

# THE PARISH OF ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL

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

*September 8, 2019*

Rev. John P. Connaughton, Pastor  
Rev. Mariusz M. Olbrys, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Larry Buzzeo



*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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

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

**SATURDAY September 14, 2019**  
 4 PM Marie & John Didelot  
 (Maryanne & John Didelot)

**SUNDAY September 15, 2019**  
 9 AM Rick Barillas  
 (The Barba Family)

***SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS***

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

**SUNDAY September 8, 2019**  
 7:30 AM Patrick Sherlock  
 (Fiona, Nick, Dylan, & Alana Shelly-Cummins)

9 AM Elaine & James Drenckhahn  
 (Fred Drenckhahn)

11:15 AM Stasia Crombie  
 (Elaine Palmer)

**MONDAY September 9, 2019 St. Peter Claver**  
 7:30 AM Florence Bianco  
 (Mary DeCarlo)

**TUESDAY September 10, 2019**  
 7:30 AM Andrea Urdi  
 (Andrea & Gino DiTomaso)

**WEDNESDAY September 11, 2019**  
 7:30 AM *For all who lost their lives on 9/11  
 and their families*

**THURSDAY September 12, 2019 The Most Holy Name of Mary**  
 Jerry Cacace  
 (AnneMarie Cacace)

**FRIDAY September 13, 2019 St. John Chrysostom**  
 7:30 AM For the Parishioners of Our Parish

**SATURDAY September 14, 2019**  
 5:30 PM Florence Bianco  
 (Mary DeCarlo)

**SUNDAY September 15, 2019**  
 7:30 AM Ray McHugh  
 (Lloyd & Astrid Leiser)

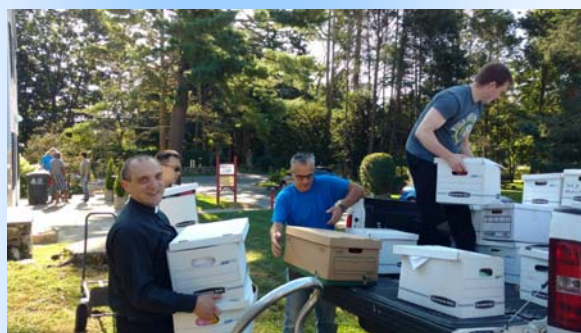
9 AM Bartolome & Ersilia Cataldo  
 (Judy & Mario Orecchio)

11:15 AM Michele Cicarelli  
 (Carmela DelVaglio)

**Candle Memorials ~ Week of September 8, 2019**  
 St. Cecilia Tabernacle Candle - for Bette Scanlon  
 St. Gabriel Vigil Lamp for Our Lady - for Vito &  
 Domenica Marie Verrastro by Tom & Ann

**Our Office Has Moved!**

Last week we completed our move of the parish offices from the rectory at St. Cecilia's to our **Parish Center**, the former convent of St. Cecilia's. Thanks to the generosity of two benefactors we were able to beautify the offices with paint and new carpeting as well as cover the expense of moving our phones and computer equipment to the new space. Many thanks to the volunteers from the parish men's groups and the local Catholic Young Adult group as well as some seminarians who gave up a few hours on their Saturday morning to lend a hand.



## Save the Dates!!!



**Sunday October 6th: St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Parish Picnic** after the 11:15 am Mass - Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus!

**Saturday October 12th: Father John's Installation Mass** - 5:30 pm at St. Cecilia Church - reception to follow Mass in McDermott Hall.



Starting in October we will have **Eucharist Adoration** 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 long as you like.

### ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST MEN'S WEEKLY ROUNDTABLE

at St Gabriel Church 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.

## 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



## 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 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:

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 Sun Room**, or you can knit at home! Questions? Please call Candice Bryan 203.329.8932 or Kitty Carty 203.322.3771.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

**Reminder - Registrations for Religious education are now overdue.**

**Classes begin on September 22nd for grades 1 - 8.**

**Un-registered students will not be allowed in class on the first day and it will be considered an absence.**

**Registrations will not be accepted on the first day of class until after dismissal of all classes.**

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

We are in still in need of Religious Ed. Teachers for Tuesdays! Please consider volunteering your time.

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

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

### 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 Sept. 1st*

Offertory totals will be updated next week  
- due to early bulletin deadlines.

*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](mailto:Office@stcecilia-stgabriel.org)

We appreciate your patience as we build our new website.



**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!*



**2019 Annual Catholic Appeal Update**  
*Saint Cecilia, Stamford raised 226 gifts worth \$82,440 from 192 donors bringing the parish to 78.51% 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.*



The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Tootsie Roll Drive this weekend at St. Gabriel Church and next weekend at St. Cecilia Church.



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 Capiello, and for Fr. Olbrys a speedy recovery. ....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](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>

**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

**Meetings/Activities Schedule**

Mon.	9/9	7pm Lectio Divina - Parish Center Chapel
Mon	9/9	6:30pm Columbiettes - St. Gabriel Hall
Tues.	9/10	1-3pm Veteran's Project - Parish Center Sun Room
Tues.	9/10	7:30pm - AA - St. Gabriel Hall
Wed.	9/11	10am Handcraft Group - Parish Center Sun Room
Thurs.	9/12	7pm AA - MH
Sat.	9/14	7:15am Men's Breakfast - Parish Center
Sat.	9/14	7am Men's Roundtable - St. Gabriel Hall