

ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2016

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
— *Psalm 51:12*

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 11, 2016
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RECONCILIATION

True reconciliation is emotional, dramatic, and cleansing. When two people meet heart to heart and work through old hurts, misunderstandings, and careless words, cleansing tears often flow and the encounter ends with an embrace that fills both with the warmth of a love too strong to fade.

The readings this weekend assure us of this healthy release that comes with reconciliation. They give us the courage to reach out to someone with whom we need to reconcile ourselves, and give us the courage to ask for forgiveness from God, too.

In the reading from Exodus, we see how God refuses again and again to give up on the Israelites. Even though they grow impatient with God and turn to false idols, God still calls them back. Luke's Gospel assures us that God rejoices when we turn away from sin. Paul's letter to Timothy encourages us, like Paul, to look back on our lives and recognize where God's patient mercy has been shown to us.



75TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE

Tickets for the 75th Anniversary Jubilee dinner dance and auction are now on sale! **Order forms available on our website at sgparish.org or at the Parish Center. This event will sell out. Please get your**

reservations in ASAP!

Your help is needed for the 75th Anniversary Jubilee! The dinner, dance and silent auction will be on **September 24, 2016**. There is a reception on **September 25, 2016** following the 75th Anniversary Mass. Help is needed to set up the hall and decorate on September 23rd. We can use your talents for the silent auction, as well as bartending, serving dinner, and clean up, after both the dinner Saturday, and the reception Sunday. If you are interested in helping, please contact Donna Nathanson by sending an email to lhndhn@sbcglobal.net.

KEEPSAKE ORNAMENT

As part of our St. Gabriel 75th Anniversary Jubilee celebration, we have a special keepsake ornament available for purchase. Ornaments are available at the Parish Center during normal business hours for \$15 each.

COMMEMORATIVE DVD

A commemorative DVD for St. Gabriel's 75th Anniversary, *A Diamond in the Dunes*, is now available for pre-order for \$15. The DVD features over 700 images and includes music by the St. Gabriel music ministers. The images cover the 75 year history of the parish, with artifacts from each decade. Combine the DVD with the keepsake ornament for a wonderful gift! Order forms can be picked up at the Parish Center.

READINGS, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8;
1 Tm 2:1-8;
Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]



PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FUND
SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2016

The Archdiocese is blessed to have hundreds of priests who dedicated, in some cases, as many as 50 years or more of their lives to ministering to us. Even in retirement, many continue to give of themselves in countless ways of service for which we are grateful.

Next weekend, September 17 and 18, our parish will participate in the special collection for the Priest's Retirement Fund. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best contribute to the Priests' Retirement fund. Please return your collection envelope during next weekend's Masses. Envelopes are in the pews for your convenience.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION OF ADULTS



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin again in late September at St. Gabriel Parish. If you (or someone you know) is Baptized but has not yet been Confirmed or received First Communion, please call Matt Shea at 731-6161 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 think might 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 731-6161 with any questions you or someone you know might have about this program.

VOCATION CROSS PROGRAM

The Vocations Committee would like to thank **Maureen McBride** for being the guardian of the cross for the month of August, 2016. For the month of September, the cross will be in the home of **Dick & Mary Walsh**. Mr. & Mrs. Walsh received the cross at the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, September 3rd. 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



MONTHLY BIBLE PRAYER GROUP

The next women's bible prayer group meeting will be **Tuesday, September 20, 2016** 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!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE/APPLICATIONS FOR 2017-18

Excellence in Education. St. Gabriel School will be holding an Open House on **Tuesday, October 4th** for parents of students interested in enrolling their child in the Fall of 2017. School tours will take place at 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM. No reservations are required. For further information, call the school at 415-566-0314 or visit our website at www.stgabrielsf.com. Information about the school is also available in the school rack in the church vestibule.

Applications for St. Gabriel School's 2017-18 school year will be available beginning **October 4th** and can be picked up at the front office. There is a \$50 application fee (cash or check) due at the time the application is picked up. Families with children already enrolled at SG and have incoming kindergarten siblings are highly encouraged to pick up an application as soon as they are available.

TINY KNIGHTS PRESCHOOL COMING TO SAINT GABRIEL...BLESSING & OPEN HOUSE

St. Gabriel School's Tiny Knights Preschool is coming soon! Tiny Knights Preschool will be open to children ranging from 2 ½ years to 5 years old. A child must be 30 months old to be accepted. For more information, see the Preschool page of our website (www.stgabrielsf.com) under Academics or contact Kelly Banks, Preschool Director, at preschool@stgabrielsf.com or 415-566-8955. If you would like to be put on a list to receive email updates, please contact Ms. Banks.

Fr. Tom Hamilton will bless the Preschool on **Sunday, Oct. 2nd** after the 10:00 AM Mass (approximately 11:00 AM). All are invited to come by the Preschool for an Open House after the 10:00 AM mass until 12:00 noon.

SAVE THE DATE:

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIRE

The International Food Faire is coming **Saturday, October 1st**! Come and partake! Enjoy delicious foods from Asia, Europe, the Pacific Islands and Latin countries along with the classic American BBQ. All you can eat! More details to follow or go to sgsparents.com.



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ST. GABRIEL ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

This year's parish picnic will be next **Sunday, September 18th** at Sigmond Stern Grove Park (near the east side of Pine Lake) from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Barbecue will be included. Please bring your own drinks and side dishes. There will be a Rock Wall, Archery, a Slack Line, Disc golf and other activities for a

fun-filled day. Adult tickets are \$7 and children's tickets are \$3. The Saint Gabriel Men's Club will be selling tickets after the morning and afternoon Masses today, **Sunday, September 11th**. You may also purchase them through the school during regular school hours. If you have any questions, please call Dominic Panina at 415-860-6142. Hope to see you all there!



FOR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In the coming week we ask your prayers for the following: Joseph T. & June Adams, Deanna Aguello, Clarita Alcala, Ligaya Alejandrino, Christina Anderson, Rosa Banzon, Pauline Bassi, William Billanes, Austin Bolender, Aparacion Bonpin, Madeleine Bonpin, Marie Britto, Steven Boteilho, Ellen Brown, Irene Casserly, Mario Conti, Doris Dampulay, Jerry DeRyan, Kathleen Dillon, Greg Donohue, Mary Donohue, Maria Esain, Dionisio Espulgar, Daniel Fingal-Surma, Fely Estonina Londonio, Mary Ellen Giraud, Donald Glickman, Lottie Gonzales, Purificacion (Nene) Hangad, Patricia Johnson, Angelina Kaposch, 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, Charlotte Stensvold, Alden Tatad, Josefina Tio, Dorothy Tompkins, Doreenda Uy, Isagani Valdeleon Lloyd Velasquez, Carl Velleno, Chiara Vinzoni, Fr. Joe Walsh, Patricia West, Guy Worth, Richard Yan and especially for Doreen Aguirre, Pauline Boffi, Ellen Brown, Mary B. Chien, Raphaela Cheng-Chu and Billfield Cheng.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

September 11, 2016	Religious Education Classes
September 18, 2016	Religious Education Classes
September 25, 2016	Religious Education Classes

FIRST COMMUNION

The First Chapter in your Reconciliation Book is due on **Tuesday, September 20th**.

CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Today, **September 11, 2016, from 3:30 - 6:30 PM** there will be a Confirmation Preparation Session in the Multi-Purpose Room and a Youth Mass in the Church. Please contact Nancy Becerra at 415-731-6161 if you have any questions.



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 24th** 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 weekends prior to the walk (September 10-11 and September 17-18). You can also drop a donation off at the Parish Center in an envelope marked "Friends of the Poor Walk". For more information or to register or donate online, go to:

www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.com


MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 12 - 18, 2016

Mon.	8:30 am	Frank & Mary Polari
Tues.	8:30 am	Charles Hastings (L)
Wed.	8:30 am	Joseph Coffin
Thurs.	8:30 am	Mike Durkin (L)
Fri.	8:30 am	Jim Aguirre
Sat.	8:30 am	Allen Brown (L)
	5:00 pm	Paddy McNamara
Sun.	8:00 am	Abbie Bonal
	10:00 am	Domingo Cordero
	12:00 pm	For the Parishioners
	5:30 pm	Susan Bowyer

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS September 17-18, 2016

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 Sept. 4, 2016	SAME SUNDAY 2015
Total from Envelopes	\$7,217.00	\$7,943.00
Loose	\$1,093.23	\$1,031.75
<u>Total Collection</u>	<u>\$8,310.23</u>	<u>\$8,947.75</u>
\$1—\$4.99	8	10
\$5—\$9.99	52	31
\$10—\$19.99	49	62
\$20—\$24.99	37	42
\$25 and over	95	108
No. of envelope Users	241	253
Average Per Envelope	\$29.95	\$31.40

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, September 17, 2016
5:00pm Nora Kury

SUNDAY, September 18, 2016
8:00am **Monica Williams**
10:00am **Student Reader**
12:00pm **Susan Ryan**
5:30pm **Brent Faye**



9/11 REMEMBERED

Fifteen years ago, the continuing TV coverage of the imploding twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York was unbearable for me, as were accounts of the crashes and destruction in Washington and the hills of Pennsylvania. The immense devastation of human life was incomprehensible. Visiting the site in New York some five years later reopened searing wounds, and overwhelmed me with immense sadness. An incursion on our soil, carefully planned and executed by foreign elements, had shattered my cherished sense of security, and provoked a frightening sense of God's absence.

How could my Catholic faith tradition enable me to endure this tragedy? I knew that neither vengeance nor sweeping animosity was an option for me. *You have left us crushed . . . covered us with darkness.*

We are bowed down to the ground (Psalm 44:20, 26).

O LORD of hosts, restore us;

Let your face shine upon us (Psalm 80:4).

The Psalmist cries a lament, expressing the mourning of the Israelite people, the chosen of God, who had regarded themselves as untouchable and above reproach, now hurled into misery. The lament expresses a nation's agony, dares to complain against their divine protector, may even own some complicity in the misery, and finally pleads with God for deliverance.

In the midst of lamenting, the faith of Israel endured, as must ours. We are as vulnerable as they were to the violence and hatred that seem to encircle us. Our demand for a divine explanation goes unheeded. Yet we have learned of the self-sacrificing heroism of many, witnessing to the finest character of our nation. Dying for one's friends is a sacred theme in our story, epitomized in Jesus, our Savior, and extended through centuries in the grandest and noblest acts of men and women in all circumstances.

In 2001 we came together as one nation under God, sharing the grief, the disillusionment, and the promise to rebuild. As today we lament our honored dead and wounded, shall we translate such agonizing emotion into a persistent pursuit of worldwide reconciliation and peace?

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