



The Village of Marion

St. Gabriel's is located in the heart of Marion's quaint village, within steps of beautiful Sippican Harbor. Marion is 50 miles south of Boston and 40 miles east of Providence, RI. In addition to its deep water harbor, which is favored by sailors and boating enthusiasts, Marion offers sheltered beaches, golf and tennis facilities, some shopping and dining, a yacht club, and Tabor Academy, an independent prep school.

Marion has one elementary school for kindergarten through grade 6. Students in grades 7-12 attend the regional junior high and high school with students from neighboring Mattapoisett and Rochester.

Marion is a town where small town values, civic duty and the tradition of neighbor helping neighbor are still alive and well.



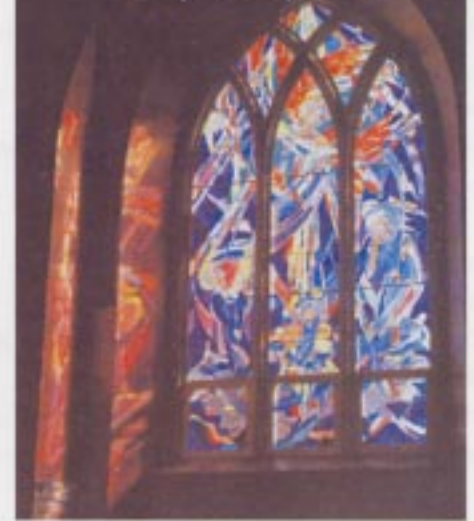
We
teach
our
children
and
youth . . .



We worship and celebrate with music . . .

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The parish of St. Gabriel's celebrates and worships together, supports and prays for one another, and welcomes all.

We embrace Christ's work, and our connection to God, each other, and the community through joyful participation in music, prayer groups and outreach. We are committed to the spiritual development of our children, youth, and adults through inspirational liturgy and educational programs. We are a church that values its traditions, as we encourage independent thinking and openness to new ideas.

A Spiritual Journey - A Search for a New Rector

Our History

St. Gabriel's Church had its beginning following the Civil War when Rear-Admiral Andrew Allen Harwood, U.S.N., first conducted services at the request of fellow summer residents at the Bay View House Hotel.

The story goes that Rear Admiral Harwood gave our parish its name "St. Gabriel's" after he vowed, during a tremendous storm, that if he came to safe port, he would build a church in Marion as a thank offering.

So came into being St. Gabriel's Church, offering services to Marion's summer residents until 1886, when year-round services were conducted by neighboring clergy and students from the Episcopal Theological School.

St. Gabriel's first full-time resident rector, the Reverend John Albert, delivered his first sermon in 1951 and St. Gabriel's became a parish in 1952.

"I am Gabriel,
that stands in
the presence of
God, and am
sent to speak
unto thee, and to
show thee these
glad tidings."



Who We Are - Where We're Going

A legacy of commitment and participation continues to be St. Gabriel's tradition.

Today, St. Gabriel's is a **program parish**. We serve the communities of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester and we are located along the western shore of Buzzards Bay in Southeastern Massachusetts. The three towns share a historical and cultural bond as they were once one town until the coastal villages of Marion and Mattapoisett separated from Rochester in the mid-1800's.

We offer two services on Sunday (8:00a.m. and 10:00a.m.), a Eucharist service at 7:30a.m. on Wednesday. We are also developing additional opportunities for worship throughout the week.

As St. Gabriel's grows, we seek to expand its vital missions and programs, including the provision of intimate worship services, a vibrant youth ministry, and an active music program as central to our worship. We embrace our connection to young families and our commitment to offer opportunities for intergenerational groups.

We engage parishioners in our parish programs and in our local, national and international outreach. We encourage the generous giving of time, talent and treasure to our community.

Our New Rector

Our new rector is a spiritual leader who will be a presence in our community through outreach and ecumenical involvement.

Our new rector has a gift for

- Attracting young families
- Nurturing youth of all ages
- Providing liturgical leadership and delivering relevant and inspirational sermons
- Overseeing the parish administration

Our new rector will embrace the broad range of responsibilities in our parish, and work with the vestry and parishioners to create an energized church community.

