

ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL PARISH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Saint Cecilia **Saint Gabriel**
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Stamford, CT 06905

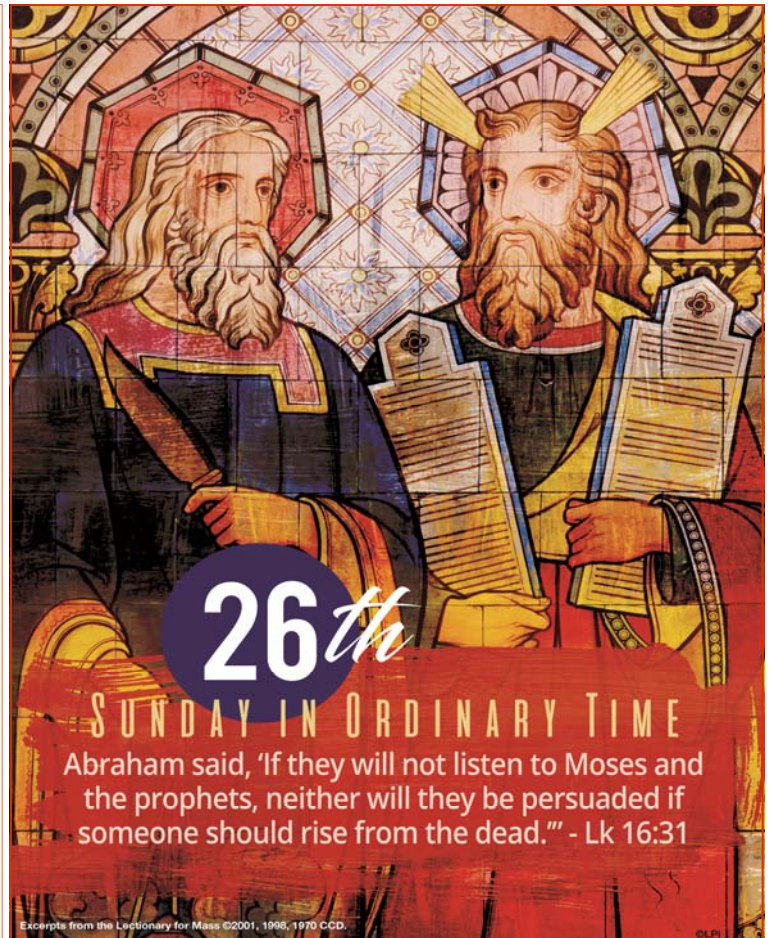
September 29, 2019

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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

Eucharistic Adoration

with Benediction every Wednesday night in the Church
of St. Cecilia from 7:30-9pm with confession available.

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

11:15 am at St. Cecilia

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.

SAINT GABRIEL CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **September 28, 2019**
4 PM Mr. & Mrs. James Quinn
 (The Barron Family)

SUNDAY **September 29, 2019**
9 AM Gladys Ritch
 (Dottie & Dennis Dahm)

SATURDAY **October 5, 2019**
4 PM Margaret Rutledge
 (Her Family)

SUNDAY **October 6, 2019**
9 AM Jane Guinta
 (Her Family)

SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **September 28, 2019**
5:30 PM Paul A. Potolicchio
 (Mary DeCarlo)

SUNDAY **September 29, 2019**
7:30 AM Granuloma Villa Nueva
 (Blanca Dragonetti)
9 AM Edwin Senerador (LIVING)
 (Tessie Senerador)
11:15 AM Michelangelo Meriano & Family
 (Carmela DelVaglio)

MONDAY **September 30, 2019** *St. Jerome*
7:30 AM Robert D'Arinzo
 (Diane Handley)

TUESDAY **October 1, 2019**
St. Therese Child of Jesus
7:30 AM Andrea Urdi
 (Crista & Mike LaBrie)

WEDNESDAY **October 2, 2019**
7:30 AM Saskia Zimmerman & William Butler
 (Deborah Cairo)

THURSDAY **October 3, 2019**
7:30 AM MaryGrace LaDestro
 (Her Parents)

FRIDAY **October 4, 2019**
7:30 AM *St. Francis of Assisi*
 For the Parish

SATURDAY **October 5, 2019**
5:30 PM Mary Ann Gatto
 (Mario & Judy Orecchio)

SUNDAY **October 6, 2019**
7:30 AM For the Parish
9 AM John Benison
 (Trefry Family)
11:15 AM Michelina Cicarelli
 (Carmela DelVaglio)

Silence

A few weeks ago I took a couple of days to go on a mini-retreat in a remote monastery in the Catskill Mountains as a way to prepare myself for the hectic pace of parish life in the fall. As soon as I got out of the car I was immediately struck by how silent it was. With no radio, phone, or internet vying for my attention, I was able to notice something I usually don't hear – the breeze. As I remained in the silence I started to hear other things, like the sounds of the insects and the chirping of birds. Occasionally I'd hear the jumping of a fish in the lake or some animal walking in the woods. Without the distraction of technology, I became more aware of the sounds of nature. But I also became more aware of my own thoughts. With everything else gone, my interior monologue became more noticeable. Worries, resentments, memories of blessings for which I'd forgotten to be grateful, started to flood into my mind. Or, more accurately, the things that are already always there became apparent to me in the silence.

In his beautiful book *The Power of Silence*, Cardinal Robert Sarah writes about how the most important things in the world happen in silence. The sun shines in silence. The earth rotates on its axis and makes its way around the sun in silence. Plants grow in silence. New life enters the world in silence. And, most importantly, the Lord speaks to us in the silence of our hearts. But the noise of contemporary life – all of the gadgets, the media, the fast pace – threatens the silence. It crowds out the quiet and makes it more difficult to enter into the silent stillness where we hear the voice of God.

Starting this week (Oct 2), we will be having Eucharistic Adoration in the Church of St. Cecilia every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9. During that time, the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar in a monstrance. In silence, God will radiate His life and His love upon us as we kneel or sit in His presence. It's a beautiful devotion, but it can take some getting used to because we are addicted to distraction. We're not comfortable in the silence. But we need it. So please consider making it a part of your weekly routine to stop in for a few minutes and spend time with the Lord Jesus. Share with Him your memories, the things you are struggling with, the things you are grateful for. Allow the inner monologue with yourself to become an inner dialogue with God who makes Himself visible to us in the Eucharistic Flesh of Christ. While we adore the Lord on Wednesday evenings, there will be a priest available to hear confessions. It is my hope that our self-reflection in the light of Christ will help us make better confessions, receive Communion at Mass with greater love and gratitude, and rejoice over His goodness and mercy in the silent depths of our being where He speaks to us and calls us to Himself.

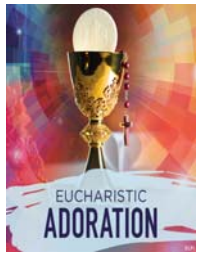
Blessings,
Fr. John

*Marriage
& Blessings*

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

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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.



All are invited to come and celebrate
the Installation of
Father John Connaughton
as Pastor of



Saint Cecilia ~ Saint Gabriel Parish
by His Excellency, **Bishop Frank Caggiano**
on **Saturday, October 12, 2019**
5:30 PM Mass, St. Cecilia Church,
Reception Immediately Following in
McDermott Hall.



ATTENTION: 6TH – 12th GRADE
YOUNG PEOPLE! THE STAMFORD
CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!
Father Joseph Gill, collaborating with St.
John, St. Cecilia/St. Gabriel, St. Bridget,
Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, and St. Mary/
St. Benedict parishes, is excited to kick
off both the Stamford Catholic Middle School and High School
youth groups. All 6th - 12th grade young people from any parish,
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 – just show up! Fly-
ers with the fall schedules are at the entrances to St. Cecilia and
St. Gabriel Churches. Meetings are on Friday nights at alternating
locations (see flyer for details). Our next meeting dates are: -
Middle School Group: Friday, 10/4, from 7-8:30PM at St. Gabri-
el Church; - High School Group: Friday, 10/11, from 7:00 to
9:00pm at St. Bridget Church; - SKY ZONE Field Trip: Monday,
10/14 – details to be distributed at both meetings above. For in-
formation, contact Fr. Joseph Gill at frjosephgill@gmail.com,
(203) 324-1553. To speak with a St. Cecilia/St. Gabriel team
member, call Gina Denner (203) 968-6388, for Middle School, or
Diane McNamara (203) 329-0866, for High School.



Our next
“Two Thousand Hail Marys”
will be on Saturday, October 5th
in the St. Philip Neri Chapel
at St. Gabriel, 6 AM to 3 PM.
Mass at 8AM in the Church.
Come Pray to the Blessed Mother.
Stay for a few minutes, a couple of
hours, or for the whole time.

Questions? Call Tessie Senerador 203-570-3109

St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Bible Study

Romans: The Gospel of Salvation

Continues on Thursday nights at 7:15 p.m.
& repeated on Friday morning at 9:15 a.m.

Meeting location: St. Gabriel Church hall.

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

Dash Through the Catechism - All adults are invited to join Fr.
Joseph Gill as we take a Dash Through the Catechism! This adult
faith class is open to both devout Catholics and unchurched seek-
ers, and everyone in between! Join us on Thursday nights start-
ing October 3, from 7-8:30pm at St. John's Basilica. No cost, but
please RSVP to Fr. Joseph at frjosephgill@gmail.com.

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 16
bags to the Wilson Food Pantry 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)

ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST MEN'S WEEKLY ROUNDTABLE

To Know, Live and Make Christ's Love Known.

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

Contact Bill Nagle for information on this
ministry at 203-570-2593.

SATURDAY MEN'S MINISTRY

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. **We meet each Saturday morning 7:15 – 8:30
am in the Parish Center and reflect on sacred scripture over
breakfast.** Coffee and bagels at 7 am.

Contact Anthony Pramberger for information on this
ministry at 203-968-1481

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.



Trinity Catholic High School

Forming People By Transforming Lives

Open House · Sunday, September 29th (1pm to 4pm)

Admissions Testing & Exams

· Friday, October 25th and Saturday, November 9th
Discovery Days, Tours & Take-A-Look Tuesdays

· Call Admissions to Schedule

(203) 322-3401 www.trinitycatholic.org

St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel Offering

Week of September 22nd

Weekly: \$9,026

Feast of St. Gabriel: \$951

On-line Giving total: \$3,701

Please consider On-line Giving ! It allows you to make contributions to our parish without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. It lets you set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time.

Register at www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/

**Coulmbiettes Fundraising Trip to
A SIGHTS and SOUNDS production of
MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS**

When: Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019, 9:45 am - 11:00pm

Where: Lancaster, PA

Price: \$150 per person - includes show ticket, bus fare and family style dinner. Please get your tickets now as seats are going quickly and we need to reserve them as soon as possible.

Reservations or Questions, call Tess 203-570-3109 or Nancy 203-561-6222 or email: 5833columbiette2016@gmail.com



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 Cappiello, Joe Butler.....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 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

No Rel. Ed. Classes this Sunday Sept. 29th or Tuesday Oct.

1st. Classes resume Sunday October 6th and

Tuesday October 8th for grades 1 - 8.

Grades 1 - 8 Sundays 10:05am to 11am

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

All classes are held at the Catholic Academy of Stamford Lower School on the St. Cecilia campus.

Questions? Please contact our DRE, Maryanne Didelot at DRE@stcecilia-stgabriel.org or 203-329-2707

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

REMINDER - Next weekend is our

PARISH PICNIC!

If you have not responded - please do !



Come 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

GAMES...PRIZES...FUN

The Columbiettes are taking all donations of cupcakes, brownies and cookies for the church picnic. They can be dropped off any-time October 6th at St Cecilia's picnic, in the back parking lot, at the dessert table (McDermott Hall if rain) between 11:45 and 12:30. Please call Nancy with what you are bringing at 203-561-6222. Thank you.



Meetings/Activities Schedule

Mon.	9/30	7pm Lectio Divina - Parish Center Chapel
Tues.	10/1	1-3pm Veteran's Project - Parish Center Sun Room
Tues.	10/1	7:30pm - AA - St. Gabriel Hall
Wed.	10/2	10am Handcraft Group - Parish Center Sun Room
Thurs.	10/3	7pm AA - MH
Thurs	10/3	7:15pm - Bible Study - St. Gabriel Hall
Friday	10/4	9:15am - Bible Study - St. Gabriel Hall
Sat.	10/5	7:15am Men's Breakfast - Parish Center
Sat.	10/5	7am Men's Roundtable - St. Gabriel Hall