



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's Day: 5:00 (Vigil)
 8:30, 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 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

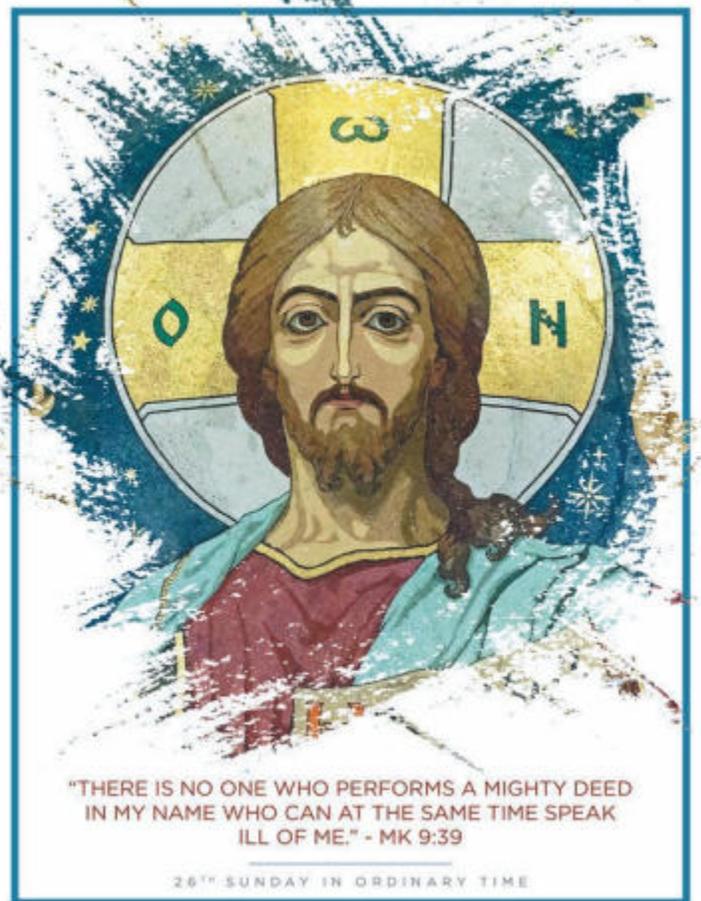
We are always happy to welcome new people into our parish family. If you have discovered our Church and like what you experience, why not become a member? Contact the Parish Office for more information.

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.

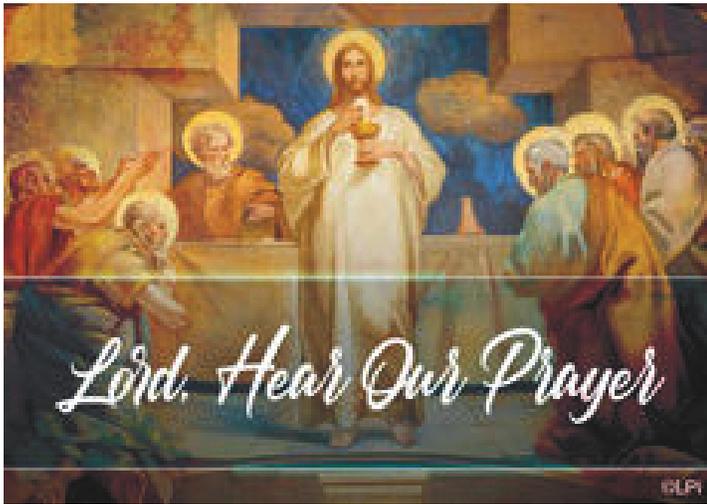
PASTORAL CARE

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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MASS INTENTIONS

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| 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 | 8:00 | 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 |
| Mon., Sept 27 | 8:30 | Diane Czjak, req by Rooney's |
| Tues., Sept. 28 | 8:30 | For all the holy souls in Purgatory. |
| Wed., Sept. 29 | 8:30 | For all the holy souls in Purgatory., req. by St Gab's Redemption Ministry |
| Thurs., Sept 30 | 8:30 | Donald and Alice Clark, req by Bill and Agnita Knott |
| Fri., Oct 01 | 8:30 | For all the holy souls in Purgatory. |
| Sat., Oct 02 | 8:00 | Florence and Palmira Rodrigues, req. by Family |
| | 5:00 | Edward Lynch, req by Joan Claflin |
| Sun., Oct 03 | 8:00 | Francis Farrell, req by Family |
| | 10:30 | Maureen and Peter Place, req by Bache Family |
| | 12:00 | Maurice and Pauline Capistran, req. by Family |
| | 5:30 | Margaret, John, Arleen ,Carol Fitzgerald and deceased Family, req By Family |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

September 26, 2021 :26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness.

Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery. As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER:

Religious Education schedule for October:

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| Oct. 3 | Euch. Class | 8:30-10:20 |
| Oct 10 | Retreat Team | 6:30 |
| Oct 17, 24 | Gr. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 | 9:05-10:20 |
| Oct. 18, 25 | Gr. 7-11 | 6:00-8:00 |

The Religious Education schedule for the 2021-2022s 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.

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 . When it resumes it will be announced!!

Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? "I could never serve on the Parish Council. That's for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years." "Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn't need my help." "I can't afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn't matter even if I did increase it."

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren't in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren't likely to pray over it, to discern it. We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren't privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it's outside our comfort zone, even if it's something that never occurred to us before. There's only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

HAITI EARTHQUAKE DEVESTATION:

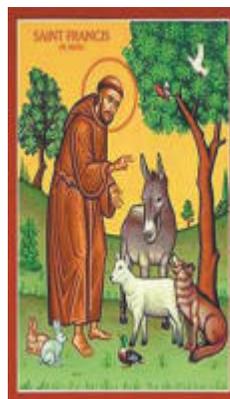
The epicenter of August 14th's earthquake was almost a direct hit to our twin parish St. Anne in Sucrerie Henry. We cannot look at the pictures below without wanting to help in any way we can. At this time, Pere Didier and the St. Anne Parish Council are working through their shock and assessing the 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



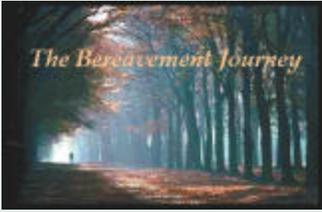
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The Blessing of Animals....



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 they have never blessed before!

Grief Support Meeting



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

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/>.

"The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart." Fill your hearts with joy by learning how to love your spouse to the fullest on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

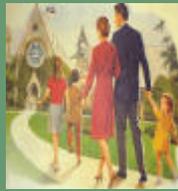
Is It the Thought That Counts?

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really!?! I don't think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth.

We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found.

Join YNIA for the 21/22 Year:



Calling all High School Teens! YNIA is a High School group rooted in Catholic Social teaching. We work together to learn, build team and do service projects. We have a week long service week in the summer that is a great experience for all involved. We are starting our 20/21 year and would like to welcome new teens to our group. Please reach out to our email stgabesyria@gmail.com and we are happy to answer any questions you may have, send our YNIA info sheet, and our sign up form.

"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 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



THE 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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.

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

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, peas, coffee ,spam, crackers, school snacks and shampoo. 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 **October 1st**. If you are able to spend some quiet time in prayer, please sign the sheet by Mary's Chapel for Friday Adoration.

Check us out 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!



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Resurrection of the Dead

What do Catholics believe about the resurrection of the dead?

Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe "in the resurrection of the body." Does that mean Christ's resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus' resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it's also a sign of what's to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It's an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited.

Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be our body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus' resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus broke bread with his disciples? We don't really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul!

RAFFLE TICKETS /Knights of Columbus :

All Raffle tickets must be returned by end of September. The actual drawing will take place on October 2nd. Good luck !Thank you!!



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