

THE PARISH OF ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Saint Cecilia **Saint Gabriel**
1184 Newfield Ave. 914 Newfield Ave.
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October 27, 2019

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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

with Benediction every Wednesday night in the Church
of St. Cecilia from 7:30-9pm with confession available.

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

SATURDAY **October 26, 2019**
 4 PM Madeleine Buzzeo
 (Her Family)

SUNDAY **October 27, 2019**
 9 AM Ralph Izzi
 (Dottie & Dennis Dahm)

FRIDAY **November 1, 2019 ALL SAINTS' DAY**
 4:30 PM All Saints

SATURDAY **November 2, 2019 ALL SOULS' DAY**
 8AM 2000 Hail Marys Mass
 4 PM Raymond Longo
 (Deidre & Paul Orsino)

SUNDAY **November 3, 2019**
 9 AM Luigi Cardillo
 (His Wife & Family)

SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **October 26, 2019**
 5:30 PM Christopher Lemone
 (His Parents)

SUNDAY **October 27, 2019**
 7:30 AM Earl Archibald Dunlop
 (Maurice Ryan)
 9 AM Anne Kilcoyne
 (Her Family)
 11:15 AM Pietro Cicarelli & Family
 (Carmela DelVaglio)

MONDAY **October 28, 2019** Saints Simon & Jude
 7:30 AM Philip Hartnett
 (John Taylor)

TUESDAY **October 29, 2019**
 7:30 AM Janice Franketti
 (Felicia Miller)

WEDNESDAY **October 30, 2019**
 7:30 AM Catherine Jeszenszky
 (Edda Capocci)

THURSDAY **October 31, 2019**
 7:30 AM For The Parish
7PM Vigil Mass for All Saints

FRIDAY **November 1, 2019 ALL SAINTS' DAY**
 7:30 AM Msgr. Joseph Heffernan,
 Fr. Myron Miller, & Fr. Richard Futie
 (Mrs. Schmidt)

SATURDAY **November 2, 2019 ALL SOULS' DAY**
 5:30 PM Robert Pierce
 (His Family)

SUNDAY **November 3, 2019**
 7:30 AM MaryGrace Vagnone
 (Family)
 9 AM Philip Annunziata (6th Anniversary)
 (His Wife & Children)
 11:15 AM Donny McPhee
 (Dotty Rich)

Contemplating the End

We have come to the time of year when children dress up in strange outfits and extort candy from their neighbors with vague threats of playing dastardly “tricks” on them. It’s also the time of year in which parents across this great nation, after their children go to bed on Oct 31, shamelessly disregard the 7th Commandment, justifying themselves by citing the 4th Commandment (cradle Catholics might have to do some research to get this joke). Far be it from me to begrudge anybody free candy, but as we spend Halloween munching on Crunch bars and Twix, we Catholics ought to take a moment to reflect on what follows – the great celebrations of All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day.

The placement of these holy holidays is no accident. This is the time of year when nature enters its season of death, and soon the trees with their bright foliage will be left bare and appear lifeless. It is the time in which we reflect on the last things, both in nature and in the liturgy. In preparation for the final weeks of Ordinary Time, the Church on Earth contemplates the Church in Heaven and the Church in Purgatory.

All Saints’ Day is the celebration of the Church in Heaven. Throughout the year we celebrate the feast days of many different saints. All Saints’ Day is the day on which we remember not just the saints we know and love, but also the countless people who have lived heroically holy lives in relative obscurity and whose names we do not know – at least not yet (please God)! On All Saints’ Day we ask the Church in Heaven to pray for us as we make our journey along this pilgrim way to paradise. I remember hearing a priest describe the relationship we have with the saints as being like the finish line of a marathon, at which all of those who have completed the long and difficult race and received their reward cheer on those who are still running. In the same way, the saints intercede for us and give us strength to persevere in the life of grace to the end, so that we don’t give up or get lost along the way.

All Souls’ Day is the commemoration of the Church in Purgatory. Whereas on All Saints Day the Church on Earth asks for the help of the Church in Heaven, on All Souls’ Day we the Church on Earth offer our help to the Church in Purgatory. They’re sometimes referred to as the “poor souls in Purgatory,” but from another perspective they are much better off than we are. Unlike us, they have finished the race, but they need to spend some time in the medical tent before they can receive their prize. We help them through the prayers we say and the sacrifices we offer for their sake (put down that Snickers bar!). Most especially, we have Masses said for the holy souls in Purgatory on Nov. 2 and throughout the year. Praying for our beloved dead is a sacred duty of the Church on Earth and a beautiful way to express our solidarity with the Church in Purgatory, as together we live in hope of joining the Church in Heaven who prayerfully cheer for us along the way.

In Christ,
 Fr. John



Music Notes Attention Singers!

The music ministry is seeking new members to join in enhancing the music liturgy during the liturgical year and Christmas. We are in need of voices and musicians to join our choirs. Please see Michele, another choir member or call the rectory at 203-322-1562.

When you sing, you pray twice. We would love to have you! Choir Practice at St. Cecilia Church on Tuesday Evenings 7 - 8:30.



STAMFORD CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming meeting dates and locations are:

Middle School: 11/8 from 7-8:30PM at **St. Bridget***

High School: 11/15 from 7-9:00pm at **St. Gabriel***

All 6th - 12th grade youth from any parish are welcome to join us – just show up! The fall schedule can be found at the entrances to St. Cecilia and St. Gabriel Churches or on our parish website. Contact Fr. Joseph Gill at frjosephgill@gmail.com, (203) 324-1553, Gina Denner (203) 968-6388 (Middle School), or Diane McNamara (203) 329-0866 (High School) for more info.

Youth Group

ALL SAINTS' DAY FAMILY POTLUCK PARTY!

On 11/1, the youth group is having an **All Saints' Day Family Potluck Party!** All youth group kids **AND** their families are invited to join us! It will take place at 6pm at the Basilica of St. John's. There will be saint-themed games and prizes - and a special prize for all those who dress as a saint! To RSVP, use this link:

<https://forms.gle/icYVRokU5YaHkcox7>. Hope to see you there!



All are welcome. We meet on Tuesday's

1 - 4 pm at the St. Gabriel Church Hall.

Come join us to play cards, games or just to chat, meet new people & make new friends.

Any questions contact Dottie Annunziata 203-322-8830

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.



Week of October 26, 2019 The St. Cecilia Church Candle for Mary our Blessed Mother ~ shines for Dolores Juliano and the Candle for St. Joseph shines for Ed Gagnon by Eleanore Gagnon

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

Classes continue as usual.

Grades 1 – 8 Sundays 10:05am to 11am

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

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).



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



Please note.....next weekend November 3rd,

Daylight Saving Time Ends.

Our Parish Mass times will **not** be changing. Our Saturday Vigil Mass schedule will remain the same with 5:30 PM Mass at St. Cecilia Church & 4PM Mass at St. Gabriel Church Remember to turn your clocks back!

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

Catholic Academy of Stamford

Take a Look Dates- Nov 12 and 14

Lower School, PreK 3 - grade 5: **Tues., Nov. 12, 9-11am.**
1186 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.

Upper School- grade 6-8: **Thursday Nov. 14, 9-11am.**
926 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.



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 11 bags 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:

Bob Violette 203.357.1481

St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel Offering

Week of October 20th

Weekly : \$8,659

Diocesan Collection - World Mission: \$1,432

Annual October Collection: \$ 1,212

On-line Giving total : \$3,982

Please consider On-line Giving**Register at www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/**

Attention all who are currently enrolled in the "St. Gabriel" Online Giving program: with our parish merger that went into effect on July 1, 2019 the Online Giving account for St. Gabriel Church will be deactivated on October 31, 2019. I ask that all who participated in St. Gabriel Online Giving please re-enroll in the new St. Cecilia – St. Gabriel Online Giving account. The parish community greatly depends on the generosity of its members, in particular those who make their contributions online. Please be sure to deactivate your St. Gabriel's account and set up your new parish account before October 31st.

To cancel your giving with St. Gabriel OLG go to <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1850> and select "View or Update My Current Gifts." From there, select "Edit" to view the status of the gift. Select "Suspend" underneath the status and click "Save". To delete a payment method, go to "Add or Update My Payment Methods" and select delete next to your payment method.

Once you have deactivated your current account you will receive an email inviting you to create an account with Our Sunday Visitor for St. Cecilia – St. Gabriel Online Giving or go to <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/>. If you have any questions, please contact the very helpful Our Sunday Visitor tech support at 800-348-2886 option 2.

HURRY only 6 Tickets left to see **The Miracle of Christmas** sponsored by the Columbiettes.

Contact Tessie at 203-570-3109 or Nancy at 203-561-6222 or email 5833columbiette2016@gmail.com

St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Bible Study**No Bible Study 10/31 or 11/1****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

Meetings/Activities Schedule

Mon.	10/28 7pm Lectio Divina - Parish Center Conf. Rm
Tues	10/29 1-4pm Senior Circle - St. Gabriel Church Hall
Tues.	10/29 1-3pm Veteran's Project - Parish Center Sun Rm.
Tues.	10/29 7:30pm - AA - St. Gabriel Hall
Wed.	10/30 7:30- 9 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Confession - St. Cecilia Church
Wed.	10/30 10am Handcraft Group - Parish Center Sun Room
Thurs.	10/31 7pm AA - MH
Sat.	11/2 7:15am Men's Breakfast - Parish Center
Sat.	11/2 7am Men's Roundtable - St. Gabriel Hall

Altar Server Training

Being an altar server is a wonderful way to serve the parish community and enhance the beauty of the Sacred Liturgy. If you have a child who is interested in learning how to serve at Mass, please join us for one (or more) of the training sessions that will be offered on three dates.

Who: boys and girls, grades 4-7**Where:** St. Cecilia Church (please know that servers will be trained to be able to serve at both parish worship sites)**When:** Oct 26, Nov 9, Nov 16 from 8:30-10am**To participate, please contact the parish office**

Phone: 203-322-1562

Email: office@stcecilia-stgabriel.org

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 Cocco, Steven Deccicco, Richard Ne-

gyesi, 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, Joe Butlerall 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

If you are hospitalized or homebound and would like a visit or a communion call please contact the parish office at 203-322-1562.

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, SR Allison McNamara.