

ST. GABRIEL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

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June 1, 2025



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word." - Jn 17:20

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 2, 2025

8:00AM Leonard Romance by Bill and Sharon Bergler
11:30AM James Walsh by Clemens Family

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

8:00AM Judith Drabik by Family and Friends
11:30AM Richard Cieczka by Piotr Oles

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

8:00AM John F. Lyons by Lyons Family
11:30AM Michael and Irene Fiedor by Vince Sedlacek

Thursday, June 5, 2025

8:00AM Healing of Bryan Weisenburg by Sedlacek Family
11:30AM Peter Eid by Raymon Eid and Family

Friday, June 6, 2025

8:00AM Sue Osika by Sophie Osika
11:30AM Sara Pieszak by Mom, Dad and Siblings

Saturday, June 7, 2025

8:00AM Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Thuman by Daughter, Marge Daly

Sunday Vigil

Vigil of Pentecost

4:00PM 60th Wedding Anniversary Ronald and Marilyn Hennessy
6:00PM John Wyzykowski, Jr. by Sister, Patricia

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

6:00AM Donald Lewandowski, Sr. by Family
8:00AM Joseph Bove by Family
10:00AM Lisa Zolonowski and Cheryl Kasprzyk by Auntie
12:00PM Mary R. Teresa by Sons, David and Donald

DUE THIS WEDNESDAY

2025 FR. LEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is given in memory of a man who gave selflessly throughout his life as a priest, pastor, and classroom teacher. It is open to students who are members of St. Gabriel's Parish and will be attending a Catholic High School in the fall of 2025.

Four **\$1,000** scholarships will be awarded to four students from the qualified applicants at the Holy Name Society's Father's Day Breakfast on June 15, 2025.

Applications are available in the **Rectory** or on the **bulletin board in the rear vestibule** of the church. All applications must be returned to the Rectory by the **close of business on Wednesday, June 4, 2025.**



UPCOMING events

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

6/2/25 Prayer Group - 7pm - CH
6/3/25 Payer Shawl Meeting - 1-3pm - PC
6/4/25 Ladies Guild General Meeting - 7PM - PC
Adult Choir Practice - 6-7PM - CH
Folk Group Rehearsal - 7PM - CH
6/5/25 Boy Scouts - 6-9PM - Pavilion
Cub Scouts - 6-9PM - PC
6/6/25 Eucharistic Adoration - 12-6pm - CH



MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP

Please join us on **June 2, 2025 at 7:00pm** at **St. Gabriel's Church** for our monthly prayer group. All are Welcome to attend!

Ladies Guild News



Our **June Meeting** is **Wednesday, June 4th** at **7:30pm**. This is our Pizza Party. Bingo will be played. Members are asked to bring dish towels to donate for the Parish Center Kitchen. Don't forget your secret pal!

Our **Spring Brunch** will be held on **Sunday, June 22nd**, in the Parish Center **after the 8am Mass**. There is no cost for Guild Members. Guests are \$10. Everyone **MUST** have a ticket. Members can get tickets at the June Meeting or by calling Sue Pace at (716) 681-4185.



ADORATION

On **Friday, June 6th**, there will be Adoration at St. Gabriel's immediately following the 11:30am Mass. This will conclude at 6pm.

Adoration is offered on the first Friday of every Month.

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

"Honor the Lord with all your wealth with the first fruits of all your produce."

Your sacrificial gift presented at the Offertory:

DUE TO THE EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN, OFFERTORY FOR MAY 24/25, 2025 WILL BE LISTED IN A FUTURE BULLETIN.



An expression of sympathy and prayers to the families who lost loved ones:

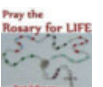
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PRO-LIFE ROSARY

A Pro-Life Rosary is prayed on the 2nd Saturday of each month at **7:30AM**.

Join us **June 14th, 2025** for the next Pro-Life Rosary. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass follows at 8am.

Sponsored by the Respect Life Committee



Gospel Meditation

7th Sunday of Easter

The famous 20th century St. Padre Pio said once that he would wait outside the gates of heaven until the people in his life had entered. I'm not sure that I, or frankly many people I know, would say that and mean it. Yet that is precisely the kind of attitude we see in Jesus as he prays for us in the Gospel today. Having celebrated the Ascension of the Lord just a few days ago, we now hear the Son of God at the Last Supper pray to his Father **"that they may be brought to perfection as one"** (John 17:23). What does this mean for us?

I'd wager that we are not surprised that Jesus wants to make us perfect — that is, happy, whole, and healed. The shocker is that he desires this for us



collectively and not just individually. Perfection is a team sport. We need each other to be perfect. Jesus is like a mother longing for her adult children to learn how to be in loving support of one another. He wants the perfection of his disciples to be not some individualistic plan

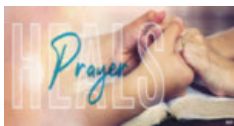
of moral uprightness, but a loving communion of brothers and sisters.

Let's apply this practically.

- Do I see my participation at Mass as something I do merely for my own peace and edification, or as something I do with and for the people around me?
- Do I see my ongoing need for forgiveness as something that simply makes me feel better, or as a task that heals those around me, too?
- Is my dearest hope to individually get to heaven when I die, or is it to be part of the great procession of souls, together marching towards the heavenly Jerusalem?
- Do I want to be in heaven with people I currently find difficult?
- How would my life change if I did?

— Father John Muir

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ST. GABRIEL'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY 48TH ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE

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"JUNK IN THE TRUNK"

The Ladies Guild will be sponsoring their annual

"Junk in the Trunk" flea market



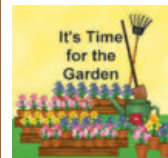
Saturday, July 19
9AM—1PM

(Set up begins at 7:30AM)

- ♦ Inside Tables are \$25 or 2 for \$40
- ♦ Outside spaces are \$15 or 2 for \$25

For more information, or to reserve a table/space please call Sally at 716-685-3986.

Come see what treasures await you!



OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH GARDEN TENDERS NEEDED

Our Church grounds look so beautiful. However, it takes many hands to keep them looking this way.

We are looking for a few additional volunteers to help with the gardens around our buildings. The gardens are divided into sections requiring approximately 1 hour of maintenance each week. We would love to have you join us!

Please contact Bob at (716) 359-6845 for more information. This could also be a way for our students to earn service hour credits. Please consider helping to keep our property beautiful.



SPRING



Faith Formation News 716-668-2070

Saul was there!

My guess is that most of us know someone whose parish Church has had or will have their last Mass. Some of our parishioners came from parishes who closed years ago. We seem to be surrounded by endings. Although we are in the Easter season, for many of our brothers and sisters the present time feels more like Good Friday.

In this weekend's First Reading we have the martyrdom of St. Stephen. His faith was so strong that he saw Jesus waiting for him. He was empowered by the Spirit to speak the Gospel and was willing to die for it. I have to wonder if that event made some of the disciples change their minds about following Jesus. The Scripture writers do not tell us if that happened.

They do tell us that a young man named Saul was there. As the first martyr is giving his life for his faith, one of the most instrumental people in spreading the Gospel beyond the Holy Land was there. In that moment Saul was not a follower of Christ. That would come later after being knocked off a horse on the road to Damascus and blinded by the light. We know the rest of St. Paul's conversion.

Who are the Saul's today? Who are the witnesses to these challenging times for our diocese that will go on to spread the Gospel? Who are the witnesses to these challenging times for our parish and all the parishes in Blessed Family 7 who will continue to serve our communities? We may not see them just as those present at St. Stephen's martyrdom didn't really notice Saul. Yet they are among us, and in time we will know them. Good Friday always leads to Easter Sunday.

During this last week of the Easter season, may we be reminded of the virtue of hope and Jesus' words in this weekend's Gospel, "I wish that they (*all of us!*) also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me."

Summer Bible School for Grades K-4

Mark your calendar for our Pilgrims of Hope Summer Bible School **Mon., Aug. 11-Fri., Aug 15** here at St. Gabriel's. It will be 9am-12pm each day. The final day will end with 11:30am Mass for the Assumption Feast Day, and parents are encouraged to join us for Mass. Registration information will be in next weekend's bulletin.

Volunteers are needed for the program. If you would like to help, please contact our Faith Formation Director Denise York at dyork@stgabeschurch.com or 668-2070.



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Summer Intensive Faith Formation for Grades 6-10

Registrations are being accepted for our Blessed Family 7 Summer Intensive Faith Formation Program at Fourteen Holy Helpers. The five days begin on Thur., June 26 and end on Wed., July 2nd from 9am-3pm each day. Youth in grades 6-10 may participate in the program in place of attending weekly sessions during the school year. There are participation requirements to complete during the school year. For more information about the program or to register, please contact our Faith Formation Director Denise York at dyork@stgabeschurch.com or 668-2070.



Please keep our family Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to be confirmed at Queen of Heaven on June 11th.

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice.

Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



BLESSED FAMILY 7 HAPPENINGS



In-Person Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Fr. Sam and a small prayer team invite anyone with any need to be prayed with. No Mass or formal prayer service.

When: Every Tuesday from 7-8pm

Where: Fourteen Holy Helpers

What will be expected: to be prayed with individually and privately for your intentions.



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Led by Seminarian John Willett

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All are invited to join us as we take a deeper look at St. Luke's Gospel!



Blessed Family 7 Weekday and Weekend Mass Schedules

Come, Worship with us!

Church	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat AM	Saturday PM	Sunday
St Gabriel	8am & 11:30am	8am & 11:30am	8am & 11:30am	8am & 11:30am	8am & 11:30am	8am	4pm & 6pm	6am, 8am, 10am & 12pm
Queen of Heaven	7:30 & 11:30am	7:30 & 11:30am	7:30 & 11:30am	7:30 & 11:30am	7:30 & 11:30am	8am	4pm & 5:30pm	8am, 9:30am, & 11:15am
14 Holy Helpers	8am	8am	7pm	8am	8am		4:30pm	9am & 11am
St. John Vianney	8am	6pm	8:45am	8am	8am		4pm & 7pm* *Special Needs	8am, 9:30am, & 11am
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How to Register:

See the brochure and fill out included form to register. Return to St. Gabriel's Parish. Space is limited, so sign up soon!

All are Welcome and we hope to see you there!



Queen of Heaven
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SUPPORT GROUP

Second & Fourth
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Every Month

7 p.m. in the Queen of Heaven Rectory
4220 Seneca St.

The meeting runs between 60-90 minutes.

We hope to offer a place to speak out and be heard in a safe, confidential, and non-judgmental environment.

The spiritual support group is a ministry to help support others during their time of need and to help them grow spiritually.

You do not have to be Catholic to participate, Catholic prayers and devotions will be used.

New participants are welcome!

If interested in joining our group, please contact Fr. Ryan at 716-674-3468. All contacts are held in strict confidence.



Are you in need of a quiet space to spend time with Jesus? Look no further.

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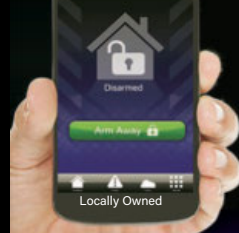


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Monday-Friday 8:00am & 11:30am

Saturday.....8:00am Mass

Saturday Evening Vigil.....4:00 & 6:00pm

Sunday 6:00, 8:00, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Rosary - Monday-Saturday.....7:30am

Rosary - Monday-Friday11:15am

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Monday-Saturday.... After Daily Mass

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ADORATION

(First Friday of the Month)
 Immediately following the 11:30am Mass
 Through 6pm Benediction

PARISH REGISTRATION

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BAPTISM

Following the 12 Noon Mass. Baptism preparation class required for first time parents prior to Sacrament. Baptisms are held one Sunday of the month. Call the Rectory to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday: 7:30am - 7:50am
 First Friday: 11am - 11:15am
 Saturday: 3:15pm - 3:45pm

MARRIAGE

Appointments are to be made one year PRIOR to wedding day. Attendance is required at a Marriage Preparation Program.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters of recommendation can be issued to members of our parish who are registered at least three months, regularly attend Mass, and receive the Sacraments. Regular use of envelopes indicates attendance at Mass. Sponsors are to be Baptized, Confirmed, and if married, have done so in conformity with the laws of the Church.