

ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL PARISH

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

September 22, 2019

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



25th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

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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

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 21, 2019**
 4 PM Timmy Vitanza
 (Mom & Dad)

SUNDAY **September 22, 2019**
 9 AM Grace Sciarretta
 (Angela & Peter Thagouras)

SATURDAY **September 28, 2019**
 4 PM Mr. & Mrs. James Quinn
 (The Barron Family)

SUNDAY **September 29, 2019**
 9 AM Gladys Ritch
 (Dottie & Dennis Dahm)

SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **September 21, 2019**
 5:30 PM Bert Sessa
 (Pellicci Family)

SUNDAY **September 22, 2019**
 7:30 AM Mary Vassallo
 (Erika DeVolpi)

9 AM Deceased Members of the
 Trefry & Tomczyk Families
 (The Trefry Family)

11:15 AM Michael & Carmel Browne
 (Elliot Browne)

MONDAY **September 23, 2019**
 St. Pius of Pietrecicina

7:30 AM Joseph Silvestro
 (Vera Gardell)

TUESDAY **September 24, 2019**
 7:30 AM Rita Caveney
 (Frank Caveney)

WEDNESDAY **September 25, 2019**
 7:30 AM Michael Buzzeo
 (His Family)

THURSDAY **September 26, 2019**
 Saints Cosmos & Damian

7:30 AM For the Parishioners of Our Parish

FRIDAY **September 27, 2019**
 Saint Vincent dePaul

7:30 AM Donna Lampman
 (Judy DeFelice)

SATURDAY **September 28, 2019**
 5:30 PM Paul A. Potolicchio
 (Mary DeCarlo)

SUNDAY **September 29, 2019**
 7:30 AM Granuloma Villa Nueva
 (Blanca Dragonetti)

9 AM Edwin Senerador (LIVING)
 (Tessie Senerador)

11:15 AM Michelangelo Meriano & Family
 (Carmela DelVaglio)

Friends

There's an old adage: "Tell me who your friends are and I'll tell you who you are." Looking back on my life, I'd say that my best friends are those that I made in college. I studied at the University of Dallas as an undergraduate and my friends there had a tremendous influence on me. Growing up, my parents took very seriously the promise they made at our baptism to raise us in the Catholic faith. But when I moved away to college I had to decide for myself to continue to go to Sunday Mass and regular confession as they had taught me. That decision was, I think, largely due to the example of my college friends. In high school, my friends who went to church did so because their parents told them to. But in college I became friends with kids who went to Mass (and even confession!) on their own. Their example changed my perspective and helped me to see that going to Mass and going to confession and having a relationship with God in the Church were normal things for a young Catholic to do. My friends and I weren't perfect, of course, and we did a lot of dumb things together. But their witness was incredibly formative for me and I honestly don't know if I would be a practicing Catholic now if it hadn't been for their example in that regard.

Human beings are shaped by the influences of those around us. Family, teachers, coaches, and media can all have a huge influence on our character and the way we understand ourselves and the world around us. We human beings are like sponges - we soak up the things we're exposed to and are changed by them. That's why we must take care to surround ourselves with good influences and seek the company of those who help us to be good, especially among our friends.

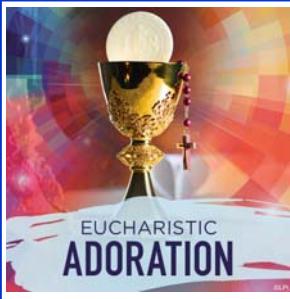
The importance of the quality of the company we keep is something that I started thinking about one Sunday after saying Mass at both St. Cecilia's and St. Gabriel's. I was walking around the churches and noticing the statues of the saints at each place. If you take a moment to do the same you'll notice that both churches have the same exact devotions - the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Anthony, St. Jude, St. Therese, and the Infant of Prague. There's something beautiful about that. Over the decades, both communities have loved and have had our lives shaped by the same saints. Their witness has helped us to believe that a holy life is possible. Their prayers on our behalf have helped us to respond to the graces God offers us to become saints like them. I pray that through the intercession of these mutual friends of ours we grow closer as a community grounded in the love of the One who made Himself our friend.

Blessings,
 Fr. John



II - Dennis John Pierce Jr. and Stephanie DiMeglio
II - James Andrew Rodriguez and Silvia Santacruz

Have made promises of marriage.



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 as long as you like.



Youth Group - Our parish is teaming up with several other Stamford parishes to form the All-Stamford Catholic Youth Group! All teens in middle & high school are invited to join us! Middle School youth group continues on Oct. 4th from 7-8:30pm at St. Gabriel's church hall. The schedule is also on our website <http://stcecilia-stgabriel.org>. The high school youth group starts September 27 from 7-9pm at St. Bridget's parish hall. For more information, please contact Fr. Joseph Gill at frjosephgill@gmail.com.



The members of the Fr. Myron Miller Council #5833 would like to thank the parishioners of St. Gabriel-St. Cecilia for their support of the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. The proceeds collected from the drive will benefit people with intellectual disabilities in our local community and Fairfield County. In the past, your donations have been distributed to ARI of Connecticut, Saint Catherine Center for Special Needs, STAR Inc., and Stamford Education 4 Autism. Thanks again for your continued support!

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Our council is always looking for new members! Please consider joining us to build a fraternal bond, deepen your Catholic faith, and take part in community service. Membership is open to Catholic men that are 18 years of age or older. Please email us to learn more. KFC5833@gmail.com



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



All are invited to come and celebrate the Installation of

Father John Connaughton
as Pastor of

Saint Cecilia ~ Saint Gabriel Parish
by His Excellency, Bishop Frank Caggiano

on Saturday, October 12, 2019

5:30 PM Mass, St. Cecilia Church,
Reception Immediately Following in
McDermott Hall.



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

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.

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.



Our next

"Two Thousand Hail Marys" will be on Saturday, October 5th 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

St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel Offering*Week of September 15th**Weekly : \$9,005**Monthly Flowers: \$633**On-line Giving total : \$2,549**Please consider On-line Giving**Register at www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/*

SAVE THE DATE UPCOMING ORDINATION

Priesthood**Deacon Michael James Vian Clark**

Saturday, October 12, 2019, 11:00 AM

St. Thomas More Church

374 Middlesex Road Darien, CT

Women Wine & The Divine - A new women's group is starting for all women in Stamford! These monthly gatherings will feature a wine and cheese social, a time for fellowship with other sisters in Christ, a spiritual talk, and a time of prayer. All women (over 21) are invited! The nights will be from 7:30-9pm (Sept 23, Oct 21, Nov 18, and Dec 16) at the house of the Marchettis (29 Carriage Drive South, Stamford). This event is sponsored by St. John's Basilica. All are invited!



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, Bonnie Sigfried, Thomas Sparan, Dominic Totino, Alex Trebek, George Wetzler, Christopher Hoepfner, Caroline Andreana, Vincent Cappiello, Joe Butler, Fr. Olbrysall 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 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, 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

Classes begin this weekend, September 22nd for grades 1 - 8. Tuesday classes begin Sept. 24th. Un-registered students will not be allowed in class on the first day and it will be considered an absence.

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

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).)

You're Invited to the St. Cecilia ~ St. Gabriel Parish Picnic

We're going to celebrate Our New Parish after the 11:15 a.m. Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

12:30 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

ON THE LAWN BEHIND THE RECTORY

Rain or Shine (In case of rain we will use the Parish Hall)

Hot Dogs , Hamburgers, Chips, Lemonade, Iced Tea and Desserts. Bring your own alternate beverages.

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Respond by Monday September 30th, as we need to know how many adults and children under 12 will be attending.

RSVP to:**StCeciliaStGabriel2019Picnic@gmail.com****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**Meetings/Activities Schedule**

Mon.	9/23	7pm	Lectio Divina - Parish Center Chapel
Tues.	9/24	1-3pm	Veteran's Project - Parish Center Sun Room
Tues.	9/24	7:30pm	AA - St. Gabriel Hall
Wed.	9/25	10am	Handcraft Group - Parish Center Sun Room
Thurs.	9/26	7pm	AA - MH
Thurs	9/26	7:15pm	Bible Study - St. Gabriel Hall
Friday	9/27	9:15am	Bible Study - St. Gabriel Hall
Sat.	9/28	7:15am	Men's Breakfast - Parish Center
Sat.	9/28	7am	Men's Roundtable - St. Gabriel Hall