crochet, to share stories and to pray! Everyone is welcome. For more information call Neeni Francis at 508-615-4786.

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, just attend their meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel at St. Gabriel's. All are welcome!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. 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://wwmema.org/>.

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience (English) on

Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24
Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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 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. 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.

Spring Time Glory!

Once again Spring has sprung at St. Gabriel's! Our campus is lovely with perennials and flowering bushes. Some Green Thump enthusiasts have offered to care for individual gardens. Sprucing up, weeding, trimming, etc. If you are interested in donating a couple of hours please call the office and see what's available. If you've adopted a garden in the past, please consider doing it again this year! Thanks in advance for any help you can offer.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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 can't earn salvation; we are saved by God's grace when we have faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. All you have to do is believe you are a sinner, that Christ died for your sins, and ask His forgiveness. Then turn from your sins—that's called repentance.

Jesus Christ knows you and loves you. What matters to Him is the attitude of your heart, your honesty. We suggest praying the following prayer to accept Christ as your Savior:



Food Pantry

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.



"Dear God, I know I'm a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died for my sin and that you raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen."

**PRAY
FOR
SOMEONE
NEW
EVERY
DAY!**



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 meets monthly on the third Sunday of each month after the 5:30pm Mass (approximately 6:30pm) in lower level of the church.** Our May meeting will be held on Sunday, May 16th, *Virtually*. If you have questions, please speak with Fr. Larry, or Sarah Baldiga: sbaldiga@gmail.com or 508-320-8676. (Please contact office to see when resuming.)



Did You Know?

AUTOMATIC YEAR-ROUND CONTRIBUTIONS

Using *ParishSOFT Online Giving* you can make contributions at any time and from any place with an internet connection. You no longer must wait until November to make a contribution for Christmas flowers. You can make any contribution for the year ahead of time. Call office if have any questions!!

Knights of Columbus



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

St. Gabriel the Archangel - Knights of Columbus Faith in Action Scholarship Application Form

(APPLICATION forms can be found in Narthex)

Eligibility requirement: Applicants must be a high school senior who is a member of St. Gabriel the Archangel parish and who is planning to further his/her education.

List your participation as a member of the parish.

REFERENCE: select one person from whom you can obtain a letter of reference that focuses on your volunteer contributions to your parish and community. **Include the letter in your application packet;** provide the person's name and phone number below.

Attach an essay explaining how you witness to your Catholic-Christian Faith by volunteering within our parish and the community. Please return completed application form, essay and required reference by May 15, 2021

Mail to: Tim Denson, 4 Goss Pond, Upton
or electronically to: timdenson@charter.net or
AND crooney@stgabrielma.org with email
subject: Knights Scholarship
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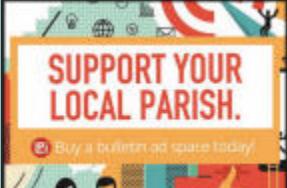
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