

ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

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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.

NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

MARCH 19, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**THIRSTING FOR LIFE-
GIVING WATERS**

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus

and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

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**PARISH DIRECTORY
TIME IS RUNNING OUT**

St. Gabriel is creating an updated community directory! Our last photography session will be in 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. If you would like your address or phone number omitted from the new Parish Directory listing, please let us know by April 5th.

VOCATION CROSS PROGRAM

The Vocations Committee would like to thank **Michael & Mary Jo Schymeinsky** for being the guardians of the cross for the month of February 2017. For the month of March, the cross will be in the home of **Bill & Marta Courtright**. 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, MARCH 26, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14;
Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



**SCHEDULED LENTEN
DEVOTIONS & EVENTS
AT ST. GABRIEL CHURCH**

EVENING MASS

6:00 PM Mass Monday through Friday*
(*Weekday, 8:30 AM Mass Schedule remains the same)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday morning following the 8:30 AM Mass

LENTEN REFLECTION

This year's Lenten reflections will focus on the Last Words of Jesus using the materials by Bishop Robert Barron.

The next session will be on **Tuesday, April 4th** and will be on the second Word—"Amen I say to you today you will be with me in Paradise" Luke 23:43.

There will be a session following the 8:30 AM Mass and another following the 6:00 PM Mass. The evening session will begin around 6:30 PM with a simple soup and salad supper.

Please let the Parish Center know if you are attending the evening session in order for us to prepare enough soup.

Watch the bulletin for more details.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, the custom of sending some pieces of consecrated bread from the Lord's table began to take hold. Originally it was a way of assuring the sick and imprisoned of their bonds of faith and affection with the community from whom they were separated. By the third century, at least in Rome, we have evidence that the bishop would consign some of the sacred elements to presbyters or deacons.

There was a crisis in the unity of the church early on, called the quartodeciman controversy, since some people wanted to celebrate the Pasch on the fourteenth day (quartodecima) of the Jewish month Nissan, even if it didn't fall on a Sunday. The debate so fractured the church that the historian of the era, Eusebius, reported a new development to the pope. He wrote that the churches holding to the Lord's Day sent out consecrated bread to the disgruntled people of the quartodeciman pastors with whom they were quarreling. Meanwhile, bishops complained about people taking the Eucharist home. St. Cyprian told a cautionary tale of a sinful woman who tried to open the "casket" containing the consecrated bread in her home. She was deterred from receiving, he said, by flames erupting from the box. Clearly, he wanted people to think twice before bringing Communion home!

The Council of Nicaea defined the "old rule of the church" as allowing for reserving the eucharistic bread for the sake of the dying. The same council could foresee circumstances of persecution when people might have the Eucharist on hand to administer to one another in a time of great danger, literally, at the point of a sword. The first and enduring purpose for reserving the Eucharist is viaticum for the dying.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL NEWS

JOG-A-THON SUNDAY

Today is St. Gabriel School's 35th Annual Jog-A-Thon, sponsored by the S. G. Parent Organization, at the St. Ignatius Track. All are invited to come over and enjoy the day! **There is still time to be a sponsor, including our faculty and/or principal, Mrs. Gina Beal!** Just send in your donation to the school as soon as possible. All proceeds benefit our school. Thank you to all who have so generously sponsored this event in the past!

ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL PRESENTS: SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE! JR.

St. Gabriel School presents a Spring Musical: *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.* There will be performances on **Thursday, March 30th at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM.** Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children 5 to 14. are \$5. Children 4 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the school during regular office hours or at the door.

READY FOR SPAGHETTI?

The St. Gabriel Parent Organization's Spaghetti Dinner is coming! Get together with family and friends over a delicious spaghetti dinner on **Saturday, April 1st, at 6:00 PM** in Bedford Hall. Dinner, catered by North Beach Pizza-Taraval, will include spaghetti (meat and marinara sauces), salad, bread, dessert, and beverage. **Presale tickets** are \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for school children, 2 & under free. *Maximum per family \$25.00* (that is, 2 parents & children). On March 29th tickets will be \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for school children, 2 & under free. *Maximum per family \$30.00* (that is, 2 parents & children). To make a reservation, go to sgsparents.com or call the School at 415-566-0314. This is not a fundraising event, rather an affordable get-together for family and friends. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

SGPO RAFFLE

Tickets for the annual St. Gabriel Parent Organization Raffle are available for purchase! Tickets are \$25 each with cash prizes of \$2,000, \$500, \$250, and \$100. The drawing will take place at the Spaghetti dinner on April 1st. For more information about this year's Raffle, please contact Janet Barry, School Clinic (clinic@stgabrielstf.com or 415-566-0314). Tickets can be purchased at school during regular office hours.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION MARCH 26, 2017

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise.** Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. There will be envelopes in the pews for your convenience.

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



FOR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In the coming week we ask your prayers for the following: Deanna Aguello, Clarita Alcala, Ligaya Alejandrino, Christina Anderson, Rosa Banzon, Pauline Bassi, Lauren Belluomini, 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, 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, Doreenda Uy, Isagani Valdeleon Lloyd Velasquez, Carl Velleno, Chiara Vinzoni, Fr. Joe Walsh, Patricia West, Guy Worth, and Richard Yan.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

FIRST COMMUNION

Chapter Four in your Communion book is due on **Tuesday, March 21st.**

YOUTH MINISTRY

The next Confirmation Preparation Session and Youth Mass will be on **Sunday, April 9, 2017 from 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM.** Please meet in the Multi-purpose Room.

CONFIRMATION REQUIRED SERVICE EVENT

All candidates are expected to participate in the Annual Holy Thursday Soup Supper at Bedford Hall. The dates and times are:

Wednesday, April 12th 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Set up
Thursday, April 13th 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Service
Attire: Black pants/white shirt

Permission slips have been distributed and should be returned no later than **Sunday, April 9th.**

SODALITY NEWS

All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Sodality at their Annual Spring Brunch at the Irish Cultural Center on **April 2, 2017** following the 10:00 AM Mass. Break out those Easter bonnets and join us for our champagne buffet brunch and raffle. Invite a friend! The Sodality is such a lovely group! The cost is \$25. For more information, please call Moyra at 415-203-7191 or Barbra at 415-731-9947.

**MASS INTENTIONS
MARCH 20 - 26, 2017**

Mon.	8:30 am	Avelino Marania
	6:00 pm	John Kelly
Tues.	8:30 am	Frances Cheney
	6:00 am	Paul Uskert
Wed.	8:30 am	David Bihl
	6:00 pm	Elena Laxamana (L)
Thurs.	8:30 am	John O'Reilly (L)
	6:00 pm	Helen Zhu
Fri.	8:30 am	Seamus Carolan
	6:00 pm	Persecuted Church in China
Sat.	8:30 am	Jim P. Aguirre
	5:00 pm	The Living and Deceased Members of the Corsiglia Family
Sun.	8:00 am	Eric Ourtiague
	10:00 am	Brendan McDonagh
	12:00 pm	Santiago Berasategui
	5:30 pm	For the Parishioners



Rest in Peace

JEAN HARGUINDEGUY

**NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS
March 25 - 26, 2017**

5:00 PM	Fr. Michael Konopik
8:00 AM	Fr. David Schunk
10:00 AM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
12:00 PM	Fr. David Schunk
5:30 PM	Fr. Tom Hamilton

HOLIDAY PUBLISHING DEADLINE

Due to the St. Patrick holiday for our bulletin provider, we are unable to print the offerings for the week of March 11th & 12th. We will give you an update in next week's bulletin. As always, we thank you for your generosity and support!

**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 offers a Grief Support Group every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Our next group meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 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.

SPRING

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

—Henry Van Dyke

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 25, 2017
5:00pm Brenda Peralta

SUNDAY, March 26, 2017
8:00am Michael O'Loughlin
10:00am Charles Rinaldi
12:00pm Nena Velasquez
5:30pm Brent Faye

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
LENTEN CLOTHING DRIVE &
SANDWICH SUNDAY
APRIL 1-2, 2017**

In addition to the monthly Sandwich Sunday on **April 1st & 2nd**, the parish will hold its annual Lenten drive for the poor. Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, in response to needs at homeless shelters, are requesting only **New men's white gym-style socks and New men's boxer-style undershorts.** Sizes L, XL and XXL are especially requested. Members of the society will also be **accepting cash gifts to meet the unique clothing needs of homeless women.** Small hygiene products like soap, toothpaste and shampoo also are needed by the poor and homeless. These items too will be gratefully accepted on April 1st and 2nd. Please note: Due to limited clothing storage space at shelters, **only new men's socks and shorts can be accepted.** Thank you for your understanding and continuing generosity during Lent and throughout the year. Should you or someone you know need assistance from the parish SVDP conference, please contact the Parish Center.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE
STUDY/PRAYER GROUP**



The next women's bible prayer group meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 21, 2017** at the Parish Center from 12:00 - 1:00 PM. If you have any questions, please call Sr. Bernie at 415-731-6161. All are welcome!



"Father, don't you recognize me?
I come to our church every Easter and Christmas!"