

THE PARISH OF ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL

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

August 18, 2019

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

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)

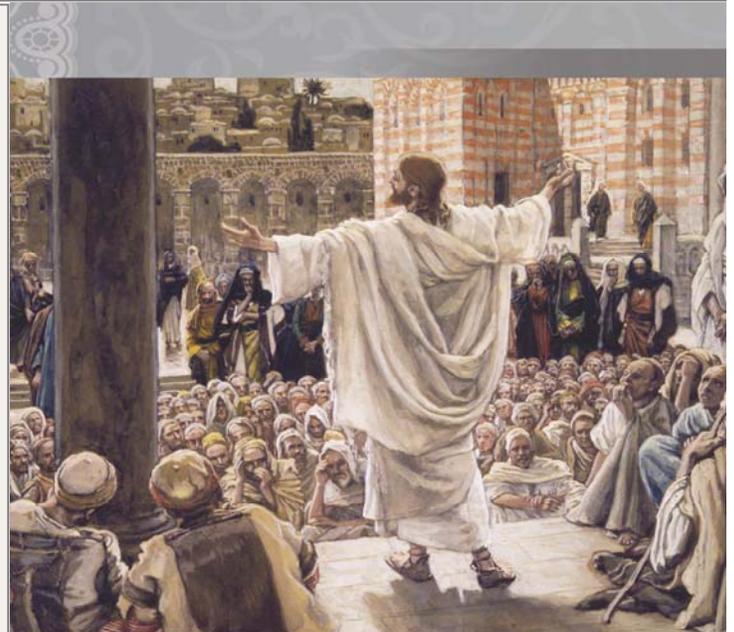
9:00 am at St. Cecilia (with music)

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.



20th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set
the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already
blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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SAINT GABRIEL CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	August 17, 2019
4 PM	Timmy Vitanza (Mom & Dad)
SUNDAY	August 18, 2019
9 AM	Katie Knorr (Maureen Mullarkey)
SATURDAY	August 24, 2019
4 PM	Charles Schenarts (Betty & Daughters)
SUNDAY	August 25, 2019
9 AM	Katie Knorr (Vera Gardell)

SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	August 17, 2019
5:30 PM	Lawrence Franko (Pera Franko)
SUNDAY	August 18, 2019
7:30 AM	Special Intentions
9 AM	Daniel P. Patchen Jr. (Evan & Richard Dubrow)
11:15 AM	Nick DeVito (Cathy Sheehan)
MONDAY	August 19, 2019 <i>St. John Eudes</i>
7:30 AM	Madeleine Buzzeo (Her Family)
TUESDAY	August 20, 2019 <i>St. Bernard</i>
7:30 AM	Phil McGovern (Cathy Sheehan)
WEDNESDAY	August 21, 2019 <i>St. Pius X</i>
7:30 AM	Mary & Philip Lopiano (Robin Serricchio)
THURSDAY	August 22, 2019
	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
	Andrew & Mary Koch (Mrs. McGuiness)
FRIDAY	August 23, 2019 <i>St. Rose of Lima</i>
7:30 AM	For The Members of The Parish
SATURDAY	August 24, 2019
5:30 PM	Rita Caveney (Frank Caveney)
SUNDAY	August 25, 2019
7:30 AM	For The Members of The Parish
9 AM	Carmine Longo (Longo Family)
11:15 AM	Gerardo DelVaglio (Carmela DelVaglio)

St. Pius X

This Wednesday, August 21, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Pius X who was pope from 1903 until his death in 1914. That was over 100 years ago, but Pius X was a thoroughly modern pope, best known for lowering the age that children receive their First Holy Communion. Prior to his papacy, people usually received the Eucharist for the first time between the age of 12-14. People also received Communion with much less frequency, maybe 3-4 times a year. Behind this reluctance to receive the Eucharist was a kind of moral despair expressed in excessive rigorism that saw the Eucharist as something too holy for sinful human beings to receive. Pius X condemned this attitude, which was common at that time, and encouraged Catholics to receive Communion frequently – even daily. Christ gave the Eucharist to the Church to heal and strengthen its members, not as “a reward or recompense for their virtues.” For this reason, Pius X decreed in 1905: “Let frequent and daily Communion be available to all Christians of every order or condition, so that no one, who is in the state of grace and approaches the sacred table with a right and pious mind, may be prevented from this.” Because the Eucharist is a gift that God gives us to help us grow in grace and likeness to Christ Jesus, Pius X declared that children who have reached the age of reason and who are able to distinguish the difference between ordinary bread and the Eucharist may approach the sanctuary at Mass to receive Holy Communion.

Another initiative close to St. Pius X’s heart was catechesis. As a parish priest and pastor, he had been very concerned about teaching the faith to young people and adults. Even as pope he gave regular religious instruction to groups of Roman children at the Vatican. Pius X lamented how many Christians he saw who were completely ignorant of the “truths necessary for salvation,” including those who were highly educated in secular matters - something that is sadly true also in our day. To help priests in their responsibility as teachers of the faith, he decreed that the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) should be established in every parish. Now called “Religious Education”, it is still an essential part of parish life. Unfortunately, it’s often treated merely as the means for children to receive their sacraments – in particular First Holy Communion and Confirmation, with the latter becoming a *de facto* graduation ceremony from religious practice. But Religious Education is not just about getting the sacraments. It’s about getting the sacraments. It’s about learning about who we are as Catholics and fostering in young people a sacramental imagination and a deep love for the Lord who saves us from sin and death. The faith is a great treasure to which young people have a right, and Pius X wanted to make sure they had the opportunity to receive their full inheritance.

When he was elected pope, Pius X said that the one mission of his pontificate would be “to restore all things in Christ.” He saw firsthand how quickly Catholics in the modern age can lose connection to the traditions that in earlier ages kept people close to the Church. We must be more intentional when it comes to learning our faith. But by far the greatest solution to the challenges we face is Christ in the Eucharist. Nothing else is so

Candle Memorials~Week of August 17, 2019
St. Cecilia Church
Candle at the Blessed Mother ~ In Memory of
Frank A. & Frank V. Suppa

solid or reliable. If you are able, consider coming to daily Mass – it will change your life. For it is at Mass where members of the Church receive the treasures of our faith most fully, in that encounter with the person of Christ Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

God Bless,
Father John

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
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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!



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 Banks, Wilson Food Pantry, St. Joseph Parenting Center, St. Mary's Food Pantry, or New Covenant Center every week.

THANK YOU for your responsible stewardship.

We brought 8 bags of groceries to Fairfield Food Bank 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)

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.



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.

Thank You for Your Support

I want to extend a big “thank you” to all of our current advertisers who have decided to renew their ads this year. I also want to acknowledge and thank the new advertisers that have come aboard. If you would like to get your business, service or favorite charity added to the business directory page, there is still time.

Remember, their support makes it possible for our bulletins to be printed weekly at little or no cost to the parish. The bulletin is our primary means of communication and is vital to our parish.

It would nice if all of us would consider reciprocating the generosity of our advertisers by supporting them when we are in need of products and services. Thank you again!

If you would like to advertise in the weekly bulletin, please contact Robin Ungaro at (203) 747-5671 or via e-mail to rungaro@4lpi.com Thank you!

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





Saint Cecilia, Stamford raised 222 gifts worth \$80,590 from 188 donors bringing the parish to 76.75% of its \$105,000 goal.

Saint Gabriel, Stamford raised 160 gifts worth \$52,077 from 149 donors bringing the parish to 91.36% of its \$57,000 goal.

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

St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel Combined Offering

Week of August 11th

Weekly offering: \$9,454.

Monthly Offering \$1,246

Weekly Online Giving: \$2,569.

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, 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, Bonnie Sigfried, Thomas Sparan, Dominic Totino, Alex Trebek, George Wetzler, Christopher Hoepfner, Doris Wozniak, Bill Fleming, Caroline Andreanaall 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 our DRE, Maryanne Didelot at DRE@stcecilia-stgabriel.org or 203-329-2707

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.....

We are in need of Rel. Ed Teachers for

Tuesdays!

Please consider volunteering your time to help instruct our children in our faith.

Contact Maryanne!

Order of Malta, American Association's

Lourdes in a Day

Saturday September 21, 2019

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

St. Peter Claver Church

47 Pleasant St.

West Hartford, CT 06107

Please join us for the Order of Malta, American Association's 6th annual Lourdes in a Day Pilgrimage. It is a day of grace and healing following in the footsteps of pilgrims at Our Lady's Shrine in Lourdes, France.

All, especially the sick, handicapped and frail, are welcome. Washing in the water of Lourdes, Mass, Sacrament of the Sick, Confessions, Adoration, Benediction, the Rosary, Talks for the Malades and the Caregivers. A relaxing lunch.

Questions? Reservations?

**Please contact Mark Sullivan 860-523-1405
silvnchrth@yahoo.com**

Meetings/Activities Schedule

- Mon. 8/19 7pm Lectio Divina-Rectory
- Mon. 8/19 7:30 pm K of C 5833-MH
- Tues. 8/20 1-3pm Veterans Project-Rectory
- Tues. 8/20 7:30pm-AA - St. Gabriel Parish Hall
- Wed. 8/21 10am Handcraft Group-Rectory
- Thurs. 8/22 7pm AA-MH
- Sat. 8/24 7:15am Men's Breakfast - Rectory