

THE PARISH OF ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL

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

August 25, 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)

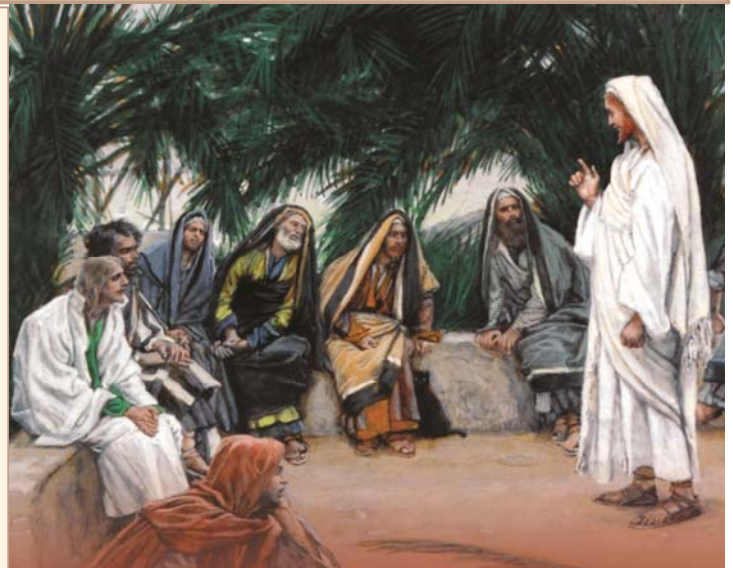
9:00 am at St. Cecilia (with music)

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.



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” - Lk 13:30

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

PASTORAL STAFF AND ORGANIZATIONS

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SAINT GABRIEL CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY August 24, 2019
4 PM Charles Schenarts
 (Betty & Daughters)

SUNDAY August 25, 2019
9 AM Katie Knorr
 (Vera Gardell)

SATURDAY August 31, 2019
4 PM Mary Devoto
 (The Pesce Family)

SUNDAY September 1, 2019
9 AM Jeramiah Ormond
 (Lorraine Sheridan)

SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

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)

MONDAY August 26, 2019
7:30 AM Robert Knorr
 (His Family)

TUESDAY August 27, 2019 St. Monica
7:30 AM Judith Pensiero
 (Leonard Pensiero)

WEDNESDAY August 28, 2019 St. Augustine
7:30 AM Edward A. Barosky Sr.
 (Bertha Barosky)

THURSDAY August 29, 2019
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
 Mary Grace Lodestro
 (Her Parents)

FRIDAY August 30, 2019
7:30 AM Virginia O'Neill
 (Clara, Ally, Julia, Carmen, & Adi)

SATURDAY August 31, 2019
5:30 PM Marion Dal Molin
 (Theresa & Nicholas Troilo)

SUNDAY September 1, 2019
7:30 AM For The Members of The Parish
9 AM Christine Miller
 (Joseph Rainone Jr.)
11:15 AM Alessandra Simon
 (Theresa & Nicholas Troilo)

Colbert on Suffering

Last week the CNN television journalist Anderson Cooper interviewed comedian Stephen Colbert and their conversation turned to their personal experiences of suffering and grief. Colbert grew up as the youngest of eleven children. When he was ten years old his father and two of his brothers, who were the closest to him in age, were killed in a plane crash leaving the family shattered with grief. During the interview, Cooper shared that he also had lost his father at the age of 10. This led to a conversation in which the two men spoke about how their losses affected them and shaped their lives.

At one point Cooper refers to an interview that Colbert gave to GQ magazine in 2015. There, Colbert spoke about the example of his mother and how her Catholic faith shaped the way she bore the terrible grief of losing her husband and children. Colbert said that her Catholicism gave her an eternal perspective on everything. "The only way to not be swallowed by sorrow, to in fact recognize that our sorrow is inseparable from our joy, is to always understand our suffering, ourselves, in the light of eternity. [We ask ourselves] what is this in the light of eternity?" This was the lesson that she imparted on her son through the way she accepted the terrible suffering of her grief. Colbert attributes to her example the fact that the deaths of his father and brothers left him very sad, but not bitter or angry. He goes on to say, "I love the thing I most wish had not happened.... [for] what punishments of gods are not gifts?"

Cooper, visibly moved, cites this last line and asks: "Do you really believe that?" After a pause, Colbert says, "Yes." He goes on to explain that his words are a paraphrase of author J.R.R. Tolkien who wrote: "A divine 'punishment' is also a divine 'gift', if accepted, since its object is ultimate blessing, and the supreme inventiveness of the Creator will make 'punishments' (that is, changes of design) produce a good not otherwise to be attained." God does not directly will that His creatures suffer evil, but He does permit it. And in a way that defies our powers of comprehension, He is able to overcome that evil and fold it into the mystery of His divine providence.

Colbert explains that he is grateful for his existence and for all of the things he has experienced in life - good and bad. Through the experience of loss, he has found himself able to relate to those who have experienced loss also. It has helped him to be more compassionate and to love others better. And it has given him a deeper understanding of the mystery of the God who suffers, Christ Jesus, who offers Himself for us on the cross. "We do not suffer alone," he says, "God does it too."

God Bless,
 Fr John

Candle Memorials~Week of August 24, 2019
St. Gabriel Church
Vigil Lamp for our Lady—Linda Montague
by Nick & Theresa Lemone



Our next “Two Thousand Hail Marys” will be on Saturday, September 7th 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

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

ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST MEN’S WEEKLY ROUNDTABLE

at St Gabriel Parish 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.



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 19 bags of groceries to

St. Joseph Parenting 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:

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.



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!

SATURDAY MEN’S BREAKFAST

7:15 – 8:30 a.m. We meet each Saturday morning in the St. Cecilia 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!



Saint Cecilia, Stamford raised 223 gifts worth \$80,840 from 189 donors bringing the parish to 76.99% 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 18th

Weekly offering: \$8,615.

The Assumption of Mary: \$1,220.

Weekly Online Giving: \$3,460

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.

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!



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

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

silvncrth@yahoo.com

Meetings/Activities Schedule

Mon.	8/26	7pm Lectio Divina-Rectory
Mon.	8/26	7:30 pm K of C 5833-MH
Tues.	8/27	1-3pm Veterans Project-Rectory
Tues.	8/27	7:30pm-AA - St. Gabriel Parish Hall
Wed.	8/28	10am Handcraft Group-Rectory
Thurs.	8/29	7pm AA-MH
Sat.	8/31	7:15am Men's Breakfast - St. Cecilia Rectory
Sat.	8/31	7am Men's Roundtable - St. Gabriel Hall