

ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

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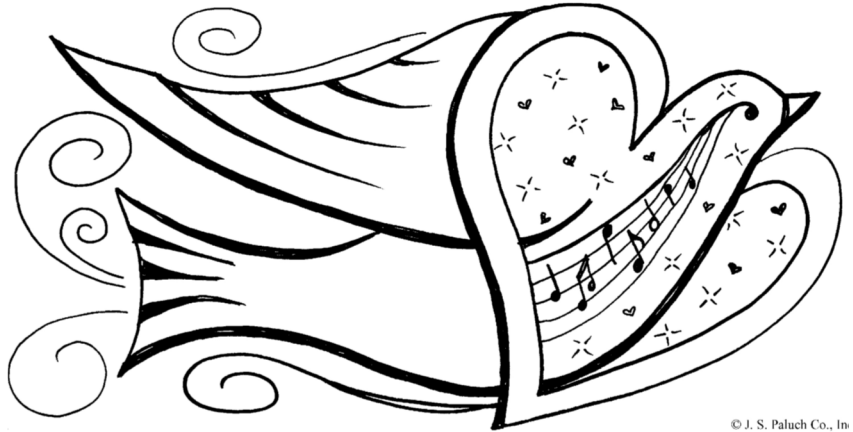
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ST. GABRIEL PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As a worshipping, believing, and caring community, St. Gabriel Parish participates in the mission of Jesus Christ, remembered most intensely at Sunday Assembly through proclamation of The Word and the sharing of the Eucharistic Meal. This Community so nourished lives its faith in prayer, education and outreach.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 5:30 PM

Weekday Masses: 8:30 AM – Monday through Saturday

Communal Reconciliation Service: every first Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church with individual confession and absolution.

Individual Reconciliation (Confession): By appointment with any priest.

Infant Baptism: Please contact the Parish Center to schedule baptism preparation if needed. Baptism is administered any Sunday at 1:30 pm.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Center at least six [6] months prior to the proposed wedding date.

First Communion, Sunday School, Adult Education, Anointing of the Sick, R.C.I.A., Confirmation: Please call 415-731-6161. for the proper director.

Welcome New Parishioners! Would you like to register in our parish or join our mailing list?
Please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket, or leave it at the Parish Center Office.

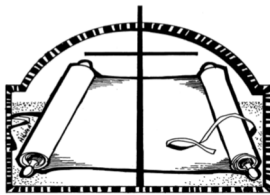
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FEBRUARY 12, 2017
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Obey and teach
 God's commandments*



CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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SAY CHEESE!



St. Gabriel is creating an updated community directory! Photography will take place in the week of **February 28th** and the week of **March 28th**. Everyone who is photographed receives a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a St. Gabriel Community Directory. We hope to capture all your smiling faces! Please make a photography appointment as soon as possible. Go to www.sgparish.org and click on the appropriate link in the Parish News section. Make your reservation now to get your preferred time! Please contact Luana at the Parish Center with any questions or if you need help making an appointment.

VOCATION CROSS PROGRAM

The Vocations Committee would like to thank **Valerie McGrew** for being the guardian of the cross for the month of January 2017. For the month of February, the cross will be in the home of **Michael & Mary Jo Schymeinsky**. Each month, we invite a parishioner or a family to receive this special cross, and pray each day the **Prayer for Vocations** that is attached to the cross and we encourage all parishioners to pray for vocations on a regular basis. If you would like to take part in this program, contact Mary Fogarty at 415-681-7286, or email her at: mary.fogarty@philips.com

READINGS, FEBRUARY 19, 2017
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 3:16-23;
Mt 5:38-48



SAVE THE DATE!

Pull out your green pen and mark your calendar! St. Gabriel's St. Patrick's Dinner Dance is on **Saturday, March 4th**. More details to come...



TODAY IS WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

A Prayer for World Marriage Day

Father, as we prepare for World Marriage Day, we thank you for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Help us to witness to its glory by a life of growing intimacy. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more One in Heart, Mind and Body. Strengthen our communication and help us to become living signs of your love. Make us grow more in love with the church so we may renew the Body of Christ. Make us a sign of unity in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Brother. Amen.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day "good"? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday." The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

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PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



Please bring your palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday so they can be burned and used for this year's Ash Wednesday which will be on **Wednesday, March 1st**. There will be a box in the Vestibule for you to drop them off or you can bring them to the Parish Center. Thank you!



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME GOLDEN GRADS CLASS OF '67

Welcome to the Class of 1967 who are gathering at the 12:00 PM Mass in honor of the 50th Anniversary of their graduation from St. Gabriel School. A reception follows in the school for classmates and their guest. Thank you to the St. Gabriel School Alumni Association for hosting this special event.

COMING - CRAB DINNER DANCE AND RAFFLE

On February 25, 2017, 2015, St. Gabriel Parent Organization's Annual Crab Dinner Dance will take place. The event is for adults only (21 and over). Enjoy fresh cold and warm crab (w/garlic butter sauce), marinated chicken (pre-ordered only), focaccia bread, pesto pasta, Caesar salad, and dessert. Also enjoy the no-host bar and dancing! **Price is \$65 per person through Monday, February 20th. Table of 10 \$625. On and after February 21st, tickets are \$75 per person. No tickets** will be sold at the door! For more information, go to the SGPO website (sgsparents.com). Forms are available at the school Clinic.



HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED PERSONAL LOSS?



Have you experienced the death of a loved one? Are you going through a divorce or have you lost your job? St. Gabriel is starting a Grief Support Group every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Our next group meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 22, 2017 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM** in the Parish Center. It will be a time for prayers and support. Please call Sr. Bernadette Hart at 415-731-6161 if you have any questions. This is a drop-in group - no registration is required.

FRONT YARD AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

The Front Yard Ambassadors Program helps Sunset residents remove concrete and install landscaping in their front yards with the assistance of experts and volunteers. Each square foot of concrete removed is equivalent to 12 gallons of storm water which is diverted annually from our combined sewer system. All gardens are planted with drought tolerant and low maintenance landscaping that grow well in the Outer Sunset. Participants receive roughly \$1500 worth of improvements and are only required to pay a nominal fee of \$100 to participate in the program. Applicants must partner with a minimum of four houses on their block (five total). Applications for the program will be open through February 28th and can be found online at:

www.sfbos.org/FrontYardAmbassadors

2016 TAX REPORTS

If you would like a report of your donations to St. Gabriel for tax filing purposes for tax year 2016, you must request one. Please call the office at 415-731-6161 to arrange to have one sent to you. Please allow one week for your request to be processed

 Pray for ...

FOR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In the coming week we ask your prayers for the following: Deanna Aguello, Doreen Aguirre, Clarita Alcalá, Ligaya Alejandrino, Christina Anderson, Rosa Banzon, Pauline Bassi, William Billanes, Austin Bolender, Aparacion Bonpin, Madeleine Bonpin, Pauline Boffi, Marie Britto, Steven Boteilho, Ellen Brown, Irene Casserly, Billfield Cheng, Raphaela Cheng-Chu, Mary B. Chien, Mario Conti, Doris Dampulay, Jerry DeRyan, Greg, Mary & Joanne Donohue, Maria Esain, Dionisio Espulgar, Daniel Fingal-Surma, Fely Estonina Londonio, Mary Ellen Giraud, Donald Glickman, Lottie Gonzales, Purificacion (Nene) Hangad, Patricia Johnson, Angelina Kaprosch, Phil Hons, Brady Kennedy, Lydia Labrado, Rafael Labutan, Shirley Latham, Mary Jae Leigh, Deborah Lennon, Khevan Lennon, Lawrence Madar, Remy Marciales, Melecio Martinez, William McKennett, Joan Miller, Sheila Moynihan, Joey Murdaca, Ann and Catherine Murphy, Helen "Mitsi" Okamoto, Joseph Pallela, Edith Parker, Charlie Paulson, Jake Prado, Jax Radloff, Mary Rasmussen, Joshua Ratliff, Jewell Rice, Marian Ritchie, Bill Robles, Lota Samson, Lee Chuan San, Annie Santos, John Sheriff, Harry Sims, Alfredo Siy, Linda Taganap, Alden Tatad, Josefina Tio, Dorothy Tompkins, Doreenda Uy, Isagani Valdeleon Lloyd Velasquez, Carl Velleno, Chiara Vinzoni, Fr. Joe Walsh, Patricia West, Guy Worth, and Richard Yan.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

February 12, 2017	Religious Education Classes
February 26, 2017	Religious Education Classes
March 12, 2017	Religious Education Classes
March 19, 2017	Religious Education Classes
March 26, 2017	Religious Education Classes

FIRST COMMUNION

Chapter Three in your Communion book is due on **Tuesday, February 28th**.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR COLLECTION TODAY!

The Little Sisters of the Poor are an international congregation of Roman Catholic women religious founded in 1839 by St. Jeanne Jugan. Their mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself. Please prayerfully consider a donation to the Little Sisters of the Poor who will be here at all the Masses this weekend, **February 12th**. There are envelopes in the pews for your convenience.

SODALITY NEWS



The Ladies Sodality will have their annual Day of Reflection on **Thursday, February 23rd**. We shall gather for the 8:30 AM Mass and then join in the Parish Center. Coffee and a light lunch will be served. Please plan on joining us!

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 13 - 19, 2017

Mon.	8:30 am	Sue Flynn
Tues.	8:30 am	Blanche & Ralph Corville
Wed.	8:30 am	Kathleen Dillon
Thurs.	8:30 am	Seamus Carolan
Fri.	8:30 am	Kathleen Dillon
Sat.	8:30 am	Norman Bray
	5:00 pm	Bill & Rica Montgomery (L)
Sun.	8:00 am	Pierre Ourtiague
	10:00 am	Doris Madden
	12:00 pm	For the Parishioners
	5:30 pm	Peter Cassidy




Rest in Peace
BERNARD SHANLEY

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS February 18 - 19, 2017

5:00 PM	Fr. Greg Heidenblut
8:00 AM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
10:00 AM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
12:00 PM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
5:30 PM	Fr. Greg Heidenblut

Your Envelope Counts

	SUNDAY Feb. 5, 2017	SAME SUNDAY Last Year
Total from Envelopes	\$8,124.80	\$7,297.00
Loose	\$1,288.35	\$1,086.33
Total Collection	\$9,413.15	\$8,383.33
\$1—\$4.99	6	8
\$5—\$9.99	37	28
\$10—\$19.99	53	69
\$20—\$24.99	42	40
\$25 and over	119	100
No. of envelope Users	257	245
Average Per Envelope	\$31.61	\$29.78

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 18, 2017
5:00pm Linda Clardy

SUNDAY, February 19, 2017
8:00am Michael O'Loughlin
10:00am Susan Ryan
12:00pm Allenda Simpson
5:30pm Brent Faye

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH PARISH MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

PRAYER GROUP: The prayer group meets every Friday morning from 10 AM to 12 PM in the Quinn Center Chapel.

SODALITY: 1st Sunday of each month, 10:00 AM Mass.

ULLOA SENIORS: Every Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Quinn Center. Refreshments and Bingo.

LEGION OF MARY: Meets in the Quinn Parish Center each Wednesday after the 8:30 AM Mass.

RCIA: If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or in completing initiation (First Eucharist or Confirmation) contact Matt Shea at 731-9918 for more information. Sessions begin in late September.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION: First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima starts after the 8:30 AM Mass. Novena, prayers and rosary followed by Holy Hour and Benediction.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 PM in church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: On all Sundays except the 1st Sunday of the month. Starts in September. For more information, call Nancy Becerra @ 731-6161.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM first Monday of the month in the Quinn Center.

ROSARY: The Rosary is said every weekday after the 8:30 Mass

YOUNG LADIES INSTITUTE: (YLI): Meets the third Saturday of each month at 12 Noon for a bag lunch followed by a meeting in the Parish Center.

BIBLE STUDY: Facilitated by Fr. Donald Sharp, Bible Study meets each Friday morning, following Mass

ATTENTION 5:00 PM SATURDAY MASS

There is a senior citizen who needs a ride to the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday nights. If you would be willing to give her a ride, it would be most appreciated by her to be able to continue to participate with her community each week. Please contact Matt Shea at 415-731-6161 for more information.

SAN DAMIANO RETREAT March 10-12, 2017

LifeSHIFT: Work and the Christian Journey helps people define and secure new meaningful work opportunities while exploring their Christian faith. Leading career development ideas come together with prayer and Christian resources and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. The weekend retreat/workshop is for those underemployed, unemployed, planning for retirement or looking for a new, meaningful direction in their work. For information go to www.sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141.