

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

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)

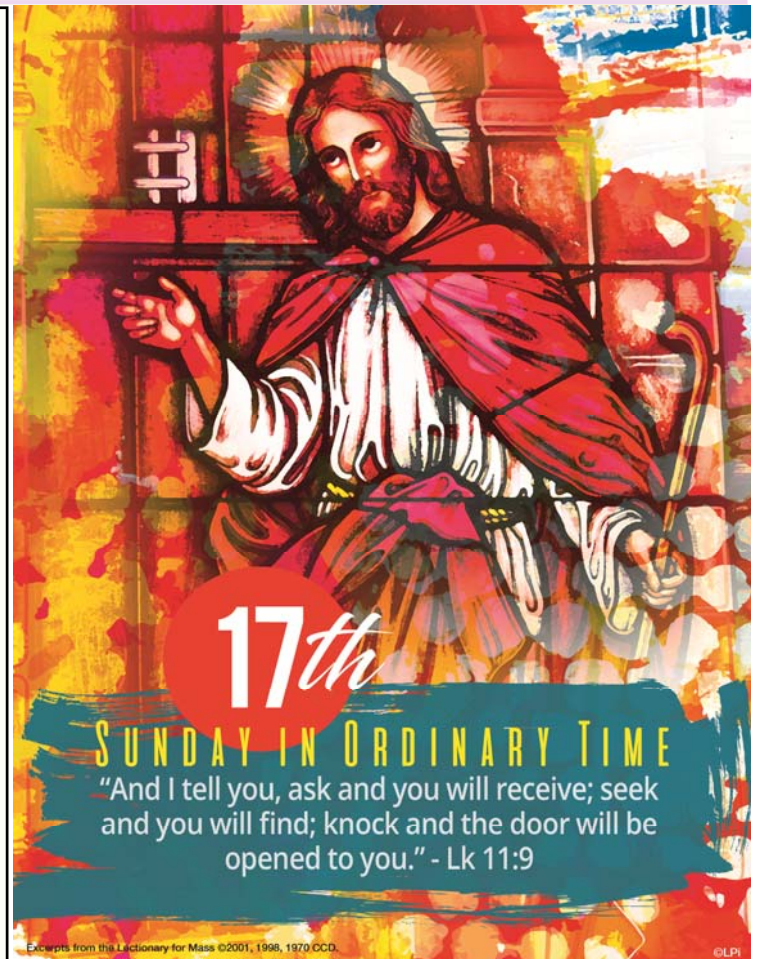
9:00 am at St. Cecilia (with music)

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 fami-
ly.



PASTORAL STAFF AND ORGANIZATIONS

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAINT GABRIEL CHURCH

SATURDAY July 27, 2019

4 PM Paul Sheehan
(Family)

SUNDAY July 28, 2019

9 AM Katie Knorr
(Alice Ryan)

SAINT CECILIA CHURCH

SATURDAY July 27, 2019

5:30 PM Deceased Members of the Cullen Family
(John Cullen)

SUNDAY July 28, 2019

7:30 AM For the Parish of St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel
9 AM Marthinson & Maloney Families
(Pat Maloney)

11:15 AM Michael J. Romano
(Meg Soto)

MONDAY July 29, 2019 St. Martha

7:30 AM Barbara Richardson
(Aunt Helen)

TUESDAY July 30, 2019 St. Peter Chrysologus

7:30 AM Special Intention of Baby Boys Hutchinson
(Jeanne Hosinski)

WEDNESDAY July 31, 2019 St. Ignatius of Loyola

7:30 AM Virginia O'Neill
(Betty & Tom Daley)

THURSDAY August 1, 2019 St. Alphonsus Liguori

7:30 AM Federico G. Capinpin
(Daughter Maria)

FRIDAY August 2, 2019 St. Eusebus Vercelli &

7:30 AM *St. Peter Julian Eymard*
Helen Raino Fischer
(Joseph Rainone Jr.)

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 Vince
(Children)

9 AM Meghan Butler
(Cathy Sheehan)

11:15 AM Barbara Rioux
(Carol Sabia)

A Blessed Home

Last week I blessed the home of a young couple who are members of our parish. It was a very special occasion for me as it was the first home I've blessed since I arrived. There are various prayers and formulae that a priest can use to bless a home. I use a book that was recommended to me by a priest friend. It has beautiful prayers that I say in each room of the house after sprinkling it with holy water. The ritual culminates with a consecration of the family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The blessing of a home is an important way to foster peace in a household and harmony among its members. It's not magic, so if a disagreement arises between the husband and wife after the priest leaves it doesn't mean the blessing "didn't take." Rather, the blessing serves the purpose of helping a husband and wife make the place where they live into a sanctuary, a holy place, where the bonds of love that exist within the family are rooted in the love of God and become a channel of God's grace.

This past Friday, July 26, the Church celebrated the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. These two great saints are not mentioned in the four canonical gospels. We know about them because they are named in what's called the "Protoevangelium of James." This text is not part of the Bible, as it was written over a century after the death and resurrection of Christ. It does provide us, however, with the tradition that tells us that Joachim and Anne were an elderly couple who never had been able to have children. One day an angel appeared to them and told them that God would bless them with a daughter. In thanksgiving, Anne promised to dedicate their child to God.

It was in the home of Joachim and Anne that Our Lady grew up and learned the prayers and traditions of the Jewish people. She would have developed her personality through their influence. From them she would have learned how to welcome guests and provide hospitality. Our Lady would have recognized the relationship of her parents as something sacred. Their example would have influenced the way she herself organized the home she made with her husband Joseph.

Joachim and Anne were holy people. But unlike their daughter, they were not immaculately conceived. Like the rest of us they had their struggles with sin. They had to work at being selfless, at anticipating each other's needs, at being attentive to the needs of those around them. They would have had to apologize to each other when they had been unkind, and to forgive without holding a grudge. They also would have prayed together and discussed their experiences of the Lord and helped each other be faithful to Him. Through their humble efforts and loving fidelity to each other they were able to make their home into a sanctuary, a place that would be blessed with the presence of Our Lady as well as their grandson Jesus. That is something that the Lord wants for every family, to make the place where they live a blessed home.

Blessings,
Fr. John



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

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

Candle Memorials~Week of July 27

St. Gabriel Vigil Lamp for our Lady—in loving memory of Dan Verrastro by Tom & Ann Verrastro

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!



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 7 bags of Groceries to Wilson Memorial Church 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)

Cardinal Kung Academy

Join us for an **Open House at Cardinal Kung Academy** on Tuesday, July 30th, 6:30-8:30 at our **new location: 948 Newfield Avenue, Stamford (in the St. Gabriel school building)**. Cardinal Kung Academy is starting its second year as a division of Trinity Catholic High School and is the only Catholic classical high school in the diocese. Come meet the teachers, hear about the curriculum and classical education, and tour the facility.

It's not too late to apply for 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.

For more information, contact (203) 918-0992, CardinalKungAcademy@gmail.com or visit www.cardinalkungacademy.org.

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.

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.



Saint Gabriel, Stamford raised 156 gifts worth \$51,377 from 145 donors bringing the parish to 90.13% of its \$57,000 goal.

Saint Cecilia, Stamford raised 215 gifts worth \$79,505 from 184 donors bringing the parish to 75.72% of its \$105,000 goal.

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

St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel Combined Offering

Week of July 21st

Weekly offering: \$7,955.

Weekly Online Giving: \$3,623.

Mission Co-Op (Diocesan) : \$1,555.

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, Especially: 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 and George Wetzler, Christopher Hoepfner, Doris Wozniak, Bill Fleming.....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

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

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 , 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
Dan Chichester	8/3, 8/24, 8/31	
8/10	Vera Gardell	
	8/17	
	Kathleen Whitehead	
	8/10	
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.

REMINDER!!

If you would like to reach out to say hello to Fr. Quinlan, after July 27th his address in Rome will be:

Fr. Liam Quinlan
via dell'Umiltà, 30
00187 Rome ITALY

Meting/Activities Schedule

Mon.	7/29	7pm Lectio Divina-Rectory
Tues.	7/30	1-3pm Veterans Project-Rectory
Tues,	7/30	7:30pm-AA-St. Gabriel Parish Hall
Wed.	7/31	10am Handcraft Group-Rectory
Thurs.	8/1	7pm AA-MH
Sat.	8/3	7:15 Men's Breakfast-Rectory