

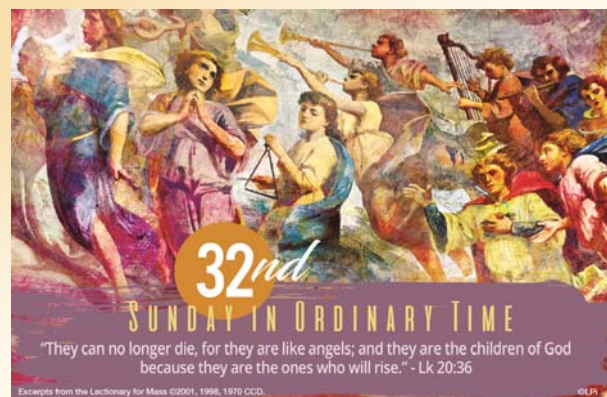
THE PARISH OF ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Saint Cecilia **Saint Gabriel**
1184 Newfield Ave. 914 Newfield Ave.
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November 10, 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 4 PM	November 9, 2019 Dominick Stramandinoli (Sheehan Family)
SUNDAY 9 AM	November 10, 2019 Matt Regan (Norrie & Family)
SATURDAY 4 PM	November 16, 2019 Dominick DiPreta (Patricia Saxe)
SUNDAY 9 AM	November 17, 2019 Christian Bill (Joan & John Hagan)
<u><i>SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS</i></u>	
SATURDAY 5:30 PM	November 9, 2019 Jack Sheehan (Marykate Sheehan)
SUNDAY 7:30 AM	November 10, 2019 For the Parish
9 AM	Peter Foley (Kathy & Tom Tubridy)
11:15 AM	Daniel Landry (Kristen & Colin Browne)
MONDAY 7:30 AM	November 11, 2019 Lucille O'Boyle <i>St. Martin of Tours</i> (Anthony & Josephine Marena)
TUESDAY 7:30 AM	November 12, 2019 <i>St. Josaphat</i> John Carramonica (The Buzzeo Family)
WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM	November 13, 2019 <i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</i> Shirley Staack (Andrea & Gino DiTomaso)
THURSDAY 7:30 AM	November 14, 2019 Bob Foster (Helen)
FRIDAY 7:30 AM	November 15, 2019 <i>St. Albert the Great</i> Antonia Vartuli (E. Vartuli)
SATURDAY 5:30 PM	November 16, 2019 Geronima Villanueva (Blanca Dragonetti)
SUNDAY 7:30 AM	November 17, 2019 Deceased Members of O'Reilly & Walker Families (Walker Family)
9 AM	Luigi Cardillo (DeSantis Family)
11:15 AM	Rose & Michael Buzzeo (Family)

The Argument

There's a podcast that I like to listen to called "The Argument" which features opinion writers for the New York Times who engage in debates over politics and current events. Recently, Ross Douthat (a practicing Catholic) and Michele Goldberg (who is secular) interviewed a writer named Tara Isabella Burton about her latest book, entitled: *Strange Rites: New Religions for a Godless World*.

Recent studies show that religious practice among Christians in the past decade has declined by 12%, and over 40% of millennials rarely or never attend religious services. We sometimes conclude that these young people have abandoned belief in God entirely and have joined the ranks of strict materialists who do not ascribe to the belief that anything exists beyond the material world. Burton's book, however, sheds light on what really seems to be happening in our culture. She notes that such materialism is actually pretty rare. 72% of people who claim to be religiously unaffiliated believe in some kind of higher power. Because they feel alienated or turned off by religious institutions they cobble together their own way of being spiritual. It's a kind of "do-it-yourself" religious culture that's very popular among non-religious millennials. According to Burton, these young people see magic as a means of getting what they want and finding meaning and purpose in life. Douthat asked whether people actually believe such spiritualism is true and that magic actually "works" or if they see them merely as a source of diversion, community, and psychological comfort. Burton said that each person is different. But there seems to be a common language of those who profess to be "spiritual but not religious" in that they often refer to something they call "energy," which they seem to believe is real. The key to happiness, they claim, is to tap into "good" energy and avoid "bad" energy.

Burton cited a study that found 33% of Christians believe in things occultists believe in, such as astrology, reincarnation, and things of that nature. But Douthat responded that Catholic priests who are involved in exorcism ministry will often speak of the extreme spiritual danger posed by Ouija boards and the consultation of mediums. So it's not inconsistent for Catholics to believe in the reality of the powers with which occultists commune. But the Catechism is clear in its teaching that recourse to these types of things are gravely contrary to our faith and are sinful, because they "conceal a desire for power over time, history, ... and other human beings" and a desire to befriend "hidden powers" (CCC 2116). The practice of magic and sorcery is also gravely sinful, especially when used with the intention to harm another person (CCC 2117). If you know someone who has been involved with the occult, please encourage them to stop and to go to confession. It is troubling to see the popularity of "new age" practices among our young people. Ultimately it comes from the deep desire for meaning, and assurance that what we do matters. Our response as Catholics must be a more authentic witness of Christian discipleship and a radiant faith that reveals the truth that St. Augustine expressed 1600 years ago: "For you have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

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.

Lessons and Carols

You are invited to participate as we gather together as one community on Sunday, December 15th. Please join us as a participant as we "Rejoice in the Lord" in an afternoon of prayer and song. Please see Michele if you are interested in singing, for details and rehearsal times. If you can not participate, we invite you join our community in prayer and beautiful music by attending as we prepare for the birth of our Lord. Contact: micheleschule@gmail.com

The Catholic Academy of Stamford is running a Fall Cash Calendar Raffle! Each \$10 ticket gives you 15 chances to win. Prizes range from \$15-\$500! The drawings start December 2 and continue Monday - Friday thru December 20, and you don't have to be present to win! Please support the school and help the school reach their goal of selling all 5000 tickets! Tickets will be sold after Mass this weekend.



Upcoming meeting dates and locations are:

High School: 11/15 - 7-9:00pm at St. Gabriel Church;
Middle School: 11/22 - 7-8:30PM at St. Gabriel Church;

All 6th - 12th grade youth from any parish are welcome to join us – just show up! Scheduled meeting dates can be found at <http://stcecilia-stgabriel.org>. 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.

BLACK FRIDAY TRIP TO THE CLOISTERS

Save the Date: On 11/29, the Middle School and High School Youth Group will be taking a trip to the Cloisters (tentative based upon interest). Watch your email and text messages for more info from Father Joseph in the weeks ahead.

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.



Support Troop 9 Stamford Boy Scouts of America

The Scouts will be selling wreaths after all masses at St. Cecilia and St. Gabriel the weekend of Nov. 30 / Dec. 1. The 25 inch wreaths are fresh balsam, decorated with a red bow, pine cones and berries. Each wreath is \$25.

Please continue to support Troop 9's 96 years of service to the community. If you miss us on that weekend please contact Alison Pellicci at alisonjpelllicci@gmail.com to place an order.

The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, November 11th - Veteran's Day



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

No Class on Sunday November 10th.

All other classes are 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).*

St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Parish Coffee Hour

Please join us for coffee and some treats on
November 10th after the 9AM Mass
at St. Gabriel in the Church Hall. All are welcome!



Thanksgiving Food Drive November 2 - 17

As we approach Thanksgiving, please help us collect food to support local food pantries and charitable organizations. The following items are especially needed:



Cereal, Canned Yams or Potatoes, Packaged Pasta, Corn bread or Muffin Mix, Spaghetti Sauce, Cranberry Sauce, Bags of Rice, Stuffing Mix, Bags of Beans, Gravy Mix, Instant Ramen Noodles, Canned Vegetables (corn, carrots, peas, green beans), Macaroni & Cheese, Pancake Mix, Canned Soups (Chicken – Low Sodium), Canned Tuna or Chicken, Shelf Stable Milk.

Please drop off these items in one of the following locations:

- St. Cecilia Church Hall
- St. Gabriel Corridor

*Items may be dropped off on Saturdays and Sundays ONLY.
Please do not bring items to the parish office.*

Food donations will be delivered to local organizations on Sunday, 11/17.

Advent Wreath Making

Join us on Saturday, November 23rd beginning at 11:00 am in McDermott Hall to make Advent Wreaths. We will supply you with the greens, the candle ring, candles and prayers to use through the season. Please bring your family and create your wreath. Order forms are available at the doors of the church and orders will be accepted next weekend. Cost is \$15 per wreath. Thanks to the generosity of Stamford Florist for providing the greens.



St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel Offering

Week of November 3, 2019

Weekly: \$10,690 Monthly: \$7,488

All Saints Day: \$1,217 All Souls Day: \$1,210

Annual October Collection: \$200

Weekly On-line Giving total : \$3,630

Thank you for your generosity!



Please consider On-line Giving

Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. You can choose to do a One Time Gift, or you can set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It's easy and it's convenient!

Register at www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/

ALSO...everyone should be receiving offertory envelopes unless you have asked not to. If you give online and you want to drop an envelope in the basket weekly you may check off the box that says "I've given online". You may also use the envelopes for the extra collections that come up throughout the year. *If you do NOT want envelopes—please send us an email at office@stcecilia-stgabriel.org*

Books, CDs, Booklets, Pamphlets

The kiosk in the vestibule of St. Cecilia Church offers an inspirational opportunity from the Augustine Institute for parishioners, visitors and friends. These CDs, books and booklets include explanations of our Catholic Faith, accounts of God's incredible mercy and practical information for living our faith. Take a few minutes either before Mass or after to browse through the available selections. New titles arrive often. Visit the kiosk – you'll be glad you did!

Meetings/Activities Schedule

Mon.	11/11	7pm Lectio Divina - Parish Center Conf. Rm.
Mon	11/11	7:30pm Knights of Columbus 5833 - MH
Tues	11/12	1-4pm Senior Circle - St. Gabriel Church Hall
Tues.	11/12	1-3pm Veteran's Project - Parish Center Sun Rm.
Tues.	11/12	7:30pm - AA - St. Gabriel Hall
Wed.	11/13	7:30– 9 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Confession - St. Cecilia Church
Wed.	11/13	10am Handcraft Group - Parish Center Sun Rm.
Thurs.	11/14	7pm AA - MH
Thurs.	11/14	7:15 pm Bible Study - St. Gabriel Church Hall
Fri.	11/15	9:15 am Bible Study - St. Gabriel Church Hall
Sat.	11/16	7:15am Men's Breakfast - Parish Center
Sat.	11/16	7am Men's Roundtable - St. Gabriel Hall

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
*The parish RCIA program will soon be starting.
 Please contact the parish office to get more information.*

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 the next training session.

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: 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 Ehrling, Mary Brundage, Matt Marshall, William Perkins, Tricia Saxe Cocomo, Steven Deccicco, 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, Caroline Andreana, Joe Butler, Lori Ciccarelli, Mark Mullen, Marjorie Crotty, Joe Butler 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

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.