



# Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish

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

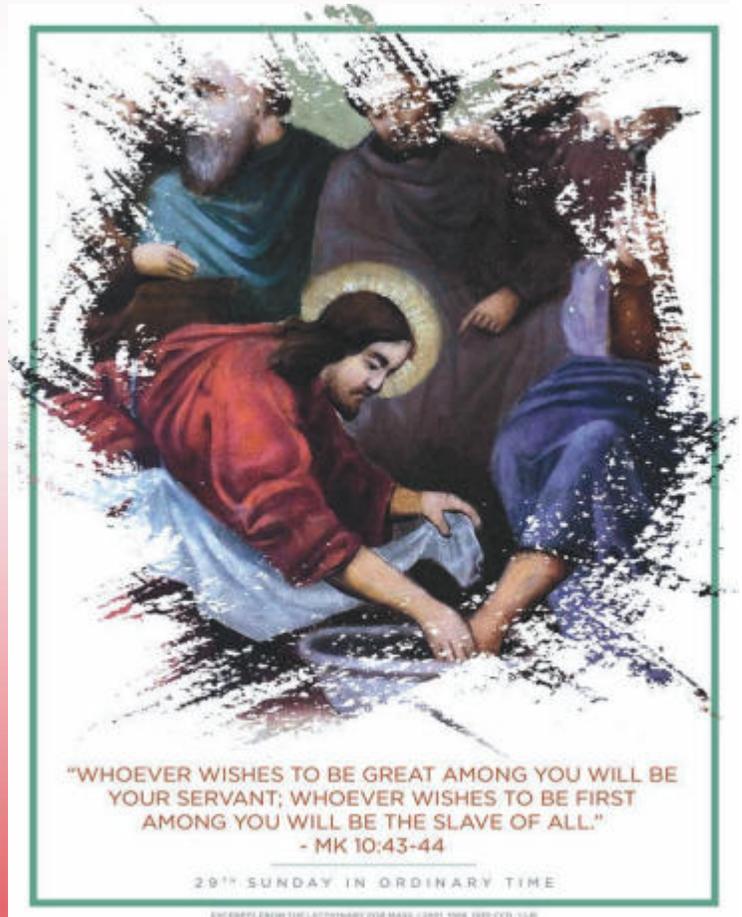
We are always happy to welcome new people into our parish family. If you have discovered our Church and like what you experience, why not become a member? Contact the Parish Office for more information.

#### PARISH BULLETIN

All items must be e-mailed to [crooney@stgabrielma.org](mailto:crooney@stgabrielma.org) or proposed in writing and left at the Parish Office by 9:00 AM Monday or one week early for holidays.

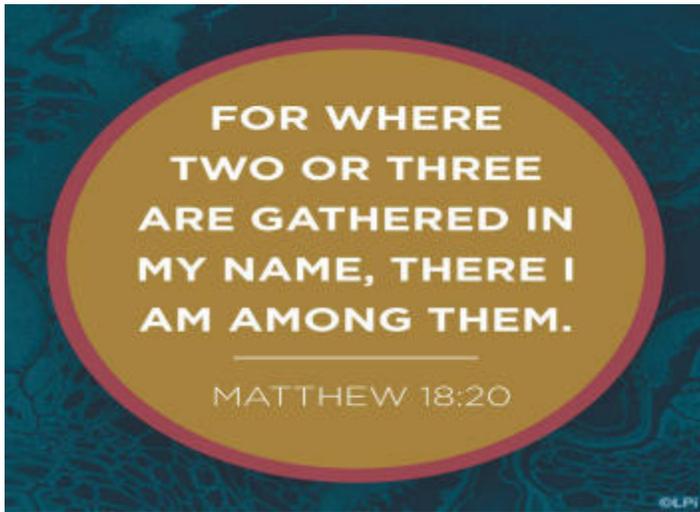
#### PASTORAL CARE

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., 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 Cunnigham, req by Langins
	5:30	Oswald Iarussi, req By Connelly Family
Mon., Oct 18	8:30	Ann McKenna, req by Bache Family
Tues., Oct 19	8:30	For all the holy souls in Purgatory.
Wed., Oct 20	8:30	Susanne Brainard, req by Bill and Agnita Knott
Thurs., Oct 21	8:30	For all the holy souls in Purgatory.
Fri., Oct 22	8:30	Christine Leary Driscoll, req by Karen and McGee (2nd Anniv.)
Sat., Oct 23	8:00	Joan St. Andre, req by Joan Claffin
	5:00	Dylan Rogers, req. by Cortese and Summers Family
Sun., Oct 24	8:00	William Mehalko, req by Family
	10:30	
	12:00	Charles White, req by P. Lawrence
	5:30	

October 17, 2021

### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“What do you wish me to do for you?” Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It’s an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today’s Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God’s attention. That’s not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It’s a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God’s kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God’s Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words “thy will be done” will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God’s eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God’s definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.



### 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., Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Club Meeting	7:00-9:00pm
Sun., Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	YNIA Meeting	6:30pm
Sun., Oct 31-	“Trunk or Treat”	11:30 am
Mon., Nov., 1st	“All Saints Day	
Turs., Nov., 2nd	“ All Souls Day”	
Sun., Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	YNIA Meeting	6:30p,
Nov., 11th	Veterans' Day	OFFICE CLOSED
Weds., Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Women's' Club Meeting	7:00

**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**

## THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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	8:00-10:20
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 pm

**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.**

### Chosen:

It is getting close to Election Day and I suppose most of us have an idea of how we will cast our vote. We have tried to discern where candidates stand on important issues and what type of leader they might be if elected. However, there is a good chance that when we go into a voting booth, we will cast at least one vote for a person who we never heard of and to do a job we do not understand. We know the more notable people in the more notable contests, but some of those on the ballot as we get further into it? Who knew that was going to be on there?

In life we will at times be asked to make a choice about something or someone we know little about. Our choices will not always be as informed as we would like. Then, when we do know some information needed to make a choice, we still don't know everything. We may support a candidate and not really know him or her personally.

When God chose you and me, He had all the information needed to make the choice. The crazy thing is He chose us anyway! He knew we would sin, turn our backs on Him, and sometimes not be very good ambassadors for Him. However, He still chose us because He loves us. We are a chosen people. We are His own. I don't know about you, but if given the chance I am not sure I would have chosen myself. I rejoice that God sees in me something that at times seems hidden to me.

### WOMEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS FAIR

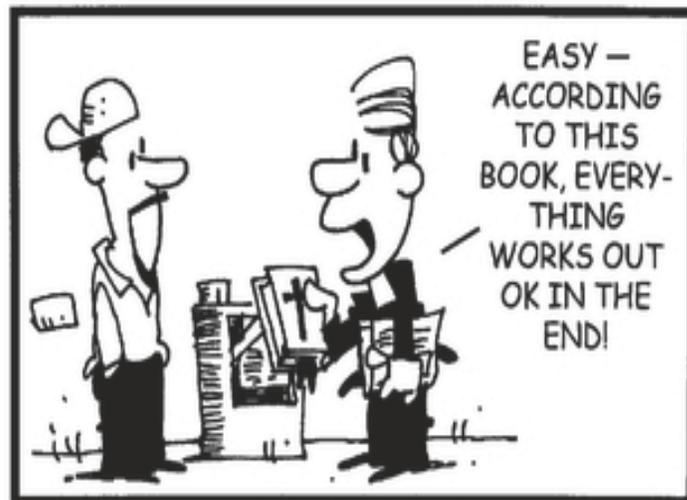


On Saturday, December 4th, from 9am to 2 pm, St. Gabriel Women's Club will hold their annual Christmas Fair with your "welfare" in mind.

This year's event will be downsized to promote a safe gathering place for our members, parishioners and patrons. We eliminated the flea market and the dining area - the two most congested areas. The cemetery baskets and wreaths will be sold outside or in the narthex if weather requires.

Our **BIG** Lottery Raffle (worth over \$475 in tickets) and the Theme Basket Raffle will be set up in the narthex. Other tables such as **New/Like New Items**, **Bake Sale** and **Olde Tyme Christmas** will be in the upstairs church hall while still allowing open space for safety purposes. We hope these changes address the concerns everyone has dealing with the COVID 19 epidemic. Masks will be required taking everyone's health risks into consideration. Looking forward to starting the Holiday Season with our friends and neighbors.

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**Grief Support Meeting**

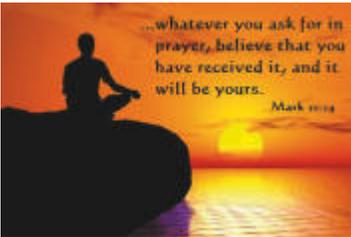


The next meeting of the grief support group ministry will be **November 18th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.** The primary mission of this ministry is to help bring healing to the wounds caused by grief. Meetings consist of

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](mailto: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 to Linda Higgins at [stgabriel-sprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:stgabriel-sprayerline@gmail.com). We are always looking for more prayer partners. To volunteer, send an email to: [stgabrielsprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:stgabrielsprayerline@gmail.com)



**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.

**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/>.

"Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." In our marriage we are called to give 100% to each other. Learn how to be the best spouse you can be by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.



**"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.



**St. Gabriel's Women's Club October Meeting**

St. Gabriel's Women's Club will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 7pm in the upstairs gathering room in the church. The meeting will start with the rosary followed by a business meeting. We will end the evening with some fun Halloween fun. All women of the parish are cordially invited.

**BE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT**

**[www.stgabrielma.org](http://www.stgabrielma.org)** for lots of information on our parish including our event calendar, religious education information & scheduled meetings. It is updated weekly.

## THE 29th 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.

### 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. in the Chapel at St. Gabriel's. (When meetings resume will be announce) All are welcome!

**THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL ALL SOULS DAY MASS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd AT 7:00 P.M. FOR ALL DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS.**

**IF YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER WHO PASSED NOVEMBER 1, 2020 TO NOVEMBER 1, 2021 AND WOULD LIKE HIM/HER REMEMBERED AT THIS SPECIAL MASS, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 508-603-1430**

### FOOD PANTRY:



Thank you for helping us to keep our Food Pantry shelves well stocked. The individuals and families who visit the Food Pantry are very grateful for your help. It humbles us and gives us joy to extend the love of Christ on your behalf to our brothers in sisters in need.

### 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.

### YNIA FUNDRAISER:

**The Young Neighbors in Action service group will be conducting a Textile Drive in conjunction with Bag2School on Sunday, October 24th. Drop your donations in the church parking lot from 9-12:00pm**

### The following items are acceptable:

Our latest Textile Drive has been confirmed for Sunday, October 24th from 9:00 to 12:00. The following items are acceptable:

All men's, women's and children's clothing, footwear, outdoor wear, hats, mittens, scarves and belts

Towels, linens and blankets

Handbags, backpacks, purses, soft bags

Items can be ripped or damaged, but please refrain from donating any wet or heavily soiled items.

YNIA members will be set up in the front parking area of the church and will assist you in taking your donations from your car.

### REDEMPTION OF THE HOLY SOULS:

Please note this renewed ministry as we enter into the promising hope of a post COVID time period that EVERY parishioner has the opportunity to partake in. So little can accomplish SO MUCH!!! It has been said there is no greater act of charity than to offer prayer for the Holy Souls in purgatory and there is no greater prayer than the Holy sacrifice of the Mass. In this light, we are asking all St. Gabriel parishioners to consider bringing your **full, closed bags of rinsed, redeemable bottles and cans** and place them in the tall green recycle bin located in the front left corner of the hall next to the Narthex for redemption. (**PLEASE ensure bottles are rinsed and bagged for safety as each can must be manually handled for individual insertion into the redemption machine**) The redemption money collected will be used to have Masses said for the Holy Souls on an ongoing basis. Just think of the potential that each time you enjoy a beverage YOU can contribute in helping souls literally get to heaven! Thank you all for your kind consideration.



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