



Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish

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OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY – FRIDAY
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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

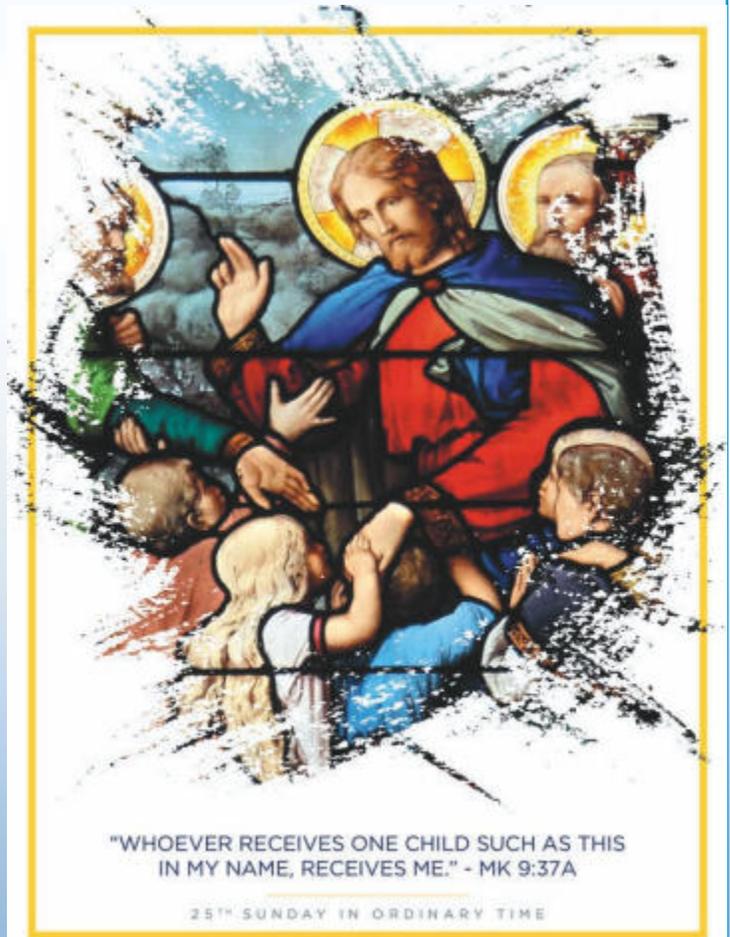
We are always happy to welcome new people into our parish family. If you have discovered our Church and like what you experience, why not become a member? Contact the Parish Office for more information.

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.

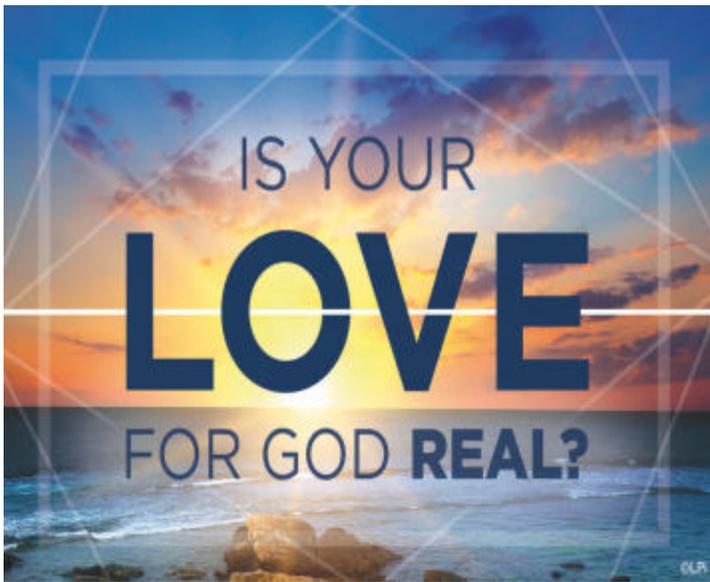
PASTORAL CARE

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 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
Mon., Sept 20	8:30	Diane Czjak, req by Maggie Summers
Tues., Sept. 21	8:30	For the continued Healing of Fr. Vincent Lambert, req by Chad
Wed., Sept. 22	8:30	For the continued healing of Msg. Timothy Doherty, req by Chad
Thurs., Sept. 23	8:30	For all the holy souls in Purgatory.
Fri., Sept. 24	8:30	Joseph McGarry, req by Daughter and Family
Sat., Sept 25	8:00	James DeSousa, req by Family
	5:00	Charles Barry, req. by his wife; and Paul Couture, req by Loretta Cervassi And Family
Sun., Sept 26	8:30	Charles Barry and Marcia Carmen
	10:30	Marian Despres, req by J. O'Donnell
	12:00	Charles Barry (2nd Anniv), req by Family
	5:30	Keith Bustin, req by Bache Family

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 22nd-Women's Club Meeting 6:30-9:00pm
- Sun., Oct 3rd - Blessing of Animals 1:00pm
- Weds., Oct. 20th- Women's Club Meeting 7:00-9:00pm
- Weds., Nov. 17th-Women's' Club Meeting 7:00-9:00pm

September 19, 2021:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy and that's okay.

THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER:

Religious Education schedule for October

Oct. 3	Euch. Class	8:00-10:20
Oct 24	Retreat Team	6:30
Oct. 17, 24	Gr. 1, 3, 4, 5,	9:05-10:20
Oct. 4, 18	Gr. 7-11	6:00-8:00

The Religious Education schedule for the 2021-2022 school year has been posted on St. Gabriel's web-site.

It is important that those who did not participate in the Summer Intensive Program return registrations for the school year. This will help us determine teacher needs. If you are planning on volunteering, please contact Simone.

The View from the Back of the Line:

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

Communion Fasting

Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the Eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.

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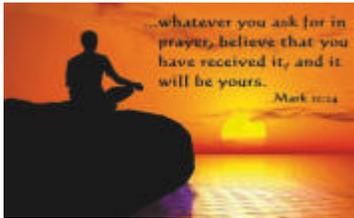
Grief Support Meeting



The next meeting of the grief support group ministry will be **October 21st** at 7:00pm. 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.

Can we pray for you?

Did you know there are a dedicated group of parishioners that pray for special intentions during the week? (Prayers of thanksgiving, prayers for healing, prayers for the families of the deceased) If you would like a prayer included in our prayer list, please provide your first name only and prayer to our new email address: stgabrielsprayerline@gmail.com. We are always looking for more *prayer partners*.



HAITI EARTHQUAKE DEVESTATION:

The epicenter of August 14th's earthquake was almost a direct hit to our twin parish St. Anne in Sucrerie Henry. We cannot look at the pictures below 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 continue to report to us as they formulate a list of needs. 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 and the Pastor and parishioners are living outside in tents.

We will utilize this post as we continue our campaigns to raise money for the immediate needs of the St. Anne community. Donations can be made at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/Giving/stgabrielgiving> (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). Please go to : animoto.com/play/DGzWAMcm16945bQ1d7hTLg for actual video directly from the Pastor Pere Didier



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://www.mema.org/>. Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Take time for your marriage and learn how to be the best spouse you can be by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

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 our Priest this year with something they have never blessed before!**



If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things for happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us

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 and Thank you!!



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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.

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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, spam, 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.**

Marian Prayer

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

BE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.stgabrielma.org and APP for lots of information on our parish including our event calendar, religious education information & scheduled meetings. It is updated weekly.

Be Sure to Look the Part

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part?

"DIANE CZJAK MEMORIAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE"

Due to numerous requests we will collect money for the Diane Czjak Memorial Change for Change Program appeal this Fall. Those who are involved with working the appeal are extremely involved with the Haitian outreach to our Sister Parish St. Anne's earthquake devastation. Because of this jars **will not** be put out, but were are asking you if you would like to give to the appeal we ask that you place "Change for Change" in the memo section of your check. Again all proceeds will go directly to help those with homelessness and housing through the Central Mass Housing Alliance. As always thank you for your continued outreach and generosity to those in need. We will be collecting till end of October.

"A generous person will prosper, whoever refreshes others will be refreshed" Proverbs 11:25

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