

ST. GABRIEL PARISH BULLETIN, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

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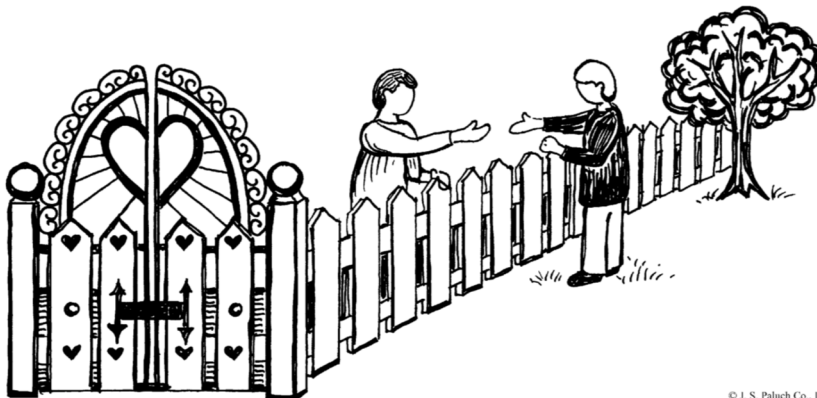
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ST. GABRIEL PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The

father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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COMING TOGETHER TO SHARE OUR TIME AND TALENTS

This week you will receive a brochure detailing the *Coming Together to Share Our Time and Talents* program our parish will be participating in over the next few weeks. This informative brochure is intended to communicate the financial needs of our parish and why we are having a dedicated focus on our parish offertory. Commitment Sunday for this Program is **September 23rd & 24th**. We encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the parish's needs and your current level of giving. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass next weekend for this very important Commitment Sunday. If you have any questions regarding the program please feel free to contact the parish office.

HEALING MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 7:00 PM

There will be a Mass and healing celebration with Fr. Archie Guiriba, OFM this **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.

READINGS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a;

Mt 20:1-16a



September 29th is the Feast of the Archangels—the Patronal Feast of our parish. In honor of the Archangel Gabriel, we offer this prayer for our parishioners :

O Blessed Archangel Gabriel, intercede for us with Christ our Savior.

You announced His coming in the flesh, with great joy you heralded the Incarnation.

Pray the Lord Jesus hear our prayer, make of us a Holy People, that justice might reign, and God's peace might prevail always.

May we also announce the Christ who is always among us, for He is Our Savior and Lord forever and ever!

AMEN!

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!



We are the Lord's



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We've seen how the rescue of Eucharistic Prayer II from the mists of history changed the style of our prayer, introducing a sleek simplicity to the prayer said aloud by the priest. Remember, before the reform of our prayer in the late 1960s, the priest whispered the words of the Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer I. His voice was not amplified, his back was to the people, who could only tell what was going on by a shift in his posture as he bowed and genuflected and as bells were rung to indicate his progress through the prayer.

With the emergence of the new prayers, some feared that the old prayer would be lost forever if it weren't somehow changed. The reformers asked that it be streamlined a bit by omitting the repeated "Through Christ" at the end of various intercessions, and trimming the list of somewhat obscure saints. The new edition therefore brackets parts of the two lists of saints in the prayer, unfortunately dropping all the women from the second set. The decision was also made to keep the Lord's words at the consecration exactly the same in every Eucharistic Prayer, although there is precedent for more variety. On November 2, 1968, Pope Paul VI signed off on the plan of the new Mass, and by April 1969, the publication of the revised order of Mass was announced.

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ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE/APPLICATIONS FOR 2018-2019

Excellence in Education. St. Gabriel School will be holding an Open House on **Wednesday, October 4th** 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. **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 4th** 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.



ST. GABRIEL'S ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIRE
Saturday, November 4th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in Bedford Hall. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet of dishes from around the world at an event that's fun for the whole family. Prices are \$15 pre-pay, \$20 at the door for adults, \$8 for students/kids, under age 4 is free. Beverages \$1. Information on purchasing tickets forthcoming.



GRIEF GROUP AT ST. GABRIEL

Come and learn about grief in a safe environment. This is an 8-week drop-in course beginning **Thursday, October 5th**. All sessions are from 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM in the Parish Center. Come to one session, two sessions, any session or all sessions. No registration is required. No cost and all are welcome. Please contact Sr. Bernadette Hart at 415-731-6161 ext. 22 if you would like more information. See today's insert for dates and times.

PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION TODAY

Today, 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.



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 17, 2017	Religious Education Classes
September 24, 2017	Religious Education Classes
October 15, 2017	Religious Education Classes
October 22, 2017	Religious Education Classes
October 29, 2017	Religious Education Classes

FIRST COMMUNION

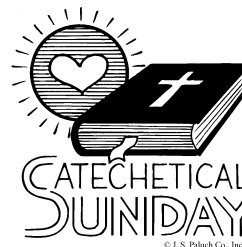
Chapter One in your First Penance Book is due on **Tuesday, September 19th**.

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

Classes began Sunday, September 10th. Classes meet in the Multi-purpose from 3:45 - 5:00 PM followed by attendance at the 5:30 PM Mass. The next class will be on **Sunday, September 24th**.



TODAY IS

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Why do we have a special day set aside to commission catechists?

Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

(From the usccb.org website)

FORGIVE OTHERS

There are many kinds of alms the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us.

—St. Augustine


**MASS INTENTIONS
SEPTEMBER 18- 24, 2017**

Mon.	8:30 am	Dorotea & Ramon Uclusin
Tues.	8:30 am	Ann O'Leary
Wed.	8:30 am	Sr. Mary Farragher
Thurs.	8:30 am	Frances Cheney
Fri.	8:30 am	Rod Montgomery
Sat.	8:30 am	Margaret "Peg" Richardson
	5:00 pm	Ventura Lustan
Sun.	8:00 am	For the Parishioners
	10:00 am	Mauricio Rayala
	12:00 pm	Sally Rosales (L) & John Lawrence "Larry" Gamet
	5:30 pm	Vivian Erickson

**NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS
September 23 - 24, 2017**

5:00 PM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
8:00 AM	Fr. John Jimenez
10:00 AM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
12:00 PM	Fr. Tom Hamilton
5:30 PM	Fr. John Jimenez

Your Envelope Counts!

	Sunday Sept. 10, 2017	Same Sunday Last Year
Envelope Total	\$5,840.00	\$5,994.25
Loose	\$1,043.51	\$1,916.19
Online Giving	\$878.00	n/a
Grand Total	\$7,761.51	\$7,910.44

**HURRICANE HARVEY COLLECTION
THANK YOU!!**

Thanks to the support of our amazing parishioners, Saint Gabriel was able to collect **\$5,593.26** for the Emergency Hurricane Harvey Collection last week. This money will be used to support humanitarian and recovery efforts and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted diocese. We thank you for your generosity and loving support to those most in need!



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**PLEASE PICK UP
YOUR DIRECTORY**

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.**

LECTOR SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, September 23, 2017
5:00 pm Charles Rinaldi**

**SUNDAY, September 24, 2017
8:00 am Monica Williams
10:00 am Elizabeth Murphy
12:00 pm Susan Ryan
5:30 pm Terry Keyes**

**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 weekends 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



**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 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.