

Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church Ministries



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At Saint Gabriel's Church we invite you to explore the range of our various ministries, to develop your gifts, and to discover forms of service that will bring you joy and bless others. The majority of our ministries are clergy supported and led by lay members of the parish.

On the following pages you will find descriptions of our lay ministries and a contact person for each. If you feel called to a particular ministry, please contact that ministry team leader or fill out the form on the back of this pamphlet! We hope that everyone at Saint Gabriel's may become faithfully engaged in serving others.



Service Schedule, Clergy and Supporting Staff



Sunday, Holy Eucharist Rite I - 8:00 a.m. in the

Chapel: This is a traditional, contemplative, Holy Communion service. Hymns are accompanied by an organist.

Sunday, Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10:00 a.m. (9:30 a.m. during the Summer) in the Church:

This more contemporary service, is characterized by choir, music and family participation. Dress is casual. Following the service, be sure to join us in the Parish Hall for coffee, baked goods and fellowship.

Wednesday Holy Eucharist - 7:30 a.m. in the

Chapel: On Wednesday morning, there is a brief Holy Eucharist in our Chapel, followed by Bible study in the Library

The Reverend Geoffrey T. Piper, Rector

The Reverend Catherine A. Harper, Deacon

Leslie T. Piper, Director of Music

Sylvia Strand, Hand bell Director

Janet Bullock, Administrative Assistant

Amos Perry, Sexton

Terry Saulnier, Bookkeeper

Christina Bonney & Judie Kleven, Church School Directors

Children's Christian Formation

Nursery

St. Gabriel's nursery is available for our youngest of God's children and is staffed by two caregivers at all times during our 10:00 Sunday service. The nursery is equipped with age-appropriate books, toys, and games. Children are welcome to remain in the nursery for the duration of church service. We are always looking for sitters!

Jocelyn Hotte: 508-748-1507

Church School

At St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, we are committed to providing a safe, welcoming space for children where they can explore their Christian faith, develop community with one another, and experience a growing relationship with God. All families in the community, whether or not they are members of St. Gabriel's, are invited to join us. Guests and drop-ins are *always* welcome.

We have a Pre-K classroom, Kindergarten- second grade, and a third through sixth grade class. We are always in need of volunteers! St. Gabriel's Sunday School program runs from September through May.

Judie Kleven: jdk080441@gmail.com

Christina Bonney: christinabonney@gmail.com

Youth Ministries

For middle and high school students, our curriculum is built around the three main goals of Formation, Fellowship and Service through fun and

engaging lessons and activities. We are building upon the core Christian values and ideas that have been developed in Sunday school and are turning them into actions and convictions.

Youth, 7th grade and up meet on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 service in the parish hall.

Kate Hill – Lead Teacher (508-748-1507)

Loren le Gassick (508 748-1507)

Adult Christian Formation

Men's Bible Study

Come join this fellowship of men trying to understand better what God is trying to do among us, and what our roles are. Bring a friend!

Meeting 7-8:15 p.m. Evening TBD

Rev. Geoffrey Piper: gtpiper55@gmail.com

Wednesday Bible Studies

Please join us and bring a friend to discuss the Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday! There is also a Women's Bible study if you aren't an early bird!

Bible Study of upcoming Sunday Scriptures

Meeting 8:00 a.m. Volunteer Room

Rev. Geoffrey Piper: gtpiper55@gmail.com

Women's Bible Study

Meeting 11:00 a.m. Wednesdays, Library

Karen Hotte: rkhotte2@gmail.com

Outreach Ministries

Friendship Tables

We meet at St. Gabriel's Parish Hall every first Thursday of the month and serve a delicious, full course dinner at 5:00 pm. Most evenings we serve about 60 to 70 guests. This is a free meal (donations are accepted with thanks) and all are welcome to join in friendship and fellowship.

Meeting 5:00 p.m. First Thursday

Hanna Milhench: lemgo1@hotmail.com

New Bedford Soup Kitchen

The third Monday of the month, St. Gabriel's provides and serves soup to about 140 guests at the New Bedford Soup Kitchen. The soup is made by our parishioners, usually on the weekend prior to our day to serve, then transported to New Bedford and served there by a crew from St. Gabriel's.

We are looking for people to make soup and to help to serve it in New Bedford on Mondays.

Carol Dildine: caroljim2@comcast.net

Nancy Griswold: thegris@comcast.net

Gardens by the Sea

An organized tour of Marion gardens takes place each summer with 100% of the proceeds going to local and global outreach programs.

Hanna Milhench: lemgo1@hotmail.com

(Outreach cont.)

World Mission and Outreach Committee

This committee meets to fulfill our spiritual mandate to reach out to those in need locally, nationally, and globally. Funded mostly by the church and Gardens by the Sea, we donate to charities such as: Gifts to Give, Damien's Pantry, Backpack Project, grocery cards to local schools, Turning Point, Doctors Without Borders, and to natural disasters through Episcopal Relief Development.

Judie Kleven: jdk080441@gmail.com

Damien's Pantry

Every second Thursday of the month a team of Marion Volunteers meets at Damien's Food Pantry in Wareham to help serve the needy in our area. The district includes towns from Wareham to Dartmouth. We also have an ongoing collection bin in our volunteer room!

Danielle Coffin: coffindd@comcast.net

United Neighbors of Fall River

Outreach to people in transitional housing with food items, household items for those beginning again and a Christmas gift offering.

Danielle Coffin: coffindd@comcast.net

Karen Hotte: rkhotte2@gmail.com

Rev. Catherine Harper: charper54@comcast.net

(Outreach cont.)

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for the Chapel and Church are given weekly by our parishioners. The donor may do their own arrangement or use a local florist. At Christmas and Easter the committee asks for donations from the parish. We use any extra money for special occasions or for Sundays without a donor. If you wish to give and cannot pay the whole amount (*about \$100.00*), you may share it with another donor, or we can use the Flower Fund.

Frederica See: fpsee@comcast.net

Hanna Milhench: lemgo1@comcast.net

Posy See: posysee@gmail.com

Betsy Dartt: bdartt@yahoo.com

Eucharistic Visitors

This ministry is amazing for anyone who loves communion and would like to be trained to share communion with people in their homes or wherever they are living. Each visitor creates his/her own schedule with someone to bring communion to from time to time. It is a chance to share with an old friend or a new acquaintance around the life of the church and the blessings of communion. Special training is required and is provided throughout the year by the diocese.

Barbi Sanderson:

barbarasanderson@gmail.com

Rev. Catherine Harper: charper54@comcast.net

Hospitality

Newcomer/Welcome Ministry

Inviting, welcoming and connecting persons into our church are vital steps toward building a healthy and vibrant church. Through welcome greeters, community invitations to St. Gabriel's events, tote bags, Welcome Sundays and more, we extend a warm welcome to come join us!

Rev. Geoffrey T. Piper: gtpiper55@verizon.net

Rev. Deacon Cathy Harper:

charper54@comcast.net

Coffee Hour

Our volunteers serve coffee and snacks after our 10:00 service each week. This is a richly valued time of fellowship, bringing together parishioners of all generations in an informal, intimate gathering.

Volunteering involves bringing a few food items (e.g., cheese and crackers, fruit, coffee cake or muffins) and juice for the children. Volunteers' set-up the table of food, prepare the coffee, and clean-up. There are two volunteers assigned to each date to share the work. During the summer months, we provide a scaled-back version with lemonade and cookies after our 9:30 service.

Elizabeth Leatham:

Elizabeth.leatham@gmail.com

Pat Petit: marionpat@verizon.net

Hospitality (cont.)

Project Help

Originally founded by the late Betsy Duncan, Project Help has been hosting receptions in the parish hall after funerals and memorial services held at St. Gabriel's since 1975. This is made possible by the many volunteers assisting in the kitchen and serving coffee and tea; as well as the bakers and sandwich makers responsible for the food.

Alane Hall: alanehall@gmail.com

Moveable Feasts

Moveable Feasts is a parish-wide event that involves a rotating dinner schedule beginning in February or March. Small groups are put together and divided between several participants that indicated they would be happy to be the first of their group to hold a “gathering.” Sign-ups will happen soon!

Elizabeth Leatham:

Elizabeth.leatham@gmail.com

Pat Petit: marionpat@verizon.net

Pastoral Care

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We welcome beginner and experienced knitters. Prayer shawls comfort, warm, embrace and console those who are grieving and those who are ill. We also knit to celebrate life and its many mile-stones.

Liz Brainard: ebrainard@post.harvard.edu

Judy Redway: jredawy@aol.com

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team seeks to reach out to members of our church community who cannot, at the present time, actively participate in our worship services. Active members of St. Gabriel's make visits, telephone, and bring prayers and a personal touch to lift spirits and bring our fellowship of Christ to them wherever they are.

Rev. Geoffrey T. Piper: gtpiper55@verizon.net

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

There are two ways to join other parishioners in praying for people in need. The first and oldest ministry was begun by Anne Watson, many years ago with friends meeting in each other's homes regularly to pray and share their lunches. That group has become an email prayer tree where prayer needs are sent to the group as they come up.

The second way, is to join the Healing Prayer Ministry, which requires training and study in praying with people in a personal and private way, often with laying on of hands or anointing with oil.

Rev. Cynthia Bell: rev.cynthia.bell@gmail.com

Karen Hotte: rkhotte2@gmail.com

Barbi Sanderson:

barbarasanderson@gmail.com

Get Well, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sending St. Gabriel's love, thoughts and prayers with cards to parishioners and friends.

Carol Dildine: caroljim2@comcast.net

Worship Service Support

Altar Guild

Our services at St. Gabriel's include setting God's table for Sunday services as well as assisting at memorial services and baptisms. This is truly a wonderful opportunity to serve at our Church and I would welcome anyone, young or old, to contact me and learn how you may help.

Mary Jeffrey: dmjeffrey@comcast.net

Suzy Titus: suzy.titus@verizon.net

Acolytes

The Acolyte Program at St. Gabriel's provides an opportunity for the youth of our church to contribute to the liturgy. The group ranges from grade 5 and up. Periodic training and refreshers are typically held during the year so new members are always welcome. An important goal of the Acolyte Program is to further develop the children's understanding of the liturgy through their participation in its rites. In addition, matching younger acolytes with older acolytes encourages interaction amongst the different age groups in a mentoring fashion.

Rev. Deacon Cathy Harper:

charper54@comcast.net

Katherine Kang: skystarmom@gmail.com

Worship (cont.)

Lectors/Prayer Leaders & Chalice Bearers

If you are interested in sharing the week's lessons and prayers with the parish we are always looking for new readers. It is also a wonderful experience to be a chalice bearer and share the gift of communion with your church family! Some training is required for chalice bearers. We would love to have you join us!

Russ Hotte: rkhotte2@gmail.com

Ushers

Ushers provide support for our weekly Sunday services and for services on Christmas and Easter. The most visible aspects of Ushers' duties are the greeting of worshipers and the assisting of children in taking the offering. Less visible is vigilance related to safety and security during services. That vigilance encompasses alertness to the needs of worshipers during the services and providing assistance when needed. Ushers are the first people newcomers meet when attending church.

Maintaining a positive, friendly and caring greeting to all who attend worship remains a goal and priority for Ushers. Ushers generally serve every four to six weeks and on either Christmas or Easter. All are welcome to become Ushers.

Rick Laine: ralaine1@gmail.com

Music Ministry

Choir

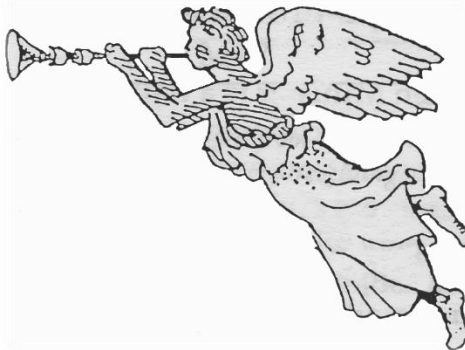
The Senior Choir meets weekly to prepare music for our Sunday morning worship services, as well as for festive services during the year. Members of the congregation have also shared their musical talents on flute, clarinet, violin, guitar, piano and drums on numerous occasions. We welcome all who wish to sing or share other musical talents!

Leslie Piper: lesliepiper@msn.com

Hand Bell Ringers

We rehearse Mondays from 4:30 to 6:00 and perform at least once a month. We welcome new members with open arms, especially if you read music. Please come join us. It's fun!

Sylvia Strand: sylviastrand@gmail.com



Where do I fit in?



Not sure where your gifts and talents could be best put to use? Prayerfully fill out the form below. Once you are finished please drop it in the offering plate or by the church office.

Thank you for your interest in serving!

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Info:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in:**

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