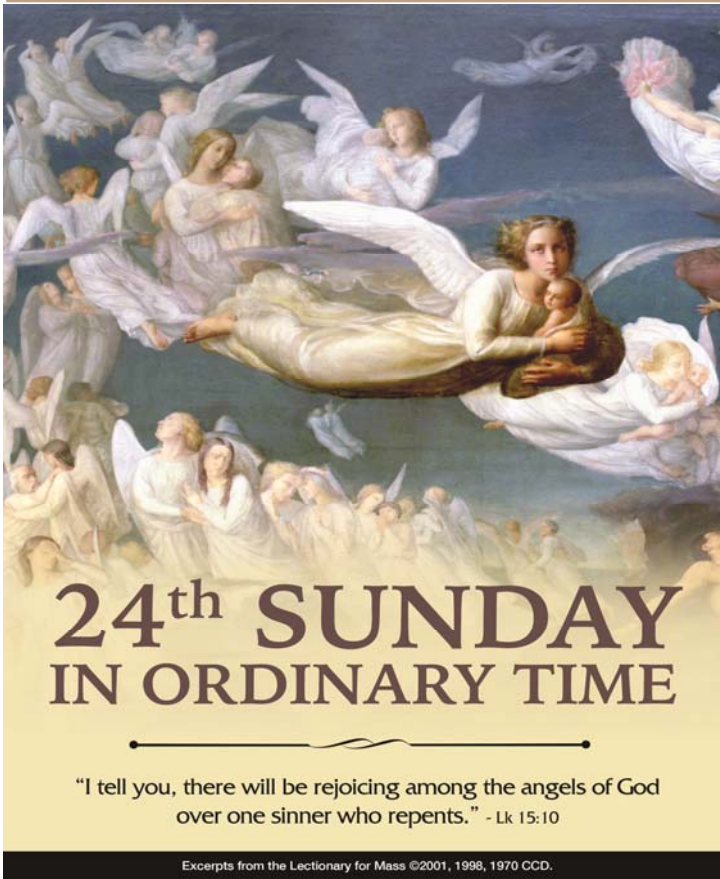


# THE PARISH OF ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL

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

*September 15, 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.

## PASTORAL STAFF AND ORGANIZATIONS

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*SAINTE GABRIEL CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS*

**SATURDAY** **September 14, 2019**  
4 PM Marie & John Didelot  
(Maryanne & John Didelot)

**SUNDAY** **September 15, 2019**  
9 AM Rick Barillas  
(The Barba Family)

**SATURDAY** **September 21, 2019**  
4 PM Timmy Vitanza  
(Mom & Dad)

**SUNDAY** **September 22, 2019**  
9 AM Grace Sciarretta  
(Angela & Peter Thagouras)

*SAINTE CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS*

**SATURDAY** **September 14, 2019**  
5:30 PM Florence Bianco  
(Mary DeCarlo)

**SUNDAY** **September 15, 2019**  
7:30 AM Ray McHugh  
(Lloyd & Astrid Leiser)  
9 AM Bartolome & Ersilia Cataldo  
(Judy & Mario Orecchio)  
11:15 AM Michele Cicarelli  
(Carmela DelVaglio)

**MONDAY** **September 16, 2019**  
*Saints Cornelius & Cyprian*  
7:30 AM Joan McGirr  
(Catherine Graf)

**TUESDAY** **September 17, 2019**  
7:30 AM Jim Duffy  
(Agnes Cannon)

**WEDNESDAY** **September 18, 2019**  
7:30 AM JoyAnn Cody  
(Diane & Peter Handley)

**THURSDAY** **September 19, 2019** *St. Januarius*  
For the Parish

**FRIDAY** **September 20, 2019**  
*Saints Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Ha-sang*  
7:30 AM For the Parishioners of Our Parish

**SATURDAY** **September 21, 2019**  
5:30 PM Bert Sessa  
(Pellicci Family)

**SUNDAY** **September 22, 2019**  
7:30 AM Mary Vassallo  
(Erika DeVolpi)  
9 AM Deceased Members of the  
Trefry & Tomczyk Families  
(The Trefry Family)  
11:15 AM Michael & Carmel Brown  
(Elliot Browne)

*This year our parish has the privilege of hosting a seminarian. Mr. Anh (pronounced "Ein" as in "Einstein") Vu will be serving our community as part of his formation for the priesthood. In order to introduce himself to the parish, I've asked him to write this week's column in the bulletin. - Fr. John*

My name is Anh Vu. I was born in a Catholic family in South Vietnam with two sisters and five brothers. After the Vietnam War, my family lived and worked on a small farm in Dong Nai province, which is about one hundred miles from Saigon City. The first twenty years after the war, my life for Catholic families including my own, was not easy and we experienced hunger and poverty during my childhood. My baptismal name is Martin after my patron saint, St. Martin de Porres. I read his story in the Book of Saints and learned that he lived with and took care of the poor as a member of the Dominican Order in Peru. The story of St. Martin de Porres and my personal experience of poverty in Vietnam affect the way I live my life and my vocation of priesthood.

After high school, I decided to study mechanical engineering with the hope that I might have a good job to help my family and others. But, my will was not God's will. In 2011, I entered St. John Fisher Seminary in Stamford as a seminarian of the Diocese of Bridgeport. I spent my first year there studying English and then received a degree in philosophy from Sacred Heart University. In 2016, I was sent to St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY to study theology and have just finished my third year of theology. This year is my pastoral year at St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel Parish under the guidance of Fr. John and Fr. Mariusz.

As a seminarian, I need to follow the model of our Lord Jesus Christ as St. Paul said in the letter to Philippians, "Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on the cross." (Philippians 2:6-8). If we are slaves like Christ, we understand the meaning of freedom. If we are poor, we know the value of generosity. If we are loved, we know how to love others. We all are loved by Christ and so we must love others. With St. Martin de Porres as an example, I am learning to entrust my life to God and those who God uses to guide me in the formation program. In order to be a good seminarian and future priest, my life must be driven by daily prayers and the Sacraments. As St. Martin de Porres lived and served the poor and the sick with humility and generosity, I too want to live the life of simplicity and humility in service to others.

*Marriage Banns*

*I - Dennis John Pierce Jr. and Stephanie DiMeglio  
I - James Andrew Rodriguez and Silvia Santacruz  
Have made promises of marriage.*

## Please Join Us!

**Saturday October 12th: Father John's Installation Mass** - 5:30 pm at St. Cecilia Church - reception to follow Mass in McDermott Hall.



Starting in October we will have **Eucharist Adoration** with Benediction every Wednesday night in the Church of St. Cecilia from 7:30-9pm with confession available. Please come to spend time with the Lord for as little or as long as you like.

### ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST MEN'S WEEKLY ROUNDTABLE

**at St Gabriel Church Hall - Saturday Mornings 7-8 am.**

Our Mission: To Know, Live and Make Christ's Love Known. Saturday morning Gospel study and reflection. Living commitments to Christ daily. Monthly activity to bear witness to the faith (CCC 1816). Contact Bill Nagle for information on this ministry @ 203-570-2593.

## Trinity Catholic High School

Forming People By Transforming Lives

### Open House

· Sunday, September 29th (1pm to 4pm)

### Admissions Testing & Exams

· Friday, October 25th

· Saturday, November 9th

Discovery Days, Tours & Take-A-Look Tuesdays

· Call Admissions to Schedule

(203) 322-3401 [www.trinitycatholic.org](http://www.trinitycatholic.org)



## 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 3 bags of groceries to the 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 **Parish Center Sun Room**, or you can knit at home! Questions? Please call Candice Bryan 203.329.8932 or Kitty Carty 203.322.3771.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

**Reminder - Registrations for Religious education are now overdue.**

**Classes begin on September 22nd for grades 1 - 8. Un-registered students will not be allowed in class on the first day and it will be considered an absence.**

**Registrations will not be accepted on the first day of class until after dismissal of all classes.**

**Grades 1 - 8      Sundays 10:05am to 11am**  
**Grades 1 - 6      Tuesdays 4:15pm to 5:10pm**

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

Questions, Information, Forms...Please contact our

DRE, Maryanne Didelot at

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

We are in need of a Religious Ed. Teacher for Grade 1 on Tuesdays! Please consider volunteering your time.

(Confirmation classes (grade 9) begin on Sunday November 17th (10:05-11am).)

### SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

**7:15 - 8:30 a.m. We meet each Saturday morning in the Parish Center 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.

### 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

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

*Week of September 1st*  
 Weekly and Monthly total : \$11,059  
 On-line Giving total : \$3,138  
*Week of September 8th*  
 Weekly total: \$8,545  
 On-line Giving total : \$3,108

*Please consider On-line Giving*  
 Register at [www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/)



**2019 Annual Catholic Appeal Update**  
 Saint Cecilia, Stamford raised 227 gifts worth \$82,740 from 193 donors bringing the parish to 78.80% of its \$105,000 goal.

Saint Gabriel, Stamford raised 161 gifts worth \$52,097 from 150 donors bringing the parish to 91.40% of its \$57,000 goal.



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 Cocco, 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, Matthew J. Hammill, Eileen Hynes, Melissa Jambol, Musfira Khan, Kitty Mandi, Richard Nanos, Karen Parent, Chet Quinlan, Donna Raus, Bill Ritchie, Bonnie Sigfried, Thomas Sparan, Dominic Totino, Alex Trebek, George Wetzler, Christopher Hoepfner, Bill Fleming, Caroline Andreana, Vincent Capiello, Joe Butler, Fr. Olbrys .....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 and those who have died.

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](mailto: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.

**You're Invited to the St. Cecilia- St. Gabriel Parish Picnic**



We're going to celebrate Our New Parish after the 11:15 a.m. Mass  
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019  
 12:30 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

ON THE LAWN BEHIND THE RECTORY  
 Rain or Shine (In case of rain we will use the Parish Hall)  
 Hot Dogs , Hamburgers, Chips, Lemonade, Iced Tea and Desserts. Bring your own alternate beverages.  
 SPONSORED BY THE FR. MILLER COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND COLUMBIETTES  
 Respond by Monday September 30th, as we need to know how many adults and children under 12 will be attending.

**RSVP to:**  
[StCeciliaStGabriel2019Picnic@gmail.com](mailto:StCeciliaStGabriel2019Picnic@gmail.com)

**YOUTH GROUP**

ATTENTION: 6TH – 12th GRADE YOUNG PEOPLE!  
 THE STAMFORD CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!

Yes, we're back and we're bigger and better than before! Father Joseph Gill, in collaboration with the pastors of the parishes of St. John, St. Cecilia/St. Gabriel, St. Bridget, Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, and St. Mary/St. Benedict, is excited to kick off this year's fall schedules for both the Stamford Catholic Middle School and High School youth groups. All young people from any parish, in grades 6 through 12, are welcome!

What is a Youth Group? Its food, faith, games and sports, plus prayer, friendship, and honest conversation about God and our Catholic Faith. There's no cost and no sign-up – just show up and join us! Look for the flyer with details and the fall schedule for both the Middle School and High School groups at the entrances to St. Cecilia and St. Gabriel Churches. Meetings will be held on Fridays at alternating locations so PLEASE READ THE FLYER CAREFULLY as dates, times and locations have all changed from last year. Our first Middle School gathering is this Friday, 9/20, from 7-8:30PM at St. Gabriel Church, with the High School gathering the following Friday, 9/27, 7:00-9:00pm at St. Bridget Church.

For more information, contact Fr. Joseph Gill directly at [frjoseph-gill@gmail.com](mailto:frjoseph-gill@gmail.com), or call (203) 324-1553. If you would like to speak with a team member from St. Cecilia/St. Gabriel, feel free to call Gina Denner at (203) 968-6388, regarding the Middle School group, or Diane McNamara at (203) 329-0866, for the High School Group.

**Meetings/Activities Schedule**

Mon.	9/16	7pm	Lectio Divina - Parish Center Chapel
Tues.	9/17	1-3pm	Veteran's Project - Parish Center Sun Room
Tues.	9/17	7:30pm	AA - St. Gabriel Hall
Wed.	9/18	10am	Handcraft Group - Parish Center Sun Room
Thurs.	9/19	7pm	AA - MH
Sat.	9/21	7:15am	Men's Breakfast - Parish Center
Sat.	9/21	7am	Men's Roundtable - St. Gabriel Hall