

# THE PARISH OF ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1184 Newfield Ave., Stamford, CT 06905

Rev. John P. Connaughton, Pastor  
Rev. Mariusz M. Olbrys, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Larry Buzzeo



*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass

**7:30 am at St. Cecilia**

Rosary Daily—prior to the 7:30AM Mass  
Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous  
Medal—Mondays following the 7:30 Mass

### Saturday Vigil

CONFESSIONS at St. Gabriel

Saturday 3 P.M. to 3:50 P.M.

**4:00 pm at St. Gabriel**

**5:30 pm at St. Cecilia**

### Sunday Masses

**7:30 am at St. Cecilia (no music)**

**9:00 am at St. Gabriel (no music)**

**9:00 am at St. Cecilia (with music)**

**11:15 am at St. Cecilia (with music)**

BAPTISMS: Sundays following 11:15am Mass at St. Cecilia.

WEDDINGS: St. Gabriel or St. Cecilia upon request of the couple. Arrangements to be made at least six months prior to the wedding.

FUNERALS: at St. Gabriel or St. Cecilia upon request of the family.

## PASTORAL STAFF AND ORGANIZATIONS

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SAINT GABRIEL CHURCH

**SATURDAY August 3, 2019**

4 PM Elizabeth DePreta  
(Patricia Saxe)

**SUNDAY August 4, 2019**

9 AM Deceased Members of the Imbrogno Family  
(Daughter & Family)

### SAINT CECILIA CHURCH

**SATURDAY August 3, 2019**

5:30 PM Louis & Santa Mazza  
(Their Children)

**SUNDAY August 4, 2019**

7:30 AM Rocco Vinci  
(His Children)

9 AM Meghan Butler  
(Cathy Sheehan)

11:15 AM Barbara Rioux  
(Carol Sabia)

**MONDAY August 5, 2019**

*Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major*

7:30 AM Daniel Thomas McManus  
(Peter & Diane Handley)

**TUESDAY August 6, 2019** *Transfiguration of the Lord*

7:30 AM Raino Family  
(Joseph Rainone Jr.)

**WEDNESDAY August 7, 2019** *St. Sixtus & St. Cajetan*

7:30 AM Thomas Silvestro  
(Vera Gardell)

**THURSDAY August 8, 2019** *St. Dominic*

7:30 AM For the Members of Our Parish

**FRIDAY August 9, 2019** *St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

7:30 AM Fr. Alfred Loughran  
(Peter & Diane Handley)

### SAINT GABRIEL CHURCH

**SATURDAY August 10, 2019**

4 PM Nick DeVito  
(Maureen Belford)

**SUNDAY August 11, 2019**

9 AM Barbara Rioux  
(Alice Ryan)

### SAINT CECILIA CHURCH

**SATURDAY August 10, 2019**

5:30 PM Walter E. Smith  
(Gloria & Ray Kowalczyk)

**SUNDAY August 11, 2019**

7:30 AM Amelia Mazziotti  
(Felicia Miller)

9 AM Julie Cempel  
(Susan Shindell)

11:15 AM Pietro Ferraro & Luisa DeNisi  
(Mrs. Ferraro)

### St. Dominic

This Thursday, August 8, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Dominic. St. Dominic was born in 1170 into a wealthy Castilian family, but he was not attached to his wealth. During a severe famine in 1191, Dominic shocked his university classmates by selling his most prized and valuable possessions (his books) in order to help feed the starving people he saw around him. At the age of 25 he joined a religious community. But his life was to change forever during his travels in southern France where he encountered a religious sect called the Albigensians, also known as Cathars, who were drawing many people away from Catholicism.

The Albigensians adhered to a dualistic conception of reality. They believed that life was a perpetual conflict between the spiritual realm and the material realm - the spiritual world being good, the material world being evil. Human beings, they argued, were spirits trapped in material bodies. The final aim of the moral life was therefore the liberation of the spirit from the prison of matter. To attain this end, Albigensians lived very austere lives. They observed severe fasts. They lived poverty. Since they believed procreation perpetuated the enslavement of spirits in flesh, only sexual activity of the sort that precluded the possibility of children was acceptable to the Albigensians, though total abstinence was preferred. Suicide under certain circumstances was considered praiseworthy, as a liberation of the spirit from the body. The Albigensians enjoyed great success in gaining followers because their ascetic lifestyle made them seem authentic compared with the scandalous wealth and luxurious lifestyles of many of the Catholic clergy, whose attempts to confront the Albigensians in debate failed miserably because of the contradiction between what they claimed to believe and how they lived.

In 1216, Dominic established a new religious community called the Order of Preachers to counter the spread of Albigensianism. Because Dominic and his companions lived an austere life of poverty, chastity, and obedience the Albigensians could no longer point to the corrupt lifestyles of wealthy prelates as a way of discrediting the Catholic faith. As part of his work, Dominic sought to provide strong Catholic education to young people in order to make them less vulnerable to the proselytism of the Albigensians. Central to their catechesis of young people was the doctrine that God created all things good, including the material world. Thus, the body is not evil, it is good. It is not incidental to who we are, it is an integral aspect of what makes us human. By His incarnation, the Son of God became man, taking a body for Himself and redeeming us by the sacrifice He made in His body. He rose from the dead not just spiritually but also bodily.

Although the Albigensians no longer formally exist, the dualism they adopted continues to exert a powerful influence in our age. We see everywhere a tendency to detach the "true self" from the body. But this reduces the body to a tool to be used or an object to be manipulated. Dualism leads us to deny that procreation is an inherent part of human sexuality, to promote physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia as a means of "liberating"

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people from their suffering bodies, and to adopt confused ideas about gender identity that seem so common today. St. Dominic is an important saint because unlike the many corrupt churchmen of his day, the true doctrine he taught was not detached from the way he lived. Instead, St. Dominic revealed the truths of the Catholic faith, making them visible through the holy witness of his life.

Blessings,  
Father John



## S.O.M.E

Please consider a weekly contribution of non-perishable food. S.O.M.E. (So Others May Eat) Baskets are at each church entrance. Your contributions will be delivered to the Food Bank, Wilson Food Pantry, St. Joseph Parenting Center or New Covenant Center every week.

THANK YOU for your responsible stewardship.

We brought 10 bags of groceries to the New Covenant Center last week.

If you are interested in offering some of your time and talent to these on-going activities contact the parish office or:

Bruce Vukson at 203.972.8519 (Food Collection)

Bob Violette 203.357.1481 (Soup Kitchen)

### Books, CDs, Booklets, Pamphlets

The kiosk in the vestibule of St. Cecilia Church offers an inspirational opportunity from the Augustine Institute for parishioners, visitors and friends. These CDs, books and booklets include explanations of our Catholic Faith, accounts of God's incredible mercy and practical information for living our faith. Take a few minutes either before Mass or after to browse through the available selections. New titles arrive often. Visit the kiosk – you'll be glad you did!

### *St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Bible Study*

**Romans: The Gospel of Salvation**

Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. In this 9-session program, theology professor **Dr. Andrew Swafford** and **Jeff Cavins** examine Paul's letter to the Romans, provide historical context and highlight the connections to Jesus and Christianity Paul makes with the Old Testament.

Starting Sept. 19th, Thursday night at 7:15 p.m. & repeated on Sept. 20th Friday morning at 9:15 a.m. **Meeting location HAS CHANGED, to St. Gabriel Church hall.**

Romans is a new bible study program from Ascension Press, they are asking for pre-orders, **please let me know ASAP**, so we will have enough copies of the Participants book for our start in September. Participant Workbook is \$30.00.

Please contact me with any questions. Vicki (h)203-322-8526 (c) 203-561-3558

### SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

7:15 – 8:30 a.m. We meet each Saturday morning in the rectory over breakfast. Coffee and bagels are available at 7 am. Our Mission is:

To provide men of all ages the opportunity to reflect on sacred scripture, and see how it has meaning and purpose in our lives today.

To enable each to be aware of and share with one another in a confidential setting, their challenges and successes in living God's word each day.

To encourage each other to carry God's teaching into the week, and be sensitive to God's presence and will in their lives.

To do good works that build the faith community of St. Cecilia by providing opportunities to serve and build relationship to God, each other, and those in need.

### Did you know???

- The **Knights of Columbus** is an international Catholic fraternal organization
  - The organization was founded in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven in 1882 by the venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney
  - There are more than 15,000 councils and 1.9 million members worldwide
  - The Knights of Columbus funded the cleaning and restoration of the entire 65,000 square-foot façade of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. It was the first restoration work done to the Basilica in 350 years and took more than 2 years to complete
  - In 1951, the Knights initiated the campaign to lobby for the public adoption of the phrase "under God" to the U.S Pledge of Allegiance
  - The Order has a history of serving the members of our military. Beginning in WWI, the Knights established "Army Huts" providing free social and recreational activities to servicemen. Today, the Order organizes an annual visit for wounded military personnel to the Marian Shrine in Lourdes
  - Last year members volunteered 75.6 million service hours and donations totaling \$185 million
  - Notable members include Babe Ruth, Vince Lombardi, and John F. Kennedy
- Your local council is the Father Myron V. Miller Council #5833 that was formed in 1966. Our goal is to expand membership to all Catholic men in our community. For more information about the Knights of Columbus or to join our Council, please contact us at [kofc5833@gmail.com](mailto:kofc5833@gmail.com)



### HANDCRAFT GROUP



Each week we pray for the recipients as we continue our hand crafts, prayer shawls and baby blankets. Please join us! We continue to meet every Wednesday from 10 am—noon in the rectory, or you can knit at home! Questions? Please call Candice Bryan 203.329.8932 or Kitty Carty 203.322.3771.

### Candle Memorials~Week of August 3, 2019

St. Gabriel Church

Vigil Lamp for Our Lady ~ Mary and Frank Cosentino

by Their Family

Sanctuary Lamp-Gaetano & Josephine Loforese

by Tom & Ann Verrastro



*Saint Cecilia, Stamford raised 219 gifts worth \$80,025 from 187 donors bringing the parish to 76.21% of its \$105,000 goal.*

*Saint Gabriel, Stamford raised 157 gifts worth \$51,977 from 146 donors bringing the parish to 91.19% of its \$57,000 goal.*

*It's not too late to help us reach our goals!*

**St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel Combined Offering**

*Week of July 28th*

**Weekly offering: \$8,492**

**Weekly Online Giving: \$2,290**

*Please remember your Parish when you're away on vacation...Please consider On-line Giving.*

*You may register at  
www.osvonline.giving.com/1522.*



The sick and their caregivers. Mary Somers, Michael Pratt, Phil Totilo, Nick Pensiero, Tamika Anderson, Ken Byxbee, Sal Bonina, Conor Ehring, Mary Brundage, Matt Marshall, William Perkins, Tricia Saxe Cocomo, Steven Deccicco, Richard Negyesi, Ed Adams, Msgr. Powers,

Wendy Lenard, Edward Cioffi, Carol McGrath, Barbara Cebula, Amanda Lamb, Columbia Smith, and Kaye Gill, Betty Schenarts, Baby Elyssa, Andrew Allesandro, Michael Anderson, Pat Arpaio, Gloria Boccuzzi, Christopher Brady, Amy Burns-Duda, Fr. Michael Cambi, Michael Cooper, Tim Cooper, Allyn Dodd, Carolyn Gagnon, Steve Grossman, Helen Gross, Matthew J. Hammill, Eileen Hynes, Melissa Jambol, Musfira Khan, Kitty Mandi, Richard Nanos, Karen Parent, Chet Quinlan, Donna Raus, Bill Ritchie, Joseph Roche, Ana Ruiz, Bonnie Sigfried, Thomas Sparan, Dominic Totino, Alex Trebek, George Wetzler, Christopher Hoepfner, Doris Wozniak, Bill Fleming, Lois Guarino..... all who travel ... the wounded and recovering military personnel and all who put themselves in harm's way to protect us,...victims of war, terrorism and violence around the world, ...those whom we remember in our Eucharistic Celebrations this weekend and throughout the week.

Names will remain on the list for 30 days. If you wish to have a name remain longer, please contact the office. We also have a prayer line available for anyone wishing for immediate prayers. Please send your prayer needs to Vicki at VickiA@optonline.net or call the parish office 203-322-1562 and we'll forward.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN MILITARY**

We pray that the Lord may preserve the members of our Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force and National Guard from all harm...especially: SPC Thomas Boccuzzi, LCpl. Michael Lowe, SR Julia Terese Bova, Capt. Josie Quijano-Carpanzano, Capt. Mario Carpanzano, C.J. DelVaglio, Sgt. Taylor A. Ritchie, FN Ellie Fratturo, Maj. Michael J. Souza, Jack H Whitney, Christopher Ciacciarella, SA Joshua M. Hicks.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION**

**PLEASE REGISTER**

Registration forms and information have been mailed to all families enrolled last year at both St Cecilia and St Gabriel. All classes will be held *at the Catholic Academy of Stamford Lower School on the St. Cecilia campus.*

Families with first graders or those new to the program please contact the DRE.

Classes begin on

Sunday September 22nd, and Tuesday September 24th

Grades 1 – 8 Sundays 10:05am to 11am

Grades 1 – 6 Tuesdays 4:15pm to 5:10pm

Confirmation classes (grade 9) begin on

Sunday November 17th (10:05-11am).

We are currently putting together class schedules and will need to have a precise headcount. Please be sure to return your form ASAP! Questions, Information, Forms.....

Please contact our DRE,

Maryanne Didelot at

**DRE@stcecilia-stgabriel.org** or 203-329-2707

**Saint Gabriel Church**

Readers, EEM, and Servers' Schedule

August 2019

Reader	EEM	Altar Server
4PM	Marianne Calabrese	Jaden, Jenna, Jason & Juliana Valez
Joe Fiorito	8/3, 8/24, 8/31	
8/3	Vera Gardell	
Dan Chichester	8/17	
8/10	Kathleen Whitehead	
Bill Nagle	8/10	
8/17, 8/24, 8/31		
9AM		
Carol Wasil	Margaret Cook	Kevin Fleischer
8/4, 8/11	JoAnn Knorr	8/4, 8/18, 8/25
Charles Guinta		
8/18, 8/25		

Saint Cecilia Church EEM, Readers and Servers please refer to the usual contacts for the schedule at this time.

**St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel Parish Office**

Please help us update our parishioner database by sharing your email addresses and phone numbers.

Email us at our new email **Office@stcecilia-stgabriel.org**

We appreciate your patience as we build our newly combined bulletin!

**Meting/Activities Schedule**

Mon.	8/5	7pm Lectio Divina-Rectory
Tues.	8/6	1-3pm Veterans Project-Rectory
Tues.	8/6	7:30pm-AA-St. Gabriel Parish Hall
Wed.	8/7	10am Handcraft Group-Rectory
Thurs.	8/8	7pm AA-MH
Sat.	8/10	7:15 Men's Breakfast-Rectory