

# ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL PARISH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**Saint Cecilia**                      **Saint Gabriel**  
1184 Newfield Ave.                      914 Newfield Ave.  
Stamford, CT 06905

*October 13, 2019*

**Rev. John P. Connaughton, Pastor**

Rev. Mariusz M. Olbrys, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Larry Buzzeo

Seminarian Anh Vu



*Saint Cecilia ~ Saint Gabriel Parish  
welcomes His Excellency, Bishop Frank Caggiano  
as we celebrate the Installation of  
Fr. John P. Connaughton as Pastor of our Parish  
October 12, 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**      **October 12, 2019**  
 4 PM              MaryLouise, Peter, & Anthony Carlucci  
 (Family)

**SUNDAY**        **October 13, 2019**  
 9 AM              Susan Biagini  
 (Sue Schectman)

**SATURDAY**      **October 19, 2019**  
 4 PM              Giovanni Mossa  
 (Umberto & Annamaria Malagisi)

**SUNDAY**        **October 20, 2019**  
 9 AM              Antonio, Maria, Assunta & Giovanni  
 Cardillo  
 (Cardillo Family)

*SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS*

**SATURDAY**      **October 12, 2019**  
 5:30 PM          Emmanuel & Carmelle Chetcuti  
 (Pera Franko)

**SUNDAY**        **October 13, 2019**  
 7:30 AM          Ruth Vigeant  
 (Tom & Terry McKiernan)

9 AM              Rosanna Silvestro  
 (Vera Gardell)

11:15 AM        Josephine Bria  
 (Donna Napolitano)

**MONDAY**        **October 14, 2019** *St. Callistus*  
 7:30 AM          Sisters Whalen & Campbell  
 (Jane & Heinz Hubli)

**TUESDAY**      **October 15, 2019** *Saint Teresa of Jesus*  
 7:30 AM          Alfred Marini Sr.  
 (His Son)

**WEDNESDAY**   **October 16, 2019**  
*St. Hedwig & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*  
 7:30 AM          Jerome Kijek  
 (Lorraine Sheridan & Family)

**THURSDAY**    **October 17, 2019** *St. Ignatius of Antioch*  
 7:30 AM          William C. Scanlan  
 (Madeleine & Steve Terenzio)

**FRIDAY**        **October 18, 2019** *St. Luke*  
 7:30 AM          For the Parish

**SATURDAY**      **October 19, 2019**  
 5:30 PM          Sabino V. Melchionne  
 (Our Religious Ed. Family)

**SUNDAY**        **October 13, 2019**  
 7:30 AM          Josephine Sandness  
 (John & Maria Mossa)

9 AM              Theresa Lombardo  
 (Andreina Mailhot)

11:15 AM        Donald & Anne Bray  
 (Maryann Zarnick)

**Welcome Bishop Caggiano**

This weekend we welcome Bishop Frank Caggiano to the Parish of St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel to celebrate the Mass at which he will install me officially as your pastor. It is fitting that we greet our Bishop in anticipation of the feast day of St. Ignatius of Antioch, which the Church celebrates this Thursday (10/17). St. Ignatius was the Bishop of Antioch (modern day Turkey) from 70-110 A.D. and served during a time of fierce persecution of Christianity under the Emperor Trajan. Ignatius was himself arrested and sentenced to death by being thrown to fierce wild animals in the Coliseum in Rome. He famously made the journey from Antioch to Rome in chains, guarded by 10 Roman soldiers whom he likened to "leopards" for their rough treatment of him. But this did not prevent him from speaking to the Christian communities he encountered during the long journey to his martyrdom, whom he exhorted to remain faithful to the authentic teaching handed down from the Apostles even in the face of violent oppression.

In his writings to the local Churches (essentially dioceses) in Asia Minor, Ignatius emphasized the importance of unity among their members. God has revealed Himself to us as the Most Holy Trinity, a perfect communion of distinct Divine Persons. The perfect unity of God is to be imitated by those who are united in grace as members of the Church. Ignatius likens the unity of the Church to the harmony of a choir of voices, each with its distinct role, making its contribution to the beautiful and sacred polyphony that is life in union with God: "In your concord and harmonious love, Jesus Christ is sung. And man by man, you become a choir; that being harmonious in love and taking up the song of God in unison you may with one voice sing to the Father." The harmonious unity of the faithful in the local Churches is preserved by the Bishop, who is a successor of the Apostles and the representative of Christ in his diocese. Ignatius went so far as to say: "Where the Bishop is present, there is the Catholic Church." It is the special responsibility of the Bishop with the assistance of his priests and deacons to build up the community of the faithful, united in Christ, preserved in charity and truth, so that the Church in the local diocese fulfills its mission to be a visible sign of Christ Jesus in the world.

I am grateful for Bishop Caggiano's presence with us this weekend and for his generosity in entrusting me with the pastoral care of this great Parish of St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel. What had been two communities is now one. But in a real sense, we have always been united as Catholics, professing the same faith, receiving the same sacraments, held together under the care of our father, the Bishop. I pray that, as your pastor, I will serve him well by serving you well, and that united as brothers and sisters in the Lord, the love of God will shine forth through us and build up the Kingdom in our little corner of the Lord's vineyard here in Stamford.

Blessings,  
 Fr. John

Week of October 12, 2019  
 St. Cecilia Church, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle Shines in  
 memory of Mary Grace Lodestro by the Longo Family



**Music News** Attention Singers! Choir Practice at St. Cecilia Church on Tuesday Evenings 7-8:30. Any questions, please contact Michele Schule @203- 322-1562. The music ministry congratulates Fr. John as he is installed at St. Cecilia ~ St. Gabriel Parish this weekend.



**STAMFORD CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP**  
**ALL 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE**  
**YOUTH ARE WELCOME!**

Our next youth group meetings are:  
- Middle School: Friday, 10/18, from 7-8:30PM at St. Gabriel  
- High School: Friday, 10/25, from 7-9:00pm at St. Bridget  
Flyers/fall schedules are at the entrances to St. Cecilia and St. Gabriel Churches and on our parish website. For more information, 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. Hope to see you there!



**All are welcome. We meet on Tuesday's**  
1-4 pm at the St. Gabriel Church Hall.  
Come join us to play cards, games or just to chat, meet new people & make new friends.  
Any questions contact  
Dottie Annunziata 203-322-8830

*Queen of the Clergy 3rd and Final Benefit Art Festival*

Original Watercolors and acrylics by  
Msgr. Roger J. Watts, D.Min  
Sunday October 20, 1-4pm ~ Free Admission  
Refreshments ~ Champagne & Hors d'oeuvres  
Your purchases are a tax deductible donation to  
Catherine Dennis Keefe Queen of the Clergy Residence



**The Catholic Academy of Stamford Open House**  
**Upper School** Grade 6-8

Wednesday Oct. 9th , 5:00PM – 7:00PM.  
926 Newfield Ave., Stamford.

Visitors will be able to tour the campus, meet with teachers and administrators and learn more about the programs and Catholic identity of the Catholic Academy.

**Cardinal Kung Academy**, a division of Trinity Catholic High School, is a diocesan high school offering a rigorous all-honors program with a classical pedagogy.

Come experience the difference of a classical high school education at our OPEN HOUSE on October 19th, 11 am - 1 pm at 948 Newfield Avenue, Stamford (in St. Gabriel church building).  
Now accepting applications for all grades for the 2020-2021 academic year. To schedule a visit or shadow day, contact 203-329-8296, CardinalKungAcademy@gmail.com or visit www.cardinalkungacademy.org

**Trinity Catholic High School**

Forming People By Transforming Lives  
**Admissions Testing:** Friday, Oct. 25th, Saturday, Nov. 9th  
Discovery Days, Tours & Take-A-Look Tuesdays  
Call Admissions to Schedule (203) 322-3401  
www.trinitycatholic.org

A TREMENDOUS **THANK YOU** TO  
THE KNIGHTS & THE COLUMBIETTES  
for sponsoring a wonderful St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Parish Picnic. The weather held out, thanks to your prayers!! Thanks also to everyone who attended, supported, and donated their time. More Picnic News to come next week.



**Join the Veterans Project!** Help make a lap robe for a wheelchair Vet. Tuesday's, 1-3 pm *Parish Center Sun Room*.  
Contact Helen D'Elia 203-322-0615.

**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.



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

**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.

**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.

**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 17 Bags to 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:  
Bob Violette 203.357.1481



**St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel Offering***Week of October 6th**Weekly : \$7,824 Monthly: \$2,379**On-line Giving total: \$3,381**Annual October Collection: \$2,137****Please consider On-line Giving******Register at [www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/)***

Attention all who are currently enrolled in the **"St. Gabriel" Online Giving program**: with our parish merger that went into effect on July 1, 2019 the Online Giving account for St. Gabriel Church will be deactivated on October 31, 2019. I ask that all who participated in St. Gabriel Online Giving **please re-enroll** in the new **St. Cecilia – St. Gabriel Online Giving account**. The parish community greatly depends on the generosity of its members, in particular those who make their contributions online. Please be sure to deactivate your St. Gabriel's account and set up your new parish account before October 31st.

To cancel your giving with St. Gabriel OLG go to <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1850> and select **"View or Update My Current Gifts."** From there, select **"Edit"** to view the status of the gift. Select **"Suspend"** underneath the status and click **"Save"**. To delete a payment method, go to **"Add or Update My Payment Methods"** and select delete next to your payment method.

Once you have deactivated your current account you will receive an email inviting you to create an account with Our Sunday Visitor for **St. Cecilia – St. Gabriel Online Giving** or go to <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/>. *If you have any questions, please contact the very helpful Our Sunday Visitor tech support at 800-348-2886 option 2.*

A reminder from Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport; **Next weekend** is World Mission Sunday—our 2nd Collection is a Diocesan Collection. We are reminded by Pope Francis that Mission is at the Heart of our Christian Faith. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**Meetings/Activities Schedule**

Mon.	10/14 7pm Lectio Divina - Parish Center Chapel
Mon	10/14 7:30pm Knights of Columbus 5833 - MH
Tues.	10/15 1-3pm Veteran's Project - Parish Center Sun Rm.
Tues.	10/15 1-4pm Senior Circle - St. Gabriel Church Hall
Tues.	10/15 7:30pm - AA - St. Gabriel Hall
Tues.	10/15 7-8:30 Choir Practice - St. Cecilia Church
Wed.	10/16 7:30 - 9 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions St. Cecilia Church
Wed.	10/16 10am Handcraft Group - Parish Center Sun Room
Thurs.	10/17 7pm AA - MH
Thurs.	10/17 Bible Study - St. Gabriel Church Hall 7:15 pm
Fri.	10/18 Bible Study - St. Gabriel Church Hall 9:15 am
Sat.	10/19 7:15am Men's Breakfast - Parish Center
Sat.	10/19 7am Men's Roundtable - St. Gabriel Church Hall

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION**

**No Classes Sunday Oct. 13th. Sunday classes resume on Oct. 20th. There WILL BE class on Tuesday Oct. 15th, and continue on Oct. 22nd.**

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

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).)

**Altar Server Training**

Being an altar server is a wonderful way to serve the parish community and enhance the beauty of the Sacred Liturgy. If you have a child who is interested in learning how to serve at Mass, please join us for one (or more) of the training sessions that will be offered on three dates.

**Who:** boys and girls, grades 4-7**Where:** St. Cecilia Church (please know that servers will be trained to be able to serve at both parish worship sites)**When:** Oct 26, Nov 9, Nov 16 from 8:30-10am**To participate, please contact the parish office**

Phone: 203-322-1562

Email: [office@stcecilia-stgabriel.org](mailto:office@stcecilia-stgabriel.org)

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 Deccico, Richard Negyesi, Ed Adams, Msgr. Powers, Wendy Lenard, Edward Cioffi, Barbara Cebula, 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, Joe Butler, Lori Ciccarella, Mark Mullen, Bill Murphy, & Sr. Allison McNamara. Please also pray for the souls of Grace Vuono and Frederic Padgett who recently 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) all 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.