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SAINT GABRIEL

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Except Fridays in July & August 9-Noon

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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

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."
 - Lk 11:9-10

SATURDAY 4:00 PM	July 23, 2016 Rocco Vinci (His Children)
SUNDAY 9:00 AM	July 24, 2016 Antonia Siciliano (Yolanda Moccia)
11:00 AM	John Gardell (Vera Gardell)
MONDAY 8:00 AM	July 25, 2016 St. James Mairead Corbett –2nd Anniversary (Sister, Norrie & Gerri)
TUESDAY	July 26, 2016 Sts. Joachim & Anne Elia Pochette (Living) (Her Son, Lebert))
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	July 27, 2016 Our Parish
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	July 28, 2016 Paul Sheehan (Audrey & John Murphy)
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	July 29, 2016 St. Martha No Mass
SATURDAY 4:00 PM	July 30, 2016 Edward Carrol (Cathy Sheehan)
SUNDAY 9:00 AM	July 31, 2016 Mary Marseglia (Mr. & Mrs. Donald N. Miller)
11:00 AM	Edward Barry (Margaret Barry Spezzano)

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

My father would always say to me when I was growing up, "Whatever is mine is yours." He was always very generous toward me and, if I am being truthful, probably spoiled me. We were not a rich family by any measure, but I never really wanted for anything. If I asked, I would receive.

In Luke 11, Jesus tells us our heavenly Father is similar to my father, but God is profoundly more generous. However, I am not sure many of us really believe that. When growing up we ask our earthly parents for all sorts of things, some requests being large but many being small. I know my own three children might ask me for anything at any time. If God is more generous with me than I am with my own three children, how come I find myself mostly asking God for things when all my other options have run out or my back is against the wall? We make deals with God in our moment of despair or fear, but when things were great we asked for little or sometimes nothing at all.

We need God and his generosity 365 days a year. Better than that, God wants us to ask for things and learn to rely on him. There is no strength in walking in this world alone. God wants to be the source of all our strength. That is one reason why at every hour of the day, somewhere in the world, Mass is being celebrated and his children are receiving him in the holy Eucharist. If God can become man, die, and rise again, and then humble himself in the elements of bread and wine to be close to you, do you not think he will respond to your everyday simple requests? May God's generosity flow to you in great abundance for his love knows no limits.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Candle Memorials Week of July 23

Vigil lamp for Our Lady- Phil Totilo (Living)
By Walter & Doris Casey
Church Sanctuary Lamp- Dan Verrastro
(20th Anniversary)
By Tom & Ann Verrastro
Church Sanctuary Lamp- Emma Diaz—
(Living) By Grandma Yola



Jerry Graf, Tom Burke, Phil Totilo, Madeleine Buzzeo, Al Romano, Dionne Creagh, Linda Santagata, Mary Brennan, Mary Somers, Vincent Cappiello, Dennis O'Reilly, Michael Pratt., Merima Dalupa, Gary Fanali, Anthony Ricci, Christa George, Bernadette Askin, Antoinette Lofreddo, John Leiva, Aaron Pettiford, Shawn Zaro, Nicholas Pensiero, Mary Antonelli, Maddyn Ussery, David McMorris, Kieron Butler, Joan Mary Rasmussen, Sandy McMurray, Richard Bezerra, Rocky Sansone, Alexander Leite, William Joseph Curry, Ronald Denny, the Brown Family, Richard Negyesi, Bea Cooke, Stephen Wilson, Cynthia Eiswert, Michelle Martino, and Pam Thomes. Please call 203-322-7426 or email us at abe914@optonline.net with the first and last name of the person to be prayed for along with your name & number.

Saint Gabriel Offering

Weekly Goal: \$5,000

Weekly Envelope Offering:\$3,310

Weekly Online Giving \$ 580

If you're out of town this summer - please remember your parish.



Please consider On-line giving.
 To register go to our parish website at
www.saintgabrielchurch.org or
<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1850>



GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." This is a promise that anyone would love to hear. With these words Jesus comforts and reassures us. He suggests that we will be satisfied and welcomed and fulfilled. His message in today's Gospel assures us that our heavenly Father loves us even more than earthly parents love their children. So we can enjoy the security of knowing that God will take good care of us.

But God's care may not always look exactly the way we expect it to. His care for us is based on knowing what is best for us and what will make us flourish. And, sometimes, what we think we need isn't really best. It's important to keep this context in mind. This prevents us from understanding Jesus' words today in a selfish way. As the end of the passage makes clear, this asking and seeking that Jesus refers to is ultimately fulfilled in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is promising us that if we ask God for his Spirit, he will certainly give it to us, his children.

For most of us, we actually received this gift at our baptism. But have we taken full advantage of this? Although we may not realize it at first, in receiving the Holy Spirit we actually receive a whole host of gifts. With God's Spirit come the sevenfold gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. And the fruits of the Spirit as St. Paul lists them in Galatians 5 include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. God knows that all of these gifts and fruits make us very well equipped for life on earth, and for eternal life in heaven! What more do we really need to ask for?

But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it." (Gn 18:32)

**Religious Education**

Registration for 2016/17 is in progress!
Please send in forms by August 15th
to avoid a \$25 late fee!

If you need a registration form please contact our DRE, Maryanne Didelot at saintgabrielccd@gmail.com or call 203-329-2707.

The forms are also available on our website!!!

Go to www.saintgabrielchurch.org
click on Religious Education and
DOWNLOAD a form there.

Please observe our registration deadlines.

Students currently attending Catholic School and planning on receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation, must also register.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church is not asking for special treatment when it comes to the federal healthcare mandate, she is simply asking that every American's right to religious freedom be protected. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday, or to pray the Rosary at home. It is about adhering to the tenets of our faith, so that we can contribute to the common good of all Americans.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom. If you have called, call again, our representatives need to pay attention.

LIVE THE LITURGY

The disciples ask Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." What follows in Jesus' response is the very familiar Lord's Prayer. It reminds us that God desires private time with us, alone, in our rooms and approaching him with an honesty that is found only in the most intimate of friends.

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