



Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish

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OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY – FRIDAY
9:15 AM – 4:00PM
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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Lord 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

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

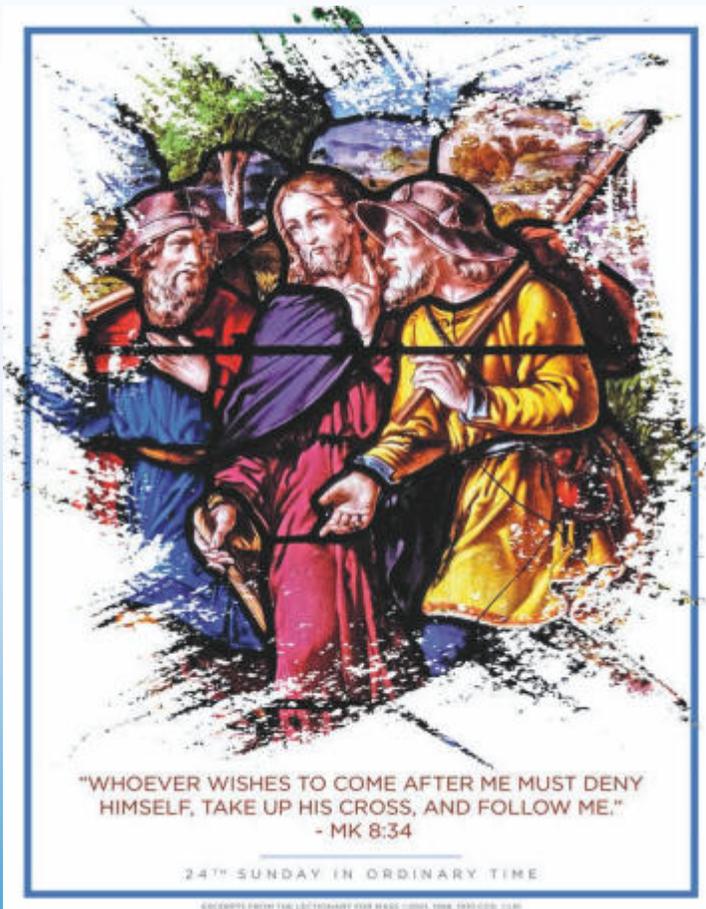
We are always happy to welcome new people into our parish family. If you have discovered our Church and like what you experience, why not become a member? Contact the Parish Office for more information.

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.

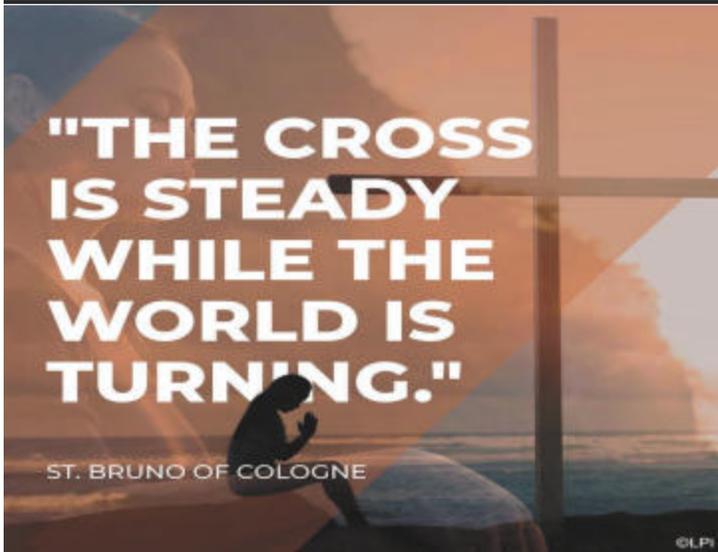
PASTORAL CARE

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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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Sept 11	8:00	Salvatore and Annie DeSousa, req By Family
	5:00	Annette Wiganowske. req by Skip Wiganowske (25th Anniversary)
Sun., Sept 12	8:00	Thomas Muldoon; and John Kearns, req by his Wife (6th Anniv.)
	10:30	Richard Brault, req by K of C
	12:00	
	5:30	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, req by DeSouza Family
Mon., Sept 13	8:30	Diane Czjak, req by M. Summers
Tues., Sept. 14	8:30	For continued Health of Fr. Richard Reiddy, req by Chad
Wed., Sept. 15	8:30	For continued Health of Monsignor Timothy Moran, req by Chad
Thurs., Sept. 16	8:30	Fr. Christopher Roberts, req by Chad
Fri., Sept. 17	8:30	For all the holy souls in Purgatory.
Sat., Sept 18	8:00	Michael Murray
	5:00	Anne Marie Wilson, req by Loretta Cervassi and Family
Sun., Sept 19	8:00	Ralph G. Ruggiero Sr., req by Family
	10:30	For all the Holy souls in Purgatory, Req by St Gabs Redemption Ministry
	12:00	Gerald Shaughnessy, req by Betty, Hugh and Family
	5:30	For all the holy souls in Purgatory, req by Christine Klimavich



CHECK WITH OFFICE TO SEE IF EVENT CANCELLED OR HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED:

Mon., (all)	Bible Study	10:00am
Mon., (all)	Marian Rosary Group	4:00 pm
Thurs, 2nd of each Month-	Healing prayer service	
Thurs., 3rd of each Month-	Grief Group Mtg.,	7:00 pm in Parish Hall
Sun., 3rd of each Month-	Peace & Social Justice Mtg.	7:00 pm (Will be announced when resuming)
Weds., Sept 22 nd -	Women's Club Meeting	6:30-9:00pm
Weds., Oct. 20 th -	Women's Club Meeting	7:00-9:00pm
Weds., Nov. 17 th -	Women's Club Meeting	7:00-9:00pm

What are Grandparents Made Of?

Hope and pride, pure joy inside
 Warm hugs and kisses, shooting star wishes
 Tickle and fun, a sprinkle of sun
 Hands to hold, hearts of gold...

That's what grandparents are made of
 Tales from the past, memories to last
 Laps for reading, "I love you" greetings
 Wisdom to teach, always in reach
 Toys galore, eyes that adore...

That's what grandparents are made of
 Patience and time, trees to climb
 Baby photos in frames, childhood games
 Bragging rights, sleep over nights
 Comforting arms, magical charms...

That's what grandparents are made of
 Kindness and care, affection to share
 Heart-to-heart talks, unhurried walks
 Faith and trust, spoiling a must
 Endless love, a gift from above...

That's what grandparents are made of



THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER:

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.

Teachers are needed for the school year classes:

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 meet twice a month on Sundays from 9:05-10:20

Eucharist class will meet once a month from 8:00-10:20

Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 meet twice a month on Mondays from 6:00-8:00

If you are willing to share your faith with any one of these groups, please contact the Religious Ed. Office.

If you have a child entering the First Grade in September, please contact us for a registration form or download a form from our web-site.

If you have any questions please contact Simone.

Tuesday Adoration

My friend an appeal from My Sacred 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 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 here for you and want you to come to me.

Your friend, Jesus.



September 12, 2021: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are. Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.



HAITI EARTHQUAKE DEVESTATION:

The epicenter of Saturday's earthquake was almost a direct hit to our twin parish St. Anne in Sucrerie Henry. Download the link below for updates we've received from pastor Pere Didier, including photos and videos of damage.

We cannot watch these videos and look at the pictures that follow without wanting to help in any way we can. At this time, Pere Didier and the St. Anne Parish Council are working through their shock and assessing the needs of the parish community. They will report back to us once they can formulate a list. In the meantime, we know there are many immediate medical, housing, food, and sanitation needs. We know the buildings that have been damaged cannot be occupied in their current state.

We are utilizing this post to launch a campaign to raise money for the immediate needs of the St. Anne community. Donations can be made at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/Giving/stgabrielegiving> (using the dropdown menu under "One Time" then "Fund" choose "Haiti Collection – Monthly"), or by mailing a check to St. Gabriel's (make check out to St. Gabriel's and include "Haiti" in the memo).



Grief Support Meeting



The next meeting of the grief support group ministry will be **September 16th** at 7:00pm Virtually. 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.

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

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew**. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30 PM.



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 Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

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. (TBD) in the Chapel at St. Gabriel's. All are welcome!

St. Gabriel Women's Club
First Meeting of the Season



The St. Gabriel Women's Club will have their first meeting of

the 2021 season on Wednesday, Sept. 22nd @ 6:30pm in the church hall. Dinner will be provided.

Please contact Sally Riendeau at riendeer18@msn.com if you plan on attending. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

The Blessing of Animals

will take place on Sunday,

October 3rd at 1:00 p.m. on the rectory lawn. Bring all your pets. Dogs, cats, horses, snakes, hamsters, etc. If it is your pet(s) please bring them. Let's surprise Fr. Larry this year with something he has never blessed



Jesus' Grandparents:

July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?



Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community. James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

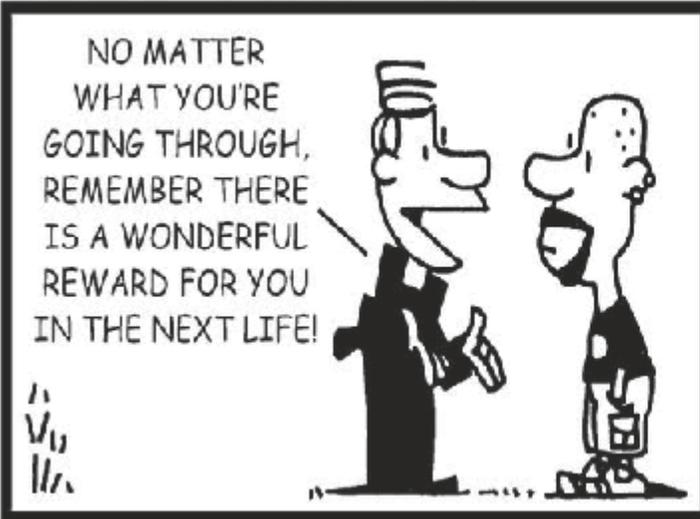
Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation --God becoming human!

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make memories for years
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Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers. And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities. Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stay from his destiny. Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed." He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it. Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, Should I Stay, or Should I Go, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.



FOOD PANTRY:

Thanks to your generosity the Food Pantry is able to assist families and individuals who have very limited incomes. Some visit once a month and others visit every week or two. We are in need of chicken soups, beef soups, beef stew, crackers and school snacks. Thank you for your concern and kindness.

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 **October 1st from 9:00 –11:30 AM.**



RAFFLE TICKETS /Knights of Columbus

All Raffle tickets must be returned by end of September. The actual drawing will take place on October 1st. Good luck !Thank you!!



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