



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)
8:00, 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

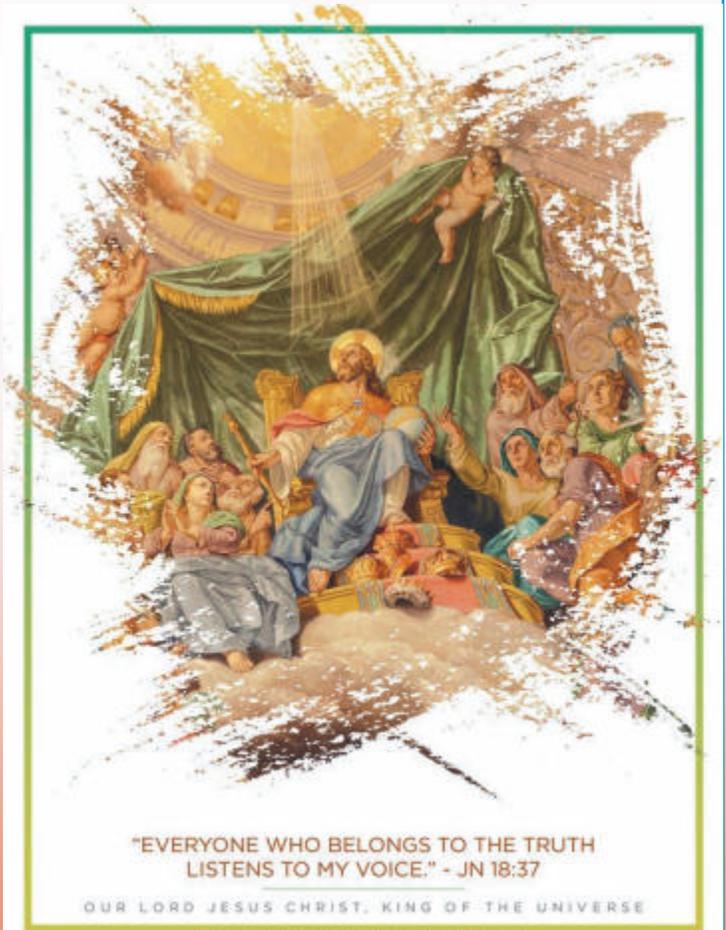
We are always happy to welcome new people into our parish family. If you have discovered our Church and like what you experience, why not become a member? Contact the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH BULLETIN

All items must be e-mailed to crooney@stgabrielma.org 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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THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov 20	8:00	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
	5:00	John Mazzone, req by Tate Family
Sun., Nov 21	8:00	John Kearns, req by his Wife
	10:30	Jenny and Dick Stockwell, and all Police Officers, req by Summers, Grice and Cortese Families
		Roy Rossman, req by Family
	12:00	
	5:30	
Mon., Nov 22	8:30	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues., Nov 23	8:30	Peg King, req by Betsy and Ted Gorman (25th Anniversary)
Wed., Nov 24	8:30	Patricia Casey, req by Joan Claflin
Thurs., Nov 25	8:30	Christine Lynch, req by Rooney Family
Fri., Nov 26	8:30	Allen and Ethel McLaughlin, req by Daughter Darlene McLaughlin
Sat., Nov 27	8:00	
	5:00	Ricky Scalise, Req by Tate Family
Sun., Nov 28	8:00	Laurence Delgrego , req by Joan Varney
	10:30	
	12:00	Jim LeBlanc, req by Jim and Kathy Langin
	5:30	



CHECK WITH OFFICE TO SEE IF EVENT CANCELLED OR HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED:

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)	
Thurs. Nov 25	THANKSGIVING— Mass 8:30 am	
Fri., Nov 26	OFFICE CLOSED	
Sat/Sun Dec 5/6	Women's Club Christmas Fair	
Sat/Sun Dec 5/6	Trees for Hope	

November 21, 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER:

Confirmation: Any High School student who who is 10th Grade or above and would like to be confirmed in the Spring should contact Simone **BEFORE** mid December. If you opt for a home study, all work must be completed and handed in before January 2022.

NOVEMBER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

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.

ST GABRIELS APP:

<https://www.parishsolutionsco.com/gabrielupton.html>

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.

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Football Mania Week 1 2021 Winner!
Congratulations to Betty Martin who won \$25 in Week 1 of St Gabriel's Knights of Columbus Football Mania sweepstakes fundraiser. We're just beginning the Football Mania 10 week season. 9 more weeks to go, means 9 more winners, PLUS the big winner to be announced at the end of the season! "Thank you" to all who purchased tickets to help St Gabriel's Knights of Columbus raise over \$1,200 to assist with our annual "Coats for Kids" program and the sponsorship of Seminarian, Michael Hoye of Sutton. Please keep the less fortunate of our community and Michael, our K of C sponsored Seminarian, in your prayers.



WOMEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS FAIR

St. Gabriel Women's Club will hold their Christmas Fair on Sat., December 4th from 9am to 2pm upstairs in the church hall. In an effort

to keep everyone's welfare in mind, **masks will be required for everyone** attending the fair. We will plan to sell the **Wreaths and Cemetery Baskets** outside, the raffle tickets for the **Theme Baskets** and **Lottery** in the narthex. The rest of the fair will be in the church hall including the **New Gift Table, Christmas Crafts, Jewelry, Olde Tyme Christmas and Bake Table**. The flea market, toys and luncheon have been eliminated this year to allow more space for comfortable distancing. A great way to start the holiday season is to come to our Christmas Fair. We missed everyone last year. **Hope to see you all on December 4th!**

CHRIST THE KING



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/>. "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Listen to Jesus on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

Grief Support Meeting



The next meeting of the grief support group ministry will be **December 17th**. 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.

Long Live the King

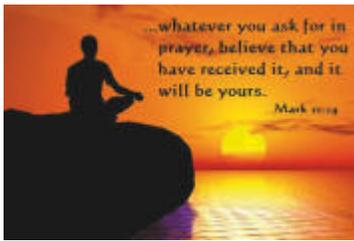
Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself "Laird So-and-so." Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee.

My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their "king," but most of us have those we think of as "our people."

Now, in this world, people lay themselves down for their kings. History is riddled with the bodies of men, young and old — and plenty of women and children, too — who were casualties of wars waged by men in power, men who never had to shed their own blood. But in the next world, the King dies for his people. This is leadership par excellence — the leadership of someone whose love is greater than his ambition.

We are all leaders of a sort. On the parish level, you have the obvious roles — serving on pastoral council, spearheading the capital campaign, leading the Altar Guild. But you also have the quiet ones who lead from the wings — the janitor who can always be relied upon to do his job, or the volunteer librarian

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 pray-

er to our new email address to Linda Higgins at stgabriel-sprayerline@gmail.com. We are always looking for more *prayer partners*. To volunteer, send an email to: stgabrielsprayerline@gmail.com

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 **December 3rd**. If you are able to spend some quiet time in prayer, please sign the sheet by Mary's Chapel for Friday Adoration.



As you finalize your Thanksgiving plans, please keep in mind that our parish's Thanksgiving liturgy will be celebrated **Thanksgiving Day morning at 8:30 a.m.**



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass times are as follows for this Holy Day of Obligation.

Wednesday, December 8th at:

8:30 a.m. and 7:00 pm

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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.

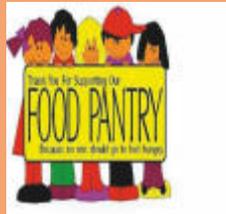
ATTENTION MILITARY FAMILIES IN UPTON

The Upton Bloomer Girls and the Upton VFW are looking for names and addresses of Upton residents serving in the US Armed Forces in the US and abroad for the purpose of sending a holiday care package and to say thank you for their service. Please email the information to elainef5454@gmail.com or phone [508-361-9297](tel:508-361-9297). You may also contact any Bloomer Girl or mail to Upton Bloomer Girls, PO Box 121, Upton MA 01568.



Food Pantry

Thank you for helping us to keep our Food Pantry shelves well stocked. 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. Thank you for your concern and kindness! **God Bless you all!!**



Upton Boy Scout Troop 132:

Upton Boy Scout Troop 132, sponsored by St. Gabriel's, is selling wreaths for the holiday season. The large balsam wreaths include a deep red weather resistant velvet bow and cost \$15 each. This is the Troop's major fundraiser for the year. The money raised will help support the cost of running the Troop, new equipment and trips. Being a Boy Scout is a wonderful way to work toward individual and team goals. Scouts also learn useful outdoor, life and leadership skills.



Boy Scouts will be going door-to-door to take wreath orders from Upton residents. Online orders may be placed by visiting our website: www.troop132upton.org. Wreaths will be delivered to your door on Saturday, November 27th. Wreaths will also be available for sale on the Upton Town Common on November 27th from 9am-2pm.

Thank you for supporting Upton Boy Scout Troop 132!



Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

God our Father,

Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit.

Everything we have and are able to share with others

ultimately comes from your love of your creations.

Often we think that everything we have

is our own creation;

we ask you this day to create in us

a spirit of gratitude,

that we may always know

that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother,

in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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