

# ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

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Music Minister [Sun. 5:30 pm]  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**  
**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**GOD'S WATCHERS**



In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body around us.

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**VOCATION CROSS PROGRAM**

The Vocations Committee would like to thank **Carole Montaldo** for being the guardian of the cross for the month of August 2017. For the month of September, the cross will be in the home of **Craig & Remy Chapman**. The Chapmans received the cross last week, September 3rd, at the 12:00 PM Mass. 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](mailto:mary.fogarty@philips.com)

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day
- Monday: Patriot Day
- Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom
- Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows
- Saturday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

**READINGS, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**  
**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

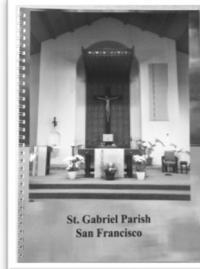
**Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;**  
**Rom 14:7-9;**  
**Mt 18:21-35**



**FEAST OF ST. GABRIEL!**  
**HAPPY 76TH!**  
**LET'S CELEBRATE!**  
**BRING SOME GOODIES**  
**TO SHARE!**

At all the weekend Masses on **September 23rd & 24th** we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Gabriel with refreshments on the plaza after all the Masses. We would like to ask your help in this celebration. If you are able please bring bite size goodies (brownies, cookies, Irish bread, lumpia, etc.) to share with your fellow parishioners at the Mass you will be attending. Let's celebrate St. Gabriel Parish together!

**THE NEW ST. GABRIEL DIRECTORY IS HERE!**



Our new Parish Directory has arrived! If you were photographed for the Directory, please pick up your complimentary copy at the Parish Center after Sunday Mass or during normal business hours. **Please pick up your directory by October 8th.** Thank you for your participation!

**HEALING MASS**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 7:00 PM**

There will be a Mass and healing celebration with Fr. Archie Guiriba, OFM on **Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00 PM** at St. Gabriel's Church. This Mass is sponsored by the St. Gabriel and Shalom SF Chapter Prayer groups. For more information, please contact Mina Sunga at 415-312-3928.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

On Good Friday, at the heart of the Triduum, the commemoration of the Lord's Passion is colored by sobriety and decorum, but this coming Thursday the mystery comes in a luminous celebration of Christ's victory. In its deepest origins, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the feast of a dedication of a church, since in the year 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, and on the following day the "true cross" discovered by St. Helena was brought outside to the faithful for veneration. It is a great feast of the Eastern Church, which often marks it by having the whole assembly prostrate themselves on the floor honoring the life-giving cross.

At the core of the tradition is the quest of Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, to acquire the cross and the nails of the Crucifixion from the ruins of Jerusalem. When she was satisfied that she had found them, thanks to the healing of a sick man whose body was placed on the cross, she had her son fund the building of the great basilica. The history of the relic is complicated, especially because it was carried off by invading Persians in the year 614 and "went missing" for fifteen years. Thursday's feast does not celebrate the relic, but rather the life-giving cross from which salvation flows. It's a good day to look around your house or office: Don't those walls look bare without a cross? What better day to remedy that?

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## ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL NEWS

### ANOTHER SEASON OF CYO BEGINS!

This weekend kicks off another season of CYO sports. St. Gabriel School has 22 teams representing our parish, 6 boys soccer teams and 16 girls teams competing in volleyball. We wish all of the player and coaches the best of luck for a fun and successful season. **Go Knights!**

### KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE/APPLICATIONS FOR 2018-2019

Excellence in Education. St. Gabriel School will be holding an Open House on **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** for parents of students interested in enrolling their child in the Fall of 2018. School tours will take place at 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM. No reservations are required. For further information, call Caitlin Connolly at 415-731-6161 ext.15 or visit our website at [www.stgabrielsf.com](http://www.stgabrielsf.com). **Please spread the word; our students and families are our best advertisement.** Information about the school is also available in the school rack in the church vestibule.

Applications for St. Gabriel School's 2018-19 school year will be available beginning **October 4<sup>th</sup>** and can be picked up at the front office. Families with children already enrolled at SG and have incoming kindergarten siblings are highly encouraged to pick up an application as soon as possible.

### HURRICANE HARVEY SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Hurricane Harvey has created an unprecedented and catastrophic weather event of immense proportions. Thirteen million people are under flash flood warnings, 58 counties are under disaster declarations, 450,000 victims will ask FEMA for disaster assistance, and it is estimated that 30,000 people will need temporary shelter. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones and to all who have lost homes and businesses or suffered damages of any kind. There will be an emergency collection to be taken up today, **September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>** which will be used to support humanitarian and recovery efforts and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses. Please prayerfully consider donating to this second collection. There are envelopes in the pews for your convenience.

### PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Next weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection to support our retired priests. It will help ensure the Priests' Retirement Fund stays healthy and continues to provide minimal monthly pensions as well as health insurance to our retired priests. This fund offers us a way to give back to our Catholic priests who have served us so faithfully. It will help our priests to live modestly and peacefully in retirement. Help us offer thanks for their years of devotion to God and our communities. There are envelopes in the pews for your convenience. You may also make a one time donation through our Online Giving program at [www.sgparish.org](http://www.sgparish.org).



## FOR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In the coming week we ask your prayers for the following: Lauren Belluomini, Marie Britto, Billfield Cheng, Raphaela Cheng-Chu, Mary B. Chien, Jerry DeRyan, Donald Glickman, Rafael Labutan, Shirley Latham, Darren Lee, Pat McSharry, Marian Ritchie, Erlinda Ronan, and Alfredo Siy.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes have begun for Religious Education for children in public school (Pre-K through 8th grade). We are still accepting registration throughout September. Please contact Nancy Becerra at 415-731-6161 for more info.

September 10, 2017	Religious Education Classes
September 17, 2017	Religious Education Classes
September 24, 2017	Religious Education Classes

### FIRST COMMUNION

For those of you with children in their second year of preparation, making their First Communion this year, please be sure to make an appointment with Nancy Becerra as soon as possible. This is mandatory for all students preparing for First Communion this year. Please call the Parish Center at 415-731-6161 to make your appointment.

Chapter One in your First Penance Book is due on **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

If you would like your child (your young adult, 9th grade and up) to be confirmed this coming **May 13, 2018**, please contact our Youth Minister, David Lorentz, at:

**[youthminister@sgparish.org](mailto:youthminister@sgparish.org)**

Classes begin today, **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. Classes meet in the Multi-purpose from 3:45 - 5:00 PM followed by attendance at the 5:30 PM Mass.

### RESPECT LIFE PROGRAM, PROJECT RACHAEL MINISTRY

Parents, families, and all interested persons are invited to a Memorial Mass and Healing Liturgy in memory of babies and young children who have died before, during, and shortly after birth from any cause at the Holy Cross Mausoleum in Holy Cross Cemetery, near Rachel Knoll, **Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 11:00 AM**. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will be the principal celebrant of the bilingual Spanish & English Mass and will be joined by other priests of the Archdiocese. A Healing Liturgy will follow at the nearby Rachel Shrine. The liturgy is a touching and spiritual experience for those who are the parents of young children, as well as their families and friends. All are welcome to a gathering and a light luncheon following the ceremony, which is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Post Abortion Ministry and Holy Cross Cemetery. For further information please call the Respect Life Program at 415-614-5570 or Project Rachel at 415-717-6428.


**MASS INTENTIONS  
SEPTEMBER 11 - 17, 2017**

Mon.	8:30 am	Lourdes Gregson
Tues.	8:30 am	Maureen Begley Needham
Wed.	8:30 am	Donal Lyons
Thurs.	8:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. Joaquin & Flora Gotera
Fri.	8:30 am	Jesse Madden-Fong
Sat.	8:30 am	Donie Lyons
	5:00 pm	Ignatius Beresford
Sun.	8:00 am	Donal Lyons
	10:00 am	Raymond Denman
	12:00 pm	Benjamin Dimapasoc
	5:30 pm	For the Parishioners

**NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS  
September 16 - 17, 2017**

<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Fr. Tom Hamilton</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Fr. John Jimenez</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Fr. Tom Hamilton</b>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Fr. Tom Hamilton</b>
<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Fr. John Jimenez</b>

**Your Envelope Counts**

	<b>SUNDAY Sept. 3, 2017</b>	<b>SAME SUNDAY Last Year</b>
<b>Total from Envelopes</b>	<b>\$5,826.28</b>	<b>\$7,217.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$1,116.24</b>	<b>\$1,093.23</b>
<b>Subtotal Sunday Offering</b>	<b>\$6,942.52</b>	<b>\$8,310.23</b>
<b>\$1—\$4.99</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>\$5—\$9.99</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>\$10—\$19.99</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>\$20—\$24.99</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>\$25 and over</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>No. of envelopes</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>241</b>
<b>Average Per Envelope</b>	<b>\$28.84</b>	<b>\$29.95</b>
<b>On-Line Giving</b>	<b>\$393.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$7,335.52</b>	<b>\$8,310.23</b>

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, September 16, 2017  
5:00 pm Brenda Peralta**

**SUNDAY, September 17, 2017  
8:00 am Michael O'Loughlin  
10:00 am Linda Clardy  
12:00 pm Nena Velasquez  
5:30 pm Brent Faye**

**HIT THE PAVEMENT  
FOR THE POOR**

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society's  
Annual Friends of the Poor Walk**

Come and join us Saturday morning, **September 30th** at the Lake Merced circle and walk the 4.5 miles around the lake. Registration is at 9:30 AM and the walk begins at 10:00 AM. Help us raise the needed funds to serve our neighbors in need. Conference members will be in front of church accepting pledges and donations the two week-ends prior to the walk (Sept. 16-17 and 23-24). You can also drop a donation off at the Parish Center in an envelope marked "Friends of the Poor Walk". To donate or register to walk online and for more information go to [www.fopwalk.org](http://www.fopwalk.org)



**ONLINE GIVING AT  
ST. GABRIEL**



Saint Gabriel's is now offering Online Giving! This convenient new system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or make changes. You can use any of your checking or savings accounts and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. You can see reports on your contribution history and generate tax statements at each year's end. **Online Giving is not meant to replace the traditional Sunday envelope; it is meant to enhance it.** Many parishioners would rather have the option of giving without writing a check or remembering to bring the check and envelope each week. If you are still using your envelopes, there will also be an option on the envelope marked "I gave On-line". Go to [www.sgparish.org](http://www.sgparish.org) to get started now.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin in late September at St. Gabriel Parish. If you (or someone you know) is interested in becoming Catholic; or if you (or someone you know) is Baptized but has not yet been Confirmed or received First Communion, please call Matt Shea and leave the name and phone number of the person so that he may make contact with them and let them know a little bit more about the process.

Now is a good time to talk to your friends and family about joining our Church Community...so start looking around for those you might think may be interested in participating in the RCIA process. They might be waiting for someone to ask them if they've considered joining the Church...that someone could be you! Feel free to call Matt Shea at 415-731-6161 with any questions you or someone you know might have about this program.