



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 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



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ST GABRIELS APP:

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We are excited to announce the release of a new Mobile App for our parish. This app is available for download in the Android and Apple Stores. The App is a new and effective way for the parish to communicate with you and for you to stay connected with the parish. The App is PACKED with prayer resources including Liturgy of the Hours, Daily Mass Readings, the Order of the Mass, Sunday Reading Reflections, the Bible, the Catechism, a digital rosary and on and on. It is also packed with educational resources, parish events, event sign up forms, mass schedules, photo capture tools, discussion boards and more. Best of all, we can alert you of extra special happenings and cancellations via the app's push notifications system. Go in your APP Store and look for :

St Gabriel Upton - Download and make sure to allow **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS** for all new information!!

MASS INTENTIONS

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	
Mon., Oct 25	8:30	Nellie Fryer, req by John and Sue Oldfield
Tues., Oct 26	8:30	Theresa D'Amico
Wed., Oct 27	8:30	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, req by St Gab's Redemption Ministry
Thurs., Oct 28	8:30	John Duffy, req by K. Hewitt
Fri., Oct 29	8:30	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat., Oct 30	8:00	
	5:00	Stanley and John Robbins, req by Mucci Family (10th Anniversary)
Sun., Oct 31	8:00	John Sinur
	10:30	Clifford Crowe, req by Family
	12:00	Alexandra House, req by Paulette Lawrence
	5:30	

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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)
- Weds., Oct. 20th- Women's Club Meeting 7:00-9:00pm
- Sun., Oct 24th- 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 7th- YNIA Meeting 6:30p,

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

October 24, 2021-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong. Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

THE 30TH 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 Eucharist Class	8:00-10:20
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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.

WOMEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS FAIR

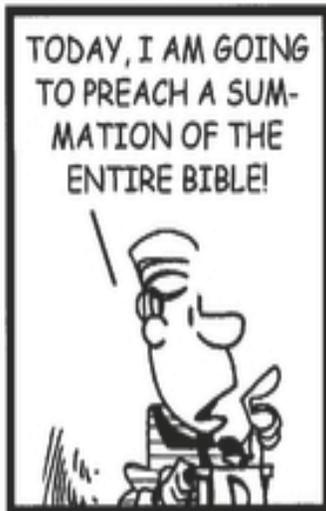
On Saturday, December 4th, from 9am to 2 pm, St. Gabriel Women's Club will hold their annual Christmas Fair with your "welfare" in mind. This year's event will be downsized to promote a safe gathering place for our members, parishioners and patrons. We eliminated the flea market and the dining area - 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. **to learn more.**



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



YNIA FUNDRAISER:

The Young Neighbors in Action service group will be conducting a Textile Drive in conjunction with Bag2School TODAY, 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, outerwear, 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.

Grief Support Meeting



The next meeting of the grief support group ministry will be **November 18th 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 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.

“DIANE CZAJAK MEMORIAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE “

Due to numerous requests we will collect money for the Diane Czajak 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 we 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.



FORMING CONSCIENCE FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP:

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: “Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one’s] heart more specifically: do this, shun that” (Gaudium et Spes 16). However, our conscience doesn’t just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation.

How do I form my conscience?

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are: 1) Begin by being open to the truth and what is right. 2) Study Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church. 3) Examine the facts and background information about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information. 4) Prayerfully reflect to discern the will of God (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, no. 18).

Additionally, it is important to consider how our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps:

- 1) Seek the prudent advice and good example of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
- 2) Learn about the authoritative teaching of the Church.
- 3) Pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us develop our conscience.
- 4) Regularly partake in an examination of conscience to hear God’s voice in your life.

“Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling” about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil.”

Here are some questions for further reflection:

1. When has my conscience guided me to “do good and avoid evil”?
2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
3. Forming conscience is a “lifelong task.” What do I do to regularly form my conscience? What more should I do?

HAITI EARTHQUAKE DEVASTATION:

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, St Anne’s Earthquake Fund”), or by mailing a check to St. Gabriel’s (make check out to St. Gabriel’s and include “Haiti, St Anne’s Earthquake” in the memo). Please go to : animoto.com/play/DGzWAMcm16945bQ1d7hTLg for actual video directly from the Pastor Pere Didier

TREES FOR HOPE FESTIVAL

Register now to donate a decorated artificial tree for charities!

SATURDAY, DEC. 4, 2021 9AM-7PM
SUNDAY, DEC. 5, 2021 9AM-1PM

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FOR DETAILS: Contact Penny Bentley at bentleyp@charter.net

THE 30th 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.

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace: A Prayer for Civility

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where uncivil words prevail, show me how to model love. Help me remember the God-given dignity of all and invite others to do the same. Show me how to build bridges and not walls and see first what unites us rather than how we diverge. Let me seek to understand before asking to be understood. Give me a listening heart filled with empathy and compassion. May I be clear in sharing my own position and respectful and civil in describing those of others. Let me never tolerate hateful ideas. May I invite all to charity and love. Lord, help me to imitate your compassion and mercy. Make me an instrument of your peace. Amen.

(This is put out by the USCCB)

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.

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 and 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.

Giving as God does

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

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://www.wwme.org/>



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