



# Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish

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

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

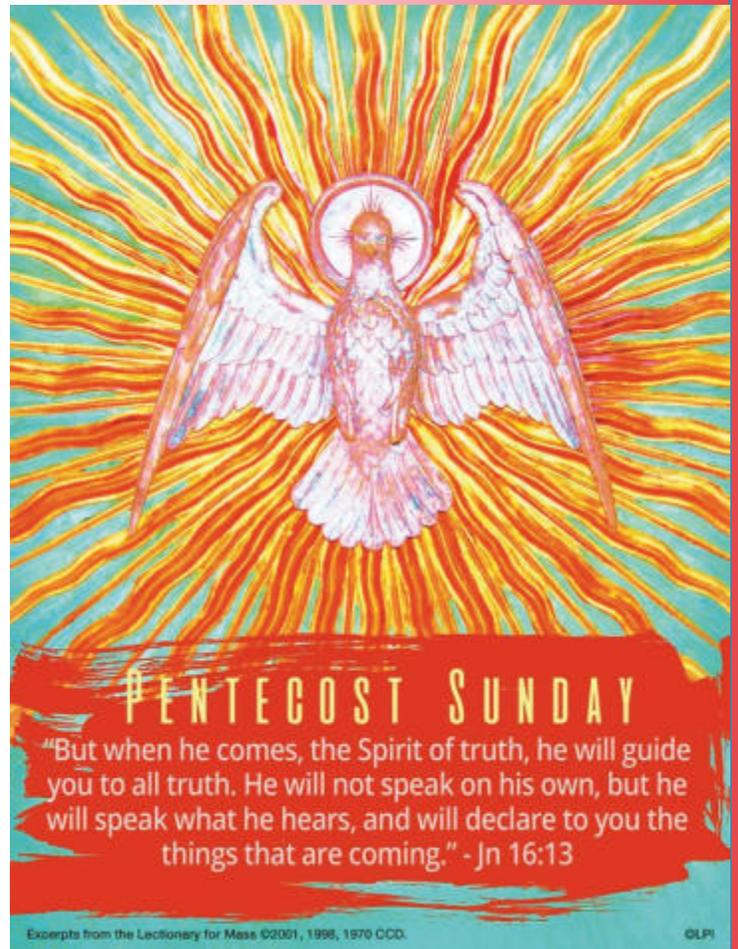
## PARISH BULLETIN

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

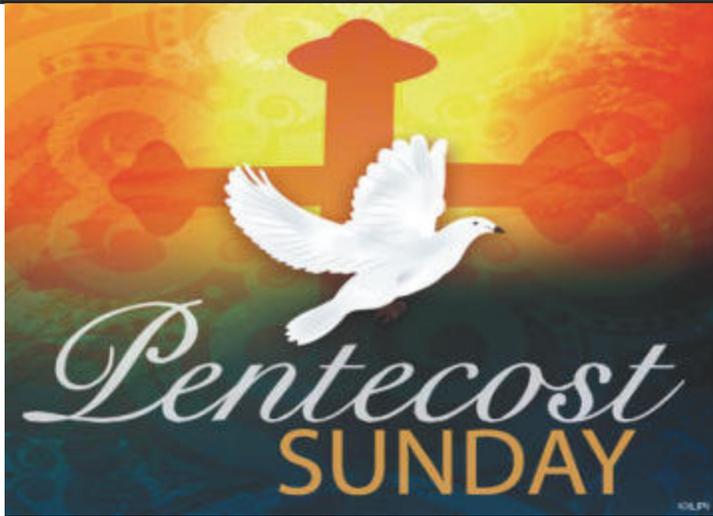
Arrangements for the reception of the sacraments at home can be made by contacting the Parish Office. Please also notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital or otherwise

OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY – FRIDAY  
9:15 AM – 4:00PM  
508-603-1430  
Fax-1-508-529-1629



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## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., May 22	8:00	
	5:00	Jean Bullock, req by Lazaraz's
Sun., May 23	8:00	Spinner Family, req by Family
	10:30	Gloria Camire, req by St Gabriel's Festival Choir
	12:00	
	5:30	Daniel Ahearn, req by Rooney Family
Mon., May 24	8:30	Frank Braney, req by his Wife
Tues., May 25	8:30	Mary and George Gerrier, req by Family
Weds., May 26	8:30	Aloysius Soares, req by Dantas's
Thurs., May 27	8:30	
Fri., May 28	8:30	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat., May 29	8:00	
	5:00	Roy Rossman, req by Family
Sun., May 30	8:00	Ricky Summers, req by Varney Family
	10:30	
	12:00	Barbara Burke, req by Jim, Sue And Family
	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. May 16	YNIA Meeting	6:15-8:45 pm
Mon., May 31	Memorial Day	(OFFICE CLOSED)

## May 23, 2021: Pentecost Sunday

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy. It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### 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.

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.

### **Catholic Vs. Protestant Bibles: Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?**

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books. At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament.

### **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 **June 4th from 9:00 –11:30 AM**



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### **REMINDER: ALL MASS TIMES WILL RESUME TO PRE-COVID SCHEDULE STARTING THIS WEEKEND:**

Morning Mass will be 8:30 am, except Saturday mornings at 8:00am., all will be Live Streamed!! Weekend Mass will be Sat. at 5:00pm; and Sunday at 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 5:30 pm.. Again the Sunday 8:00 am Mass will be Live Streamed!!!

Anyone who has booked a Mass for 7:30 or 8:30 am that Mass will be held at the 8:00 am Mass that weekend. All Masses booked during the week will be said at the 8:30 am Mass. Any questions please feel free to Call the office at 508-603-1430.

## Pentecost:

### **Why do we celebrate Pentecost when we do?**

The book of Acts unpacks the events immediately following Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Apostles and other disciples were told to pray in Jerusalem and await another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As the weeks ticked on, the Jewish Festival of Weeks approached.

This festival took place 50 days after Passover and celebrated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. The Festival of Weeks (or "Pentecost" in Greek) was a great pilgrimage feast, with Jews from all over the ancient world convening on Jerusalem for the celebration.

It was on Pentecost that God chose to send the Holy Spirit. Here, the new law of love was etched into the hearts of the disciples.

As he burst out onto the balcony above the multinational crowd, Peter proclaimed the message of the resurrection, and the Holy Spirit enabled every listener to hear in their native language. 3,000 people were baptized that day! The disciples — and every baptized person — receives the gifts and zeal necessary to bring a new message of salvation to the people of God.

### Grief Support Meeting



The next meeting of the grief support group ministry will be June 17th. 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](mailto:Chrisdave12@gmail.com) or call 508-320-6654 and feel free to leave a message.

### You Don't Have What It Takes — but You Will

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called. We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.

We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades? But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue

### Save the Date! "Let Us Dream"

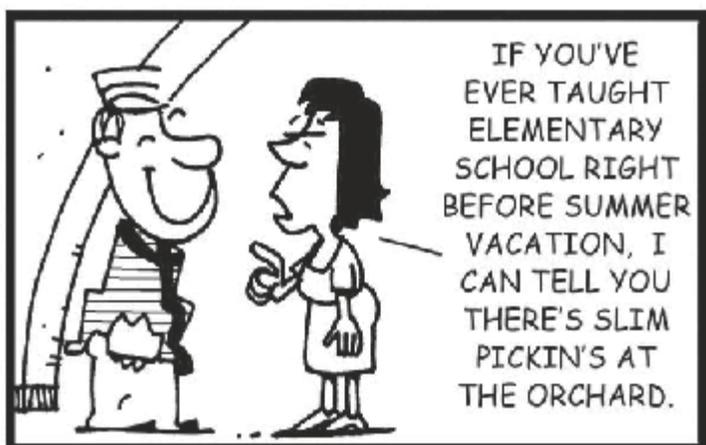
#### Mini Retreat



Our Peace and Social Justice Ministry is sponsoring a mini-retreat on Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 9am to 12 noon at the parish.

The ministry is offering an opportunity to our brothers and sisters in Christ to gather with fellow parishioners to share the stories of their experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic and how we as Christians can successfully move forward from it. The retreat will discuss the blueprint to move forward offered by our beloved Pope Francis in his recent book "*Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future.*" Members of the Peace and Social Justice Ministry read this book and were drawn to a deeper understanding of what was brought to light during the pandemic and what we as Christians are called to do in response to what we have learned. By sharing our stories and our faith, together we can make this first step on our pilgrimage to a better future for all. Please consider joining for this morning of sharing, reflection, and discernment. We encourage you to read the book as well. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Sarah Baldiga at [sbaldiga@gmail.com](mailto:sbaldiga@gmail.com) or 508-320-8676.

### PENTECOST



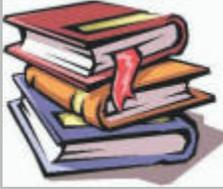
## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### 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. Your friend, Jesus.

### BOOKS ARE STILL NEEDED :



Now is the time to clean out your bookshelves. Our new *Prison Ministry* is collecting books for adult inmates and their children. We are in need of adult books, children's books, and graphic novels. No textbooks or encyclopedias please.

**HOLINESS**  
is for the  
**ORDINARY**

### PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts I received in my Baptism and Confirmation. I want to receive the fire of Your love as Your disciples did at Pentecost.

Come with wonder and awe, with wisdom, understanding, and counsel, with courage and faith in You.

Holy Spirit, may my actions witness to Your presence in my life.

Help me to see the ways my strengths can serve others in their weakness. In all my interactions, I want to radiate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Breathe new life into the world through me. Amen.

### 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.

**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.



### Food Pantry

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



### 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. 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 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. 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. (Will let you know when

### 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.

### Pray for Siblings at Odds

In the family..., how many siblings quarrel over little things, or over an inheritance, and then they no longer speak to each other, they no longer greet one another. The is terrible! Brotherhood is a great thing when we consider that all our brothers and sisters lived in the womb of the same mother for nine months, came from the mother's flesh! Brotherhood cannot be broken. Let us consider; we all know families that have divided siblings, who have quarreled; let us ask the Lord—perhaps in our family there are a few cases—to help these families to reunite their siblings, to rebuild the family. Brotherhood must not be broken, and when it breaks, what happened to Cain and Abel occurs. When the Lord asks Cain where his brother is, he replies: "I do not know, my brother does not matter to me" (cf:Genesis 4:9). This is terrible; it is a very, very painful thing to hear. In our prayers let us always pray for siblings who are at odds.

**Adam blamed Eve  
and Eve blamed the snake  
and the snake didn't have a let to stand on.**

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