

# ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL PARISH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**Saint Cecilia**                      **Saint Gabriel**  
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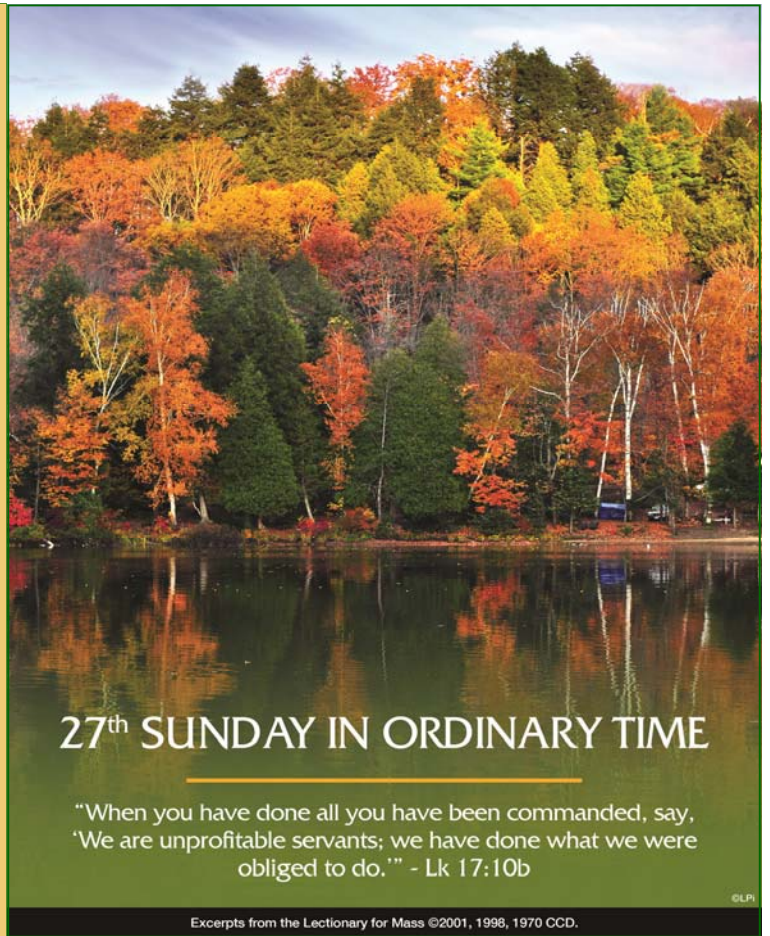
**October 6, 2019**

**Rev. John P. Connaughton, Pastor**

Rev. Mariusz M. Olbrys, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Larry Buzzeo

Seminarian Anh Vu



**27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say,  
'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were  
obliged to do.'" - Lk 17:10b

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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

### Eucharistic Adoration

and confessions every Wednesday night in  
St. Cecilia Church from 7:30-9pm.

### 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**

**11:15 am at St. Cecilia**

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.

SAINT GABRIEL CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>October 5, 2019</b>
4 PM	Margaret Rutledge (Her Family)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>October 6, 2019</b>
9 AM	Jane Guinta (Her Family)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>October 12, 2019</b>
4 PM	MaryLouise, Peter, & Anthony Carlucci (Family)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>October 13, 2019</b>
9 AM	Susan Biagini (Sue Schectman)

SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>October 5, 2019</b>
5:30 PM	Mary Ann Gatto (Mario & Judy Orecchio)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>October 6, 2019</b>
7:30 AM	For the Parish
9 AM	John Benison (Trefry Family)
11:15 AM	Michelina Cicarelli (Carmela DelVaglio)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>October 7, 2019</b>
	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
7:30 AM	Nunzie DePreta (Family)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>October 8, 2019</b>
7:30 AM	Cathy Ann Barosky—Hurley (Bertha Barosky)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>October 9, 2019</b>
	<i>St. Denis &amp; St. John Leonardi</i>
7:30 AM	William C. Scanlan (Gina & Gina Marie DeVito)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>October 10, 2019</b>
7:30 AM	James DeCarlo (Vicki Alton)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>October 11, 2019</b> <i>St. John XXIII</i>
7:30 AM	Francis & Ruth McGuinness (Mrs. McGuinness)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>October 12, 2019</b>
5:30 PM	Emmanuel & Carmelle Chetcuti (Pera Franko)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>October 13, 2019</b>
7:30 AM	Ruth Vigeant (Tom & Terry McKiernan)
9 AM	Rosanna Silvestro (Vera Gardell)
11:15 AM	Josephine Bria (Donna Napolitano)

**Sean of the Priests**

Last Sunday I returned from a week-long pilgrimage to Ireland. I had been there before to visit relatives, but this trip gave me an opportunity to visit certain places for the first time, such as the site of the Marian apparition in Knock, and the ruins of the monastery founded by St. Kevin in Glendalough. It was at Ballintubber Abbey, however, where I first heard the story of the villain Sean na Sagart. Born Sean Mallowney in 1690, Sean was a hateful man and as a youth was arrested for the crime of stealing horses for which he was sentenced to death by hanging. But the authorities recognized his low character and decided to offer him a deal. He could have his freedom if he agreed to become a priest hunter. These were the times of the penal laws in Ireland, when Catholic priests were required by law to publicly repudiate their faith and swear allegiance under pain of death to the Protestant Queen Anne as the head of the Church of England and Ireland. Sean happily took the deal and became a notorious priest hunter, earning bounties and the nickname Sean na Sagart - "Sean of the Priests." By 1726 Sean had either arrested or murdered every priest in County Mayo except two. He laid a trap for one of them by convincing his own sister that he was gravely ill and wanted to confess his sins to a priest before dying. She arranged for Fr. Kilger to hear his confession and anoint him, but when the priest approached the death bed, Sean pulled out a knife and stabbed him in the heart.

Certain that the last priest, Fr. Burke, would attend the burial of the priest hunter's latest victim, Sean na Sagart disguised himself in the crowd, watching and waiting. Fr. Burke did show up, himself disguised as a woman, but Sean recognized him and attacked. The priest slipped from his grasp, but Sean chased him throughout the countryside for several hours. Sean finally caught up with the priest and was about to murder him when a homeless peddler named John McCann, who had followed the two men during the chase, came to the priest's defense and killed Sean na Sagart. Soldiers found the body of the priest hunter and buried him in the cemetery near the ruins of Ballintubber Abbey. The local people so hated Sean na Sagart that they exhumed the body and threw it into a nearby lake. Fr. Burke admonished the people for what they had done and ordered them to retrieve the body and rebury it. Instead of burying him in accord with the tradition of facing the east toward the sun, however, they buried him facing the north where the sun never shines. Eventually a sapling sprang from Sean's burial plot, and as it grew it split the grave in two.

The story of Sean na Sagart is remarkable, not only because of the particular wickedness of the priest hunter, but also because of the courage and faith of the priests who risked their lives to minister to the people of Ireland in those days. They would not abandon the faithful, even though it meant a life of hiding from the authorities and the real possibility of dying a violent death. It is remarkable also for the devotion that the people had to these holy priests during this time of persecution, and the great risks they took to protect their priests from those who would harm them. In these difficult days when we hear so many sad things in the news regarding scandal in the Church here and abroad, it is important to remember the heroes of our faith - both priests and laity - who remind us how we are supposed to live and give our lives for love of Christ and neighbor.

Blessings,  
Fr. John

### ***Eucharist Adoration***

with Benediction every Wednesday night in the Church of St. Cecilia from 7:30-9pm with confession. Please come to spend time with the Lord for as little or as long as you like.



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**  
**Next Saturday, October 12, 2019**  
**5:30 PM Mass, St. Cecilia Church,**  
**Reception Immediately Following in**  
**McDermott Hall.**



### **Music News**

Attention Singers! The Choir will rehearse on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in preparation for the installation on Saturday of Fr. John as Pastor. All choir members are invited to attend and new voices are welcome. Any questions, please contact Michele Schule @203- 322-1562.



STAMFORD CATHOLIC  
YOUTH GROUP  
ATTENTION: 6TH – 12th GRADE  
YOUNG PEOPLE!

Our parish has teamed up with several other Stamford parishes, to form the Stamford Catholic Youth Group! All 6th-12th grade young people from any parish, are welcome to join us. Our next meetings/events are:

- High School: Friday, 10/11, from 7-9:00pm at St. Bridget;
  - SKY ZONE Trip: Monday, 10/14 – details to be communicated by Fr. Gill;
  - Middle School: Friday, 10/18, from 7-8:30PM at St. Gabriel;
- Flyers with the fall schedules are at the entrances to St. Cecilia and St. Gabriel Churches and on our parish website. All meetings are on Friday nights at alternating locations (see flyer for details). For more information, contact Fr. Joseph Gill at frjosephgill@gmail.com, (203) 324-1553. To speak with a St. Cecilia/St. Gabriel team member, call Gina Denner (203) 968-6388, for Middle School, or Diane McNamara (203) 329-0866, for High School. Hope to see you there!

**The Columbiettes October meeting** will be on Monday, October 7th at St. Cecilia’s McDermott Hall. Please arrive around 6:30 pm as we are having the Executive Director from the foodbank of Lower Fairfield County speak prior to our meeting. She will speak at 6:45.

If you are a Catholic woman, 18 years of age or older, and might be interested in attending, please join us October 7th at 6:30 at St. Cecilia’s Hall. This is a PERFECT time to come and see what we are all about. Any questions please call Nancy at 203-561-6222.



Our next “Two Thousand Hail Marys” will be on Saturday, November 2nd 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

### **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 17 Bags 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)

### **SATURDAY MEN’S MINISTRY**

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.

**We meet each Saturday morning 7:15 – 8:30 am in the Parish Center and reflect on sacred scripture over breakfast.** Coffee and bagels at 7 am. Contact Anthony Pramberger for information on this ministry at 203-968-1481.

**Join the Veterans Project!** Help make a lap robe for a wheelchair Vet. Tuesday’s, 1-3 pm **Parish Center Sun Room.**  
Contact Helen D’Elia 203-322-0615.

### **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.



### **ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST MEN’S WEEKLY ROUNDTABLE**

To Know, Live and Make Christ’s Love Known.  
**We meet at St Gabriel Church Hall on Saturday Mornings 7- 8 am.**  
Contact Bill Nagle for information on this ministry at 203-570-2593.

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

**St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel Offering***Week of September 29th**Weekly : \$9,931**On-line Giving total : \$2,051**Online Giving allows you to make contributions to our church without writing checks or worrying about cash donations.**Register at [www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/)**This site lets you set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. You may make pledges and manage your contributions to the pledge amount, and you may make one-time donations to special causes. Please click on 'Create New Account' and complete your initial account registration. Thank you!***Columbiettes Fundraising Trip to A SIGHTS and SOUNDS production of MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS**

When: Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019, 9:45 am - 11:00pm

Where: Lancaster, PA

Price: \$150 per person - includes show ticket, bus fare and family style dinner. Seats are going quickly and we need to reserve them as soon as possible. Reservations or Questions, call Tess 203-570-3109 or Nancy 203-561-6222 or email: 5833columbiette2016@gmail.com



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 Deccico, Richard Negyesi, Ed Adams, Msgr. Powers, Wendy Lenard, Edward Cioffi, Barbara Cebula, 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, Bill Fleming, Caroline Andreana, Joe Butler, Lori Ciccarelli, Mark Mullen, Bill Murphy .....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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION**

Classes continue Sunday October 6th (No Sunday classes on October 13th). Tuesday classes continue October 8th and 15th.

Grades 1 – 8 Sundays 10:05am to 11am

Grades 1 – 6 Tuesdays 4:15pm to 5:10pm

All classes are held at the Catholic Academy of Stamford Lower School on the St. Cecilia campus.

Questions? 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).)

**The Catholic Academy of Stamford Open Houses:****Lower School**

PreK 3- Grade 5

Sunday Oct. 6th

11:00am- 1:00PM

1186 Newfield Ave.

Stamford.

**Upper School**

Grade 6-8

Wednesday Oct. 9th

5:00PM – 7:00PM.

926 Newfield Ave.

Stamford.

Visitors will be able to tour each campus, meet with teachers and administrators and learn more about the programs and Catholic identity of the Catholic Academy.

**Trinity Catholic High School**

Forming People By Transforming Lives

**Admissions Testing & Exams**

· Friday, October 25th

· Saturday, November 9th

Discovery Days, Tours &amp; Take-A-Look Tuesdays

· Call Admissions to Schedule

(203) 322-3401 [www.trinitycatholic.org](http://www.trinitycatholic.org)

**Cardinal Kung Academy**, a division of Trinity Catholic High School, is a diocesan high school offering a rigorous all-honors program with a classical pedagogy.

Come experience the difference of a classical high school education at our OPEN HOUSE on October 19th, 11 am - 1 pm at 948 Newfield Avenue, Stamford (in St. Gabriel church building.)

Now accepting applications for all grades for the 2020-2021 academic year. To schedule a visit or shadow day, contact 203-329-8296, [CardinalKungAcademy@gmail.com](mailto:CardinalKungAcademy@gmail.com) or visit [www.cardinalkungacademy.org](http://www.cardinalkungacademy.org)

**Meetings/Activities Schedule**

Mon. 10/7 7pm Lectio Divina - Parish Center Chapel

Mon. 10/7 6:30pm Columbiettes - MH

Tues. 10/8 1-3pm Veteran's Project - Parish Center Sun Rm.

Tues. 10/8 7:30pm - AA - St. Gabriel Hall

Tues. 10/8 7-8:30 Choir Practice - St. Cecilia Church

Wed. 10/9 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction - St. Cecilia

Wed. 10/9 10am Handcraft Group - Parish Center Sun Room

Thurs. 10/10 7pm AA - MH

Sat. 10/12 7:15am Men's Breakfast - Parish Center

Sat. 10/12 7am Men's Roundtable - St. Gabriel Hall

Sat. 10/12 5:30pm Mass—Fr. John's Installation Mass at St. Cecilia Church and reception to follow in McDermott Hall