



"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Luke 1:42

*Mi 5:1-4a*  
*Heb 10:5-10*  
*Lk 1:39-45*

### **Please Include in Your Prayers**

*If you have any sick among you for whom you would like us to pray, please contact the Parish Office to request their name to be put on the prayer list. The list will be updated monthly. This week we remember the following:*

***Pedro Ramos Castillo, Taylor Irving, Teresa Clopton, Celine Barry, Mary Jones, Brody Perez, Pat Hollenbeck, Nate Schneider, Barbara Payne, Catherine Hughes, Pierce Campbell, Lawrence Bezold, Deborah Proby, Norma Wideman, Jane Gruno, David Schultz, Karen Reynolds, William Huller, Patricia Shanahan, Fernando Rodríguez, Kathy Smith, Bob Moscati, Dolores Mitchell, and all other members of our parish who are sick or shut-ins.***



If someone is sick at home and unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Eucharist, please contact Sr. Sonia at the parish office. If you or a family member are hospitalized, please remember that you must give the hospital explicit permission to inform the parish of your hospitalization. Federal privacy laws prevent hospitals from giving visiting clergy access to patient information without the patient's permission.

### **Winter Weather Information**

If Baltimore County Schools are opening 2 hours late or closed, we will not have 9AM Daily Mass. For the weekends, check out WJZ, WMAR, WBAL or Fox 45. If the Parish Office closes due to inclement weather, all activities in the Parish are cancelled.

## **December 23, 2018**

### **IV Sunday of Advent**

#### **Readings for the Week**

Mon	12/24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Tues	12/25	Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or The Nativity of the Lord
Wed	12/26	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22 Saint Stephen, protomartyr
Thurs	12/27	Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Saint John, apostle and Evangelist
Fri	12/28	1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18 The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Sat	12/29	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

#### **NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Sir 3:2-6, 12-14*  
*Col 3:12-21*  
*Lk 2:41-52*

#### **This Week's Mass Intentions**

4:00 PM Dec 24 People of St. Gabriel  
10:00 PM Dec 24 Tchomnou & Kpuyuf Family  
10:30 AM Dec 25 Living Word Charismatic Group  
12:30 PM Dec 25 People of St. Gabriel  
9AM Dec 26 Parish Closed  
9AM Dec 27 Communion Service  
9AM Dec 28 Communion Service  
4 PM Dec 29 Honesto Ocampo  
8 AM Dec 30 St. Teresa of Calcutta  
10:30 Dec 30 Josefina Arroyo  
12:30 Dec 30 People of St. Gabriel

*\*Thanksgiving*

*See Full Christmas Schedule on next page.*

## LITURGY

*Many thanks to all those who serve at the Altar of  
the Lord at our Weekend Liturgies.*

Week	Ministry	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Dec 29/ 30	EMHC	Piechowiak, D	Smithwick, A	Fedner, C
	EMHC	Johnson, M	Callahan, J	Trey, D
	EMHC	Baader, C	Pinder, P	Trey, J
	EMHC	-----	-----	Jennings, J
	EMHC	-----	-----	Adedoyin, T
	EMHC	-----	-----	Amaefule, A
	Lector	Greene, C	Howard, W	Fon, R
	Lector	Egudia, N	McNeill, P	Baden, Ann
	Greeter	DeBels, B	Slowe, G	Jasmin, C
	Greeter	McAulay, C	Mayo, C	Onwuka, R
	Altar Server	Quedit, Justin	Volunteers	Ndassi, Anna
	Altar Server	Quedit, Jaylen	needed	Adeuyan, Olaleken
	Altar Server	-----	-----	Biaou, Solake
	Usher	-----	Osuji, Emmanuel	Adeuyan, A
	Usher	Johnson, Mia	Raymond, Ray	Dailey, Don
	Usher	Patalics, Tibor	Spencer, H	Eboh, Dianne
	Usher	Reardon, John	Turner, Bruce	Hill, B
	Usher	Taylor, Ted	Johnson, Robert	Izekor, Victor
	Usher	Thomas, Lloyd	Biaou, Leopold	Jasmin, Arthur
	Usher	-----	Awung, Martin	Jasmin, Carolyn
	Usher	-----	-----	Kpuyuf, Guillaume
	Usher	-----	-----	McNair, Garfield
	Usher	-----	-----	Omonua, Lawrence
	Usher	-----	-----	Shonaiya, Babs
	Usher	-----	-----	Tchomnou, Rachele
	Usher	-----	-----	Wharton, Ricardo
	Usher	-----	-----	Awa, Peter
	Usher	-----	-----	Nwaiwu, Rose
	Usher	-----	-----	Stells, Ogu

## **GENEROSITY REPORT**

The way we use our time, talent and treasure for  
God, enables us to always put God first in our lives...

Deuteronomy 14:23

“Give God what is right, not what is left.”

### December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

Mass	Envel.	Loose	Total
4:00 pm	\$660	\$827	\$1,487
8:00 am	\$955	\$1,124	\$2,079
10:30 am	\$635	\$3,530	\$4,165
12:30 pm	\$20	\$1403	\$1,423
Plus	Electronic	Giving:	\$1,112

Income	\$ 9,154.00
Expense	\$ 20,549.00*
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ -11,395.00</b>

*\*Includes a BGE bill for \$12, 517.96 for the school.*

## *Scripture Reflection*

*These two short days before Christmas remind us of God's powerful promises on the brink of fulfillment. We are not the only ones waiting and wondering what is yet to come, especially in these uneasy times. We have the perspective of history on how earlier promises bore fruit, as well as our own yearnings. Do we believe that there are promises still to be fulfilled, and if so, how do we demonstrate that?*

## **Super Raffle Winners – Dec 16<sup>th</sup> to Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **\$25 Daily Winners:**

*Rita Gladkowski, Brenda Maple, Mrs. Worrell, Sister of Reparation (Portland, OR), Genevieve Kohlhoff, Mary Deuber, Joann King.*

## Mass Attendance

### December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

Saturday	4:00 PM	67
Sunday	8:00 AM	121
Sunday	10:30 AM	218
Sunday	12:30 PM	508

**TOTAL: 914**

## **FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL**

Thank You to our **Youth Ministry** for hosting our Fellowship Social after the masses this weekend.

Next week our Fellowship Social will be hosted by our **Finance Committee**.

**The St. Gabriel "Living Word"  
Catholic Charismatic Renewal  
Group**

Invites you to a:  
**FRIDAY NIGHT OF DIVINE  
VISITATION**

at St Gabriel Parish on  
**Friday December 28th  
starting at 7:00 pm**

A night of praise, worship, and mass by:  
Fr. Callistus Elue (Nigeria), exposition  
and prayer to wrap up 2018 while  
clearing the path for 2019.

*\*Please bring water, salt & oil for  
blessings\**

**St. Gabriel Church Blood Drive**

January 14, 2019

From 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Bloodmobile will be in the Church parking lot.

Sign up the sheet in the narthex.

For additional information call the parish office  
at: 410-944-2106, to schedule your life safe  
donation.

Or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and key in the  
sponsor code: Stgabrielchurch

*Thank You*

*St. Gabriel Parish wants to extend a special  
Thank You to Mr. Eguizabal from: **Nelson  
E. Landscaping Inc.**, for sending his team,  
to take of care the grounds at NO COST last  
week, cutting the grass and cleaning the  
leaves around the church and the rectory.*

*May the Lord Bless You; your family and your  
team of workers. We appreciate your work.*

**CHRISTMAS & NEW  
YEAR'S  
Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve** (Monday):

December 24<sup>th</sup>- 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm  
with Christmas Carols.

**Christmas Day** (Tuesday):

December 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am English and 12:30  
pm Spanish



**Have a Blessed & Merry Christmas**

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**New Year's**

**New Year's Eve** (Monday)

December 31<sup>st</sup>: 4:00 pm

**New Year's Day** (Tuesday)

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the  
Mother of God

January 1<sup>st</sup>: 10:30 am.

12:30 pm Spanish

**Spiritual Literature Kiosk**

The Woodlawn Knights of Columbus has set  
up a kiosk with pamphlets on 15 different  
topics on faith.

Please visit the kiosk in the Narthex and  
help yourself.

# **St. Gabriel Super Raffle**

*Thank You to all who already supported this fundraiser  
For the parish!*



*Merry Christmas!!!*

***And remember:***

*Super Raffle Tickets make a great gift...  
A Christmas Gift, Birthdays,  
Anniversaries, Graduation;  
Just about any celebration!*

*A Gift that gives all year round...  
A prize every day of the year!*

\$500 GRAND PRIZE - On New Year's Eve and on Independence Day  
\$100 MONTHLY PRIZES - Last day of each month  
\$25 DAILY PRIZES - All Other Days

Raffle tickets are \$25 each or buy 4 and get one free!  
Tickets are available through Ways & Means and  
the parish office.

# SCHOOL CLOSING IV

Since my last publication on the status of our school building in August 2018, there has been some interest from a few Homeschool groups. In October we received a request from Watershed Charter Schools to look at the school. They became interested and made several visits and then offered a proposal to lease the school for three years. The fees from the lease will offset our expenses to maintain the school.

I am attaching articles from the Baltimore Sun and The Baltimore Business Journal for further information on The Watershed Schools and their plans:

Msgr. Tom Phillips

## Watershed Public Charter School finds a building in Baltimore County



[Christina Tkacik Contact Reporter, The Baltimore Sun](#) A new charter school in Baltimore County is one step closer to becoming a reality. The founders of Watershed Public Charter School say they have found a building for their school in Woodlawn.

“Our new building has plenty of green space and lots of potential!” a spokesman wrote on [Facebook](#). The space is at 6946 Dogwood Road in Windsor Mill, formerly home to John Paul Regional Catholic School, which was closed by the Archdiocese of Baltimore last year. According to its website, Watershed will open in fall 2019, serving grades kindergarten through third its first year and adding additional grades each ensuing year.

Charter schools are publicly funded and privately operated schools. Watershed will be [only the second to exist in Baltimore County](#). Securing the proper location is a watershed moment for the fledgling school. In September, the Maryland State School Board reversed a decision by the local board to deny the school a charter to operate.

The local board had voted against giving the school a charter because it had not signed a lease for a facility to house the school. Watershed’s leaders said they couldn’t sign a lease or get a bank loan to renovate the space until the school had a charter to operate. The state school board said the county school system had put the school in an impossible situation — without the financing they couldn’t get a charter but without the charter they couldn’t get the financing.

The state board ordered the school system to give Watershed a charter to operate, but said it could deny the charter later if it failed to find a facility and secure the financing. The founders of Watershed Public Charter School say they will emphasize hands-on learning, creative expression and outdoor experiences. They envision a school with a working farm where children learn about plants and animals.

## SCHOOL CLOSING IV



Dec 14, 2018, 1:02pm EST

A new charter school in Baltimore County is readying to welcome its first classes of kindergarten, and first, second and third grade students by next September.

Watershed Public Charter School has found a 10-acre site in Woodlawn and is customizing the grounds to fit its specific mission. It will open next fall at the former John Paul Regional

School site at 6946 Dogwood Road. It is a major step forward for the school, which fought to gain its charter to operate earlier this year.

[Jessie Lehson](#), the school's executive director, said Watershed plans to welcome up to 176 students in K-3 classes its first year. Each grade will have two class sections, with up to 22 students per class. There will be eight classroom teachers, up to four specials teachers, and special education or English as a second language teachers as needed.

"We will grow a grade each year thereafter until we get to eighth grade," Lehson said.

Any student that resides in Baltimore County is eligible to attend the new school, regardless of the public school zone they live in. If more students apply then there are spaces available each year, Lehson said Watershed will award spots based on lottery system.

Watershed is able to open due to a decision by the Maryland State School Board. The Baltimore Sun reported in September the state board reversed a vote by the local school board to deny the school its charter until it found real estate. The state board said the vote had put in an impossible, as it was not able to sign a lease or secure renovation financing without first receiving its charter.

Now that the school has identified a suitable operating site, it is using state grant funding to renovate and update the property. There is an existing functional school building on the site that needs some repairs, Lehson said, as well as a small wooded area and a stream. Watershed also plans to add a micro farm and outdoor classroom space.

Lehson noted the site fits well with Watershed's intended focus on outdoor space and experiential learning. The non-profit charter school was conceptualized by a group of parents and educators in Baltimore County that wanted kids to have access to ample physical activity during the school day, and hands-on learning that incorporates the outdoors. Watershed hopes its unique curriculum will improve students' academic performance and attitudes toward school and learning.

Parents interested in receiving updates or potentially enrolling can get more information [on the school's website](#).

[www.watershedpcs.org](http://www.watershedpcs.org)