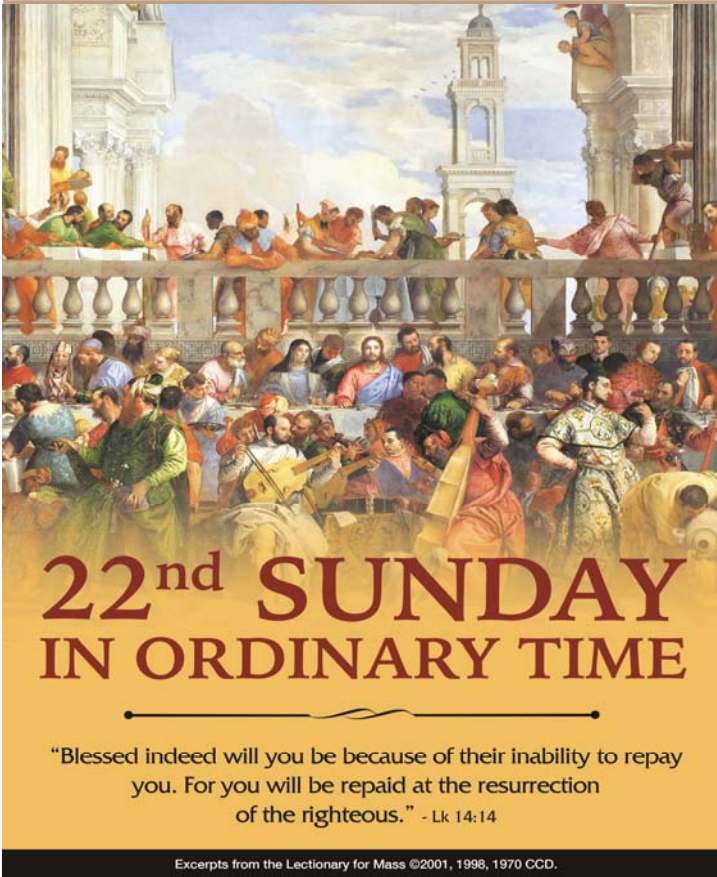


# THE PARISH OF ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL

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

*September 1, 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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*SAINT GABRIEL CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS*

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

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

**SATURDAY September 7, 2019**  
 4 PM Olivia Palermo  
 (Her Daughters)

**SUNDAY September 8, 2019**  
 9 AM Peter Valeroso  
 (Audrey & John Murphy)

*SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS*

**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)

**MONDAY September 2, 2019**  
 7:30 AM Lee Battinelli  
 (Joyce Pinto)

**TUESDAY September 3, 2019 St. Gregory the Great**  
 7:30 AM Rose Rainone  
 (Her Son)

**WEDNESDAY September 4, 2019**  
 7:30 AM Joanne Carriero  
 (Robert Galligan)

**THURSDAY September 5, 2019 St. Teresa of Calcutta**  
 John J. Hickey Jr.  
 (Connie, Lisa, Cynthia, and Todd Caporizzo)

**FRIDAY September 6, 2019**  
 7:30 AM Mark Auriana  
 (Eileen Auriana)

**SATURDAY September 7, 2019**  
 5:30 PM Donald & Anne Bray  
 (M. Zarnik)

**SUNDAY September 8, 2019**  
 7:30 AM Patrick Sherlovk  
 (Fiona, Nick, Dick & Alana Shelly-Cummins)  
 9 AM Elaine & James Drenckhahn  
 (Fred Drenckhahn)  
 11:15 AM Stasia Crombie  
 (Elaine Palmer)

**Labor Day**

If you're like me, you've probably said at least once this past week, "I can't believe it's already Labor Day!" Labor Day is the unofficial end of summer, the last weekend when the tradition-minded among us dare to don white trousers and enjoy a gin and tonic in public. While doing that, it might be a good thing to reflect on the origins of Labor Day and why it's something that we celebrate.

Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894 as a way of recognizing and celebrating workers – specifically the members of labor unions, which developed in the 19th century as a way of protecting working people from the excesses of industrialism. It was common in the 19th century that factory workers would work extremely long hours, 7 days a week, in dangerous conditions for very low wages. Young children were also subject to these dehumanizing conditions. Organized labor pushed back against this, and successfully worked to change things for the better. Of course, like all human institutions, labor unions are imperfect and can fall prey to corruption. But overall, organized labor was an undeniable force for good in the industrial age.

The Catholic Church supported the development of labor unions. Pope Leo XIII's 1891 encyclical *Rerum Novarum* notably recognized the important role of labor unions in protecting and promoting human dignity. The rights of workers continued to be a concern of the Church throughout the 20th century and was reiterated by Pope John Paul II who addressed it in his 1981 encyclical *Laborem Exercens*. There, the future saint wrote about how important it is that work conditions uphold moral integrity and personal dignity. This is because human beings, made in God's image, participate in His creative action through work. Work is good for us. Christ Himself worked as a carpenter and earned a living by the sweat of His brow. Moreover, human beings through their work can participate in Our Lord's redemption of His creation. One of the effects of humanity's fall from grace through the sin of our first parents is difficulty in work. Our labors can be a source of frustration and suffering. But the work of Christ's Passion allows those who are united to Him in grace to join their sufferings in the workplace to the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Thus, our work can be redemptive as well as creative.

That being said, leisure is also good for us and a participation in God's rest. Like work, leisure should be done in accord with human dignity. So if you are inclined to celebrate Labor Day in a seersucker suit, sipping a G&T while admiring your white bucks, be sure to take a few moments to give thanks for the Incarnation, that allows us to give God glory both at work and at play.

God Bless,  
 Father John

**Candle Memorials ~ Week of August 31, 2019**  
**St. Gabriel Church- Vigil Lamp for Our Lady -**  
**Agatha & Anthony Vallone by their family**





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 15 bags of groceries to  
 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)

## 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**, 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

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).

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 currently putting together class schedules and will need to have a precise headcount. Please be sure to return your form ASAP!

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  
 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 August 25th*

**Weekly offering: \$8,502**

**Weekly Online Giving: \$2,527.50**

*Thank you! We appreciate your support!*

**Please consider On-line Giving**

**Register at [www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/)**

**St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Parish Office  
& Religious Education Office**

**is now located at The Parish Center  
across from the St. Cecilia Rectory**

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 new website.



**2019 Annual Catholic Appeal Update**

**Saint Gabriel, Stamford raised 160 gifts worth \$52,077 from 149 donors bringing the parish to 91.36% of its \$57,000 goal.**

**Saint Cecilia, Stamford raised 225 gifts worth \$81,940 from 191 donors bringing the parish to 78.04% of its \$105,000 goal.**

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



**St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Parish Coffee Hour**

Please join us for coffee and some treats on  
*September 15th after the 9AM Mass*  
**at St. Gabriel in the Church Hall.** All are welcome!

**The Columbiettes** are an auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus. We are holding our September meeting Monday Sept. 9th at St. Gabriel Church Hall. This month there will be a speaker from one of our Outreach groups, Inspirica. The Developmental Director will be speaking at 6:45pm. Please arrive at 6:30p.m. Light refreshments will be served. All Catholic women 18 years of age and above are welcome to join us. Questions? Contact Nancy (203)561-6222



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, 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 Andreana, Vincent Cappiello .....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, especially Helen Gross.

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.

**THE DIVINE PLAN**

Exclusive Pre-Release Showing and Introductory Talk with: Robert Orlando, Author and Director, Thursday, September 12, 2019 6:30pm sharp at the Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist Nagle Hall (Basement of the Church, Parking in Rear) 279 Atlantic Street, Stamford, CT 06901. Please Register for this event at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/the-divine-plan-tickets-69768237677](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-divine-plan-tickets-69768237677). Free Will Donations Gladly Accepted at the Door.

The End of the Cold War remains the least-known story of the twentieth century... A president and a pope; an unlikely pair who combine deep faith with political acumen and high-octane star power. A plot that involves two assassination attempts, KGB scheming, CIA intrigue and the final act to topple the Soviet Empire. This epic saga takes a writer-director with deep knowledge of religious and political history on a quest to tell this compelling true-life story. Robert Orlando, whose credits include Apostle Paul, among others, takes viewers behind the scenes of a partnership that changed the world, asking daring questions. Was a pontiff and politician's work overthrowing communism the result of inexorable political and economic forces, or could it have been part of what Reagan called, "The Divine Plan"? Told in part as a graphic thriller this highly-stylized motion picture film pushes beyond the bounds of conventional documentary-making into a world where one's belief might determine the facts. For more information about the movie and to watch a trailer visit: <https://thedivineplanmovie.com>

**Meetings/Activities Schedule**

Mon.	9/2	<b>7pm Lectio Divina - will not meet this week</b>
Tues.	9/3	1-3pm Veteran's Project - Parish Center Sun Room
Tues.	9/3	7:30pm - AA - St. Gabriel Parish Hall
Wed.	9/4	10am Handcraft Group - Parish Center Sun Room
Thurs.	9/5	7pm AA - MH
Sat.	9/7	7:15am Men's Breakfast - Parish Center
Sat.	9/7	7am Men's Roundtable - St. Gabriel Hall