



SAINT GABRIEL

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Rectory Hours: Mon - Friday 9:00 AM-1:30 PM
Except Fridays in July & August 9-Noon

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Thursday 8 A.M. (No Daily Mass on Friday except on Holy Days)

HOLY DAYS

Vigil 6:00 P.M., The Day 8:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.

BAPTISM: Sundays following 11AM Mass— Please call the Rectory to make arrangements

WEDDINGS: Arrangements to be made at least six months prior to the wedding

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Every Monday following 8:00 A.M. Mass

HOLY ROSARY: Sunday at 10:40 AM, before the 11A.M. Mass

PASTORAL STAFF AND ORGANIZATIONS

Fr. Liam Quinlan	Pastor - FrQuinlan@diobpt.org	203-322-7426
Maryanne Didelot	Director of Religious Education	203-329-1978
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Kaye Gill	Senior Circle - Tuesday - 1- 4 PM	203-322-7910
Joe Somma	Men's Group	203-322-3622
Pray For...	Contact the Parish Office	203-322-7426
Paul Salvatore	Finance Board President	203-322-2790
Ms. Abbey Camillery	Principal -Trinity Catholic Middle School	203-322-7383

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



SATURDAY 4:00 PM	February 4, 2017 George Cooke (Bea Cooke)
SUNDAY 9:00 AM	February 5, 2017 Paul Sheehan (Mary & Bob Garvey & Family)
11:00 AM	Eugenio Marsico (Rocco & Carmela Longo)
MONDAY 8:00 AM	February 6, 2017 Saint Paul Miki Paul Sheehan (The DeVito Family)
TUESDAY 8:00AM	February 7, 2017 Brian Quinlan
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	February 8, 2017 Saint Jerome Emiliani & Saint Josephine Bakhita Richard Salvatore (The DeVito Family)
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	February 9, 2017 Pacifico Viola (Joe & Erlinda Viola)
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	February 10, 2017 Saint Scholastica NO MASS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM	February 11, 2017 Eileen Flynn (Vera Gardell)
SUNDAY 9:00 AM	February 12, 2017 Mary O'Toole (Kathleen Whitehead)
11:00 AM	Roger Arnow (Joseph Rainone, Jr.)

Dear Parishioners,

I've been re-reading C.S. Lewis lately - actually, I'm listening to him. He was an Oxford professor and committed atheist who found himself in the perplexing position of believing in God. He tells about his conversion in a variety of ways in each of his writings, from allegorical fantasy in *The Chronicles of Narnia* to philosophical-theological explanation in *The Problem of Pain and Mere Christianity*.

I go back to Lewis regularly for his clear-sighted explanation of Christianity. He died in 1963 [the same day as JFK], but he anticipated a lot of this



world of the third millennium. When asked about current events, Lewis used to explain that he rarely paid attention to mass media. He relied on his friends to tell him if there was something important that he could act on. For all the other upsets, tragedies, reversals, he took his newfound life as a Christian most seriously - he would fast and pray.

We who believe that God is our Father, and that he has chosen us to take part in his life and work, are called to that same serious purpose. The most practical thing we can do is join with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with our Mother Mary and the communion of Saints in offering the thing the world needs most keenly - the union of the People of God, His Church, with Him. We achieve that in prayer and fasting. Please respond with your best efforts to difficulties you encounter in life - remember to pray your rosary daily, take the time before weekly mass to form your intention and offer it for the good of the world. And fast and pray, we know we the world needs it. I'll let Lewis have the last word:

Progress means getting nearer to the place where you want to be. And if you have taken a wrong turning, then to go forward does not get you any nearer.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Liam Quinlan



Mary Somers, Michael Pratt,
Tamika Anderson, Mary Brundage,
Nick Pensiero, Angie Calka,
and Tristan Evans.

If you would to add someone to the Prayer ne please contact the St. Gabriel Rectory at 203-322-7426 or email us at gabe914@optonline.net with the full (first and last) name of the person you would like us to pray for along with your name and phone number.

Religious Education

Classes continue on Feb. 5th, and 12th!
No Class on Feb. 19th.

Reminder: If we need to cancel classes due to bad weather - an email will go out by 8 am Sunday Morning. It will also be posted on News Channel 12, Channel 8, and Channel 3. The religious education schedule is available on our website. Questions? Please contact our DRE, Maryanne Didelot at saintgabrielccd@gmail.com or call 203-329-1978, or 203-329-2707.

St. Gabriel Men's Prayer Group

meets in the Church on Saturday mornings at 7AM.
 For more information please contact Bill Nagle at 203-570-2593 or billnagle@hotmail.com



Mardi Gras Cocktail Party

Saturday, February 25th, 2017 @ 5pm in our parish hall.

Heavy Apps; Raw Bar; Desserts;

Wine; Beer; Water; Soft Drinks;

Live Music; Door Prize and 50 / 50 Raffle

\$15. per person, under 10 ~ \$5.

Tickets on sale after Masses February 11th & 12th

To volunteer or ask questions

Contact Sharon

at 917-841-2851 / pratt2@optonline.net

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Let us pray that as the new administration repeals the health care mandate that it not only restore the Church's First Amendment right to religious freedom, but also makes coverage accessible to all Americans.

Saint Gabriel Offering

Weekly Goal: \$5,000.

Weekly Offering \$3,671

Online Giving : \$625

Please consider On-Line Giving !

It's especially convenient and beneficial on snow-days and vacation days when you can't bring your weekly envelope to Mass.

To register for On-Line Giving go to our parish website at www.saintgabrielchurch.org or <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1850>

Lectors, Ministries' and Servers' Schedule

February 2017

Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Servers
4:00 PM	Maryanne Didelot	Sean & Ryan
Tom Daley	Vera Gardell 2/4, 2/11	Oates
	Kathleen Whitehead 2/4, 2/11, 2/25	2/4, 2/11, 2/18
9:00 AM	Frank & Rosemary	Kevin Fleischer 2/12
Tom Coughlin 2/5, 2/19, 2/26	Barba	Garrett Galang 2/5, 2/26
Patrick Fleischer 2/12	Tommaso & Marisa	Vincent Galang 2/26
11:00 AM	Tommaso & Marisa	Sean Walters
Paul Moverley 2/12, 2/19	Catino	
Laura Croft 2/5	2/5, 2/12, 2/16	
Debbie Gibb 2/26		

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"You are the light of the world." Speaking to his followers, Jesus tells them of the influence they are meant to have. Like the seasoning that gives food its flavor, they are to be "the salt of the earth" and like a lamp on a lampstand that "gives light to all in the house." Clearly, their influence on the people around them is meant to be positive and substantial. But what is the source of this irreplaceable influence?

Elsewhere in the Gospels, Jesus declares that HE is "the light of the world" (cf. Jn 8:12). So when he tells his disciples that "your light must shine before others," he is speaking about the light that comes from following him, from believing in him, from living their lives for him and with him. The light of Christ brightens the world, showing us the truth and meaning of our existence. And to the extent that we have that light in our hearts, it naturally spreads out to impact those around us.

So, today we must ask ourselves whether or not we are shining the way we are meant to as Christians. Do we brighten up our families, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and our parishes? Are people encouraged, inspired, edified, and supported by our presence? Do we bring the kind of flavor that enriches life with a taste of the authentic truth, beauty, and goodness that comes from God alone? Or have we become a bit bland, like salt that "loses its taste" or light that is hidden "under a bushel basket"? It's important to be on guard against any tendency to let our faith be reduced to a mere routine or ritual. Rather, when we nurture our faith to be a living force that defines us and our actions, it will be a source of joy and renewal not only for us, but for the whole world.

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