



Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish

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



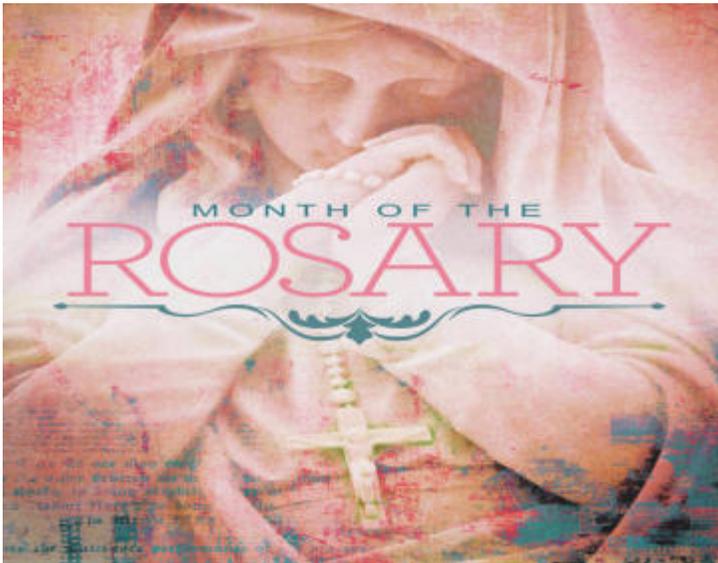
**28th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave
a wedding feast for his son." - Mt 22:2

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October 10, 2021

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Oct 09	8:00	
	5:00	Edward Lynch, req by Hershey's
Sun., Oct 10	8:00	Simon 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
Mon., Oct 11	8:30	Frank Braner Sr., req by Rita Braney
Tues., Oct 12	7:30	For all the holy souls in Purgatory., req by St Gab's Redemption Ministry
Wed., Oct 13	8:30	Susanne Bessette, req by Bill and Agnita Knott
Thurs., Oct 14	8:30	For all the holy souls in Purgatory.
Fri., Oct 15	8:30	For all the holy souls in Purgatory.
Sat., Oct 16	8:00	
	5:00	Jack and Luke Garagliano, req by Ann and Frank Halsing
Sun., Oct 17	8:30	John Kearns, req by his Wife
	10:30	
	12:00	Joseph Cunningham, req by Langins
	5:30	Oswald Iarussi, req By Connelly 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)
Mon., Oct. 11th-	Columbus Day-OFFICE CLOSED	
Weds., Oct. 20 th -	Women's Club Meeting	7:00-9:00pm
Weds., Nov. 17 th -	Women's' Club Meeting	7:00
Thurs., Nov 25th-	Thanksgiving- Mass	at 8:30 am

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER:

Religious Education schedule for October & November

Oct 3, 24	Retreat Team	6:30
Oct. 17, 24	Gr. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6	9:05-10:20
Oct. 4, 18	Gr. 7-11	
Nov. 07	Gr. 2- First Euch. Class	8:30-10:20
Nov. 14, 21	Gr. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6	9:05-10:20
Nov. 1, 15, 29	Gr. 7-11	6:00-8:00
Nov. 14	Retreat Team Meeting	6:30-8:00

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

If you have any questions please contact Simone.

If you are planning on volunteering, please contact Simone.

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Mount Saint Charles Academy invites prospective students and their families to our Open House on Sunday, Oct. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Attend our Open House to learn about our rigorous academics, service-learning, dedicated faculty, and a wide range of student clubs, sports, and fine and performing arts opportunities. You'll get to meet teachers, coaches, and current students at our activities fair and will be able to tour the school.

Mount Saint Charles Academy is a Catholic, college preparatory school for boys and girls in grades 6-12 that is committed to developing the whole child.

Register at <https://www.mountsaintcharles.org/2021-open-house/> or call 401-769-0310 ext. 177 to learn more.

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Join Us For
Trunk or Treat
October 31st

All those willing to please bring in Candy after 10:30 Mass. Please park in the middle of the parking lot, as we prepare for our Trick or Treaters. We ask that you please wear gloves and a Costume!!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

“He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.” God invites your marriage to be filled with His graces.

Accept His invitation by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience via Zoom for seven sessions every Monday and Thursday evenings starting on November 2 - 23 from 7-9:30 PM. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John and Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit us at [http://](http://www.wwme.org/)



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Grief Support Meeting



The next meeting of the grief support group ministry will be **November 14** at 7:00 pm 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 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.

REDEMPTION MINISTRY : COVID-19 UPDATE

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been determined that accepting bottles and cans for redemption would not be a safe practice due to the potential for contamination risks involved in the individual handling of each used bottle and can. These used bottles and cans require repeated handling and individual insertion into tallying receptacle machines an average of 100-200 times weekly. As a result, this suspension will remain in place until a proven, effective vaccine has been widely distributed to the general population.

However, in an effort to fulfill St. Gabriel's parishioners' strong desire to fund continued masses for the Holy Souls in Purgatory in a safe and practical manner, the Redemption Ministry and Fathers Larry and Sagar are asking parishioners to kindly consider redeeming bottles and cans they have accumulated these past many months and going forward from their individual households that have only been used by the members they're living with. (There is a Redemption Center in the Shaw's Plaza in Northbridge and the tally tickets can be cashed in next door with a cashier at Friendly Discount Liquors). Once you have reached the required \$10 Mass donation it can be put in a sealed envelope marked Redemption Ministry and placed in the weekly collection basket in the Narthex.

May God Bless and thank you for your continued understanding, kindness and consideration!

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 to Linda Higgins at stgabrielsprayerline@gmail.com. We are

always looking for more *prayer partners*. To volunteer, send an email to: stgabrielsprayerline@gmail.com

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.



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

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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.

“DIANE CZJAK MEMORIAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE “

“A moderate two-bedroom apartment in Worcester and its surrounding communities is \$1,060. At the time of this study, over 50% of renters in the Worcester area were unable to afford this level of rent in addition to utilities. In order to afford this cost, without paying more than 30% of income on housing, one must earn an hourly wage of \$20.38, assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year. This compares to the mean renter wage in Worcester, which is only \$13.03/hour. In order to afford a moderate two-bedroom apartment in our community, a household would need to work 1.7 full-time jobs at the mean renter wage. Minimum wage workers earning \$11.00 per hour would need to work 1.9 full-time jobs.”—Central Massachusetts House 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.

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 mayonnaise, 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.

Marian Prayer

We encourage any parishioner who so desires to join us for our Marian prayer on Monday's at 4:00pm. 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.



All Saints Day Monday Nov 1st- 8:30 am
7:00 pm

All Souls Day Tuesday, Nov 2nd 8:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m. For

Deceased Souls who have passed this year from
Nov. 2020- Nov. 2021

Respond with Love

Do you remember a time when you spent much time or money on a surprise or gift for someone else and they failed to appreciate it? We do open ourselves up to disappointment if our expectations do not match the response. Perhaps we reached down deep to share a part of ourselves only to encounter apathy and insensitivity. That can hurt even if the person ignoring our gesture meant no ill will toward us.

What must God feel like when we fail to respond to what He has done for us. We probably do not purposefully slight God, but perhaps we are so busy and mindless that it becomes impossible to be responsive and mindful. We can miss the gift of God which is right before our eyes.

It is very difficult to be a good steward if we do not intentionally choose to be mindful. We miss the important stuff in life, and we neglect those placed in our path as gifts to enrich our lives. If we are to live as Jesus asks, we must work on focusing our eyes of faith on the things that matter and the gifts we have been given. If we are made in the image of God, I suppose we can guess how God might feel when His gifts are not acknowledged, or His love not returned. If I reflect on the One who loves me more than anyone, how can I choose to not offer my love in return?

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