



Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish

Rev. Laurence V. Brault / Pastor
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OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY – FRIDAY
9:15 AM – 4:00PM
508-603-1430

Lord's Day: 5:00 (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 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 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 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



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment; But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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SAINT GABRIEL'S PARISH, UPTON



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Oct 02	8:00	Florence and Palmira Rodrigues, req. by Family
Sun., Oct 03	5:00	Edward Lynch, req by Joan Claflin
	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
Mon., Oct 04	8:30	Jacy Henderson, req by M. Summers
Tues., Oct 05	8:30	For all the holy souls in Purgatory., req. by St Gab's Redemption Ministry
Wed., Oct 06	8:30	Nora Moore
Thurs., Oct 07	8:30	Judy Armen req by Bill and Agnita Knott
Fri., Oct 08	8:30	For all the holy souls in Purgatory.
Sat., Oct 09	8:00	
Sun., Oct 10	5:00	Edward Lynch, req by Hershey's
	8:00	Simin and Mary Rodrigues, req by DeSouza Family
	10:30	David Pond, req. by Family (34th Anniversary)
	12:00	Edna Cosetta, req by daughter Cathy Gosselin
	5:30	Cissy Henderson, req by a Friend

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)
- Sun., Oct 3rd - Blessing of Animals 1:00pm
- Mon., Oct. 11th-Columbus Day-OFFICE CLOSED
- Weds., Oct. 20th- Women's Club Meeting 7:00-9:00pm
- Weds., Nov. 17th-Women's' Club Meeting 7:00

October 3, 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER:

Religious Education schedule for October:

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.

Gifts Given to Share

My oldest two children took piano lessons when they were younger. In fact, it was because my oldest wanted to learn to play so badly that we purchased a piano. He would use it for practice during his few years of lessons, and then my daughter took up the instrument. After a few years of lessons for each, restlessness set in and a type of indifference took over. The lessons and the practicing came to an end.

My youngest had not expressed much interest in piano when he was younger. Then when he was a teenager, he asked for lessons. He began to play and now he plays even for fun and to relax. When his siblings try to play, they are stuck with the truth that those days are gone and since they gave it up years ago, they can no longer really play. In many ways, they were given a gift, but since they did not use and cultivate it, they lost it.

God gives us gifts every day and we too often act like those gifts will simply always be there. The truth is, unlike God Himself, many of those gifts are not eternal. If we fail to acknowledge them and put them to use, we risk losing them in the end. What a shame. What gifts might be slowly slipping away from each of us due to our lack of interest and indifference? They might not be there if and when we change our minds.

St. Francis of Assisi | Feast Day October 4

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Grief Support Meeting



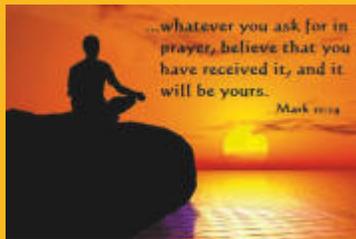
The next meeting of the grief support group ministry will be **October 21st** at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. The primary mission of this ministry is to help bring healing to the wounds caused by grief. Meetings consist of listening to a reflective reading fol-

lowed 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: **stgabrielsprayer-**

line@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



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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!

"DIANE CZJAK MEMORIAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE "



"There are 173 families in emergency shelters in the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance. This number does not include the number of families who do not qualify for Emergency Assistance who are staying in community shelters or couch surfing

without a place to call their own." –Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance

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.



FOOTBALL MANIA IS BACK!

Football season has begun and the St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus invites you to participate in our 5th Annual "Football Mania" fundraiser!



With each ticket you get some great music downloads & a Football Mania sweepstakes game card. With your game card, you can win up to \$400 in each week of the last 10 weeks of the NFL season, based upon the teams on your game card. Each card gives you 10 chances to win! You don't need to know anything about football to win and tickets are just \$20 each. Each week we will have a \$25 "guaranteed" winner from our parish. We only have 100 tickets, so there's a good chance, it could be YOU! A grand prize of \$1,000 will be awarded at the end of the season in Jan.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the support of our seminarian Michael Hoyer, our annual "Coats for Kids" program and other charitable needs within our Parish community. Will you please consider helping us out and having some fun playing along with the sweepstakes? See a K of C member after each Mass, and or contact "Football Mania Coordinator"- Scott Godowski via email "sdgski89@yahoo.com" or calling 508 422 9924.



Marian Prayer

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

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.

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 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 **November 5th**. If you are able to spend some quiet time in prayer, please sign the sheet by Mary's Chapel for Friday Adoration.



Therein lies the...rib

“If I were God...” is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. “Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again.” But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

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