

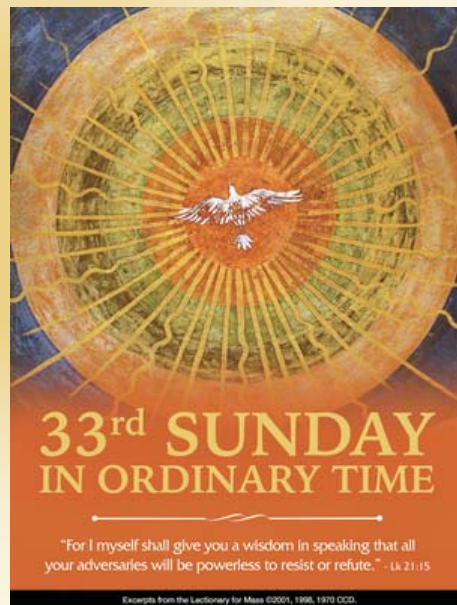
# THE PARISH OF ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**Saint Cecilia**                      **Saint Gabriel**  
1184 Newfield Ave.                      914 Newfield Ave.  
Stamford, CT 06905

*November 17, 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**      **November 16, 2019**  
 4 PM              Dominick DiPreta  
                          (Patricia Saxe)

**SUNDAY**        **November 17, 2019**  
 9 AM              Christian Bill  
                          (Joan & John Hagan)

**SATURDAY**      **November 23, 2019**  
 4 PM              Rev. Joseph Amato  
                          (Patricia Saxe)

**SUNDAY**        **November 24, 2019**  
 9 AM              Lawrence & Mary Serino,  
                          Son Joseph, Son-in-law George Moccia  
                          (Russ & Lois Serino)

*SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS*

**SATURDAY**      **November 16, 2019**  
 5:30 PM          Geronima Villanueva  
                          (Blanca Dragonetti)

**SUNDAY**        **November 17, 2019**  
 7:30 AM          Deceased Members of O'Reilly &  
                          Walker Families  
                          (Walker Family)

9 AM              Luigi Cardillo  
                          (DeSantis Family)

11:15 AM        Rose & Michael Buzzeo  
                          (Family)

**MONDAY**        **November 18, 2019**  
*Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul,  
 St Rose Philippine Duchesne*

7:30 AM          Constanca Santiago  
                          (Tessie Senerador)

**TUESDAY**      **November 19, 2019**  
 7:30 AM          Mainolfi Nicola  
                          (Giovanni & Carmelina Ferraro)

**WEDNESDAY**   **November 20, 2019**  
 7:30 AM          Lucy & Giulio Ricciardi  
                          (Rosemarie Ricciardi)

**THURSDAY**     **November 21, 2019**  
*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:30 AM          Vito Calo  
                          (The DeVito Family)

**FRIDAY**        **November 22, 2019**  
*Saint Cecilia*  
 7:30 AM          For the Parish

**SATURDAY**      **November 23, 2019**  
 5:30 PM          Casey Lynn Carpenter  
                          (Joe & Tina Bartels)

**SUNDAY**        **November 24, 2019**  
 7:30 AM          For the Parish

9 AM              Angie Calka  
                          (Bertha Barosky)

11:15 AM        Rita Caveney  
                          (Frank Caveney)

**Lights**

With the return to Standard Time a few weeks ago the evenings already have become noticeably darker. Several parishioners mentioned to me how dark it was around the church of St. Cecilia, especially after the 5:30 Saturday vigil Mass and Wednesday night Adoration/Confessions. It turns out that many of the exterior lights around the church were not functioning, which raised both safety and security concerns. In order to address this problem, we had an electrician come to the campus to find out why the lights were not going on. Some simply needed to have their bulbs replaced. Others required more extensive work, as the electrician had to take time to investigate where the wiring and switches were for certain fixtures. After clearly marking and labelling the circuits and switches, he installed LED



lights where possible in order to improve brightness and efficiency. These lights should function well for many years without needing to be replaced. Antique fixtures were put on timers and light sensors were installed on the modern fixtures so that they will go on automatically at dusk. The updates have made a dramatic difference, as the before-and-after photos demonstrate.

drive with care through the parking lot for the sake of the safety of those entering and leaving the church. Better to leave the house a few minutes earlier to avoid feeling pressure to rush to get to Mass on time!



But in these dark days of fall, I kindly ask that parishioners

In other news, I have decided to reactivate the email "hotline" which parishioners can use to provide feedback and ask questions. During the merger process this spring the hotline helped me a great deal to become aware of your thoughts. It also helped me to dispel misconceptions about the merger process and plans. If we end up getting a lot of recurring comments and questions, I'll likely use this forum to address them. My hope is that it will be a way to provide you with accurate information about what's going on in the parish and to avoid any unfortunate misunderstandings. Many thanks to Madeleine Terenzio for monitoring the hotline. Email: [Madeleinetenzio@gmail.com](mailto:Madeleinetenzio@gmail.com) For those who do not use email, regular old letters, postcards, and telegrams are also welcome!

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

Join us on December 15th at 3pm in St. Cecilia Church. Rejoice in the Lord in an afternoon of prayer and song. We will be accepting participants until Sunday Nov. 17th. We look forward to this prayerful time together as we share the voices and talents of many. Forms can be found at the exits of the church and are to be filled out and returned to Michele or the Parish Office. Contact: [micheleschule@gmail.com](mailto:micheleschule@gmail.com)



### STAMFORD CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming meeting dates and locations are:

**Middle School: 11/22 - 7-8:30PM at St. Gabriel Church;**

**High School: 12/13 - 7-9:00pm at St. Bridget 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](mailto:frjosephgill@gmail.com), (203) 324-1553, Gina Denner (203) 968-6388 (Middle School), or Diane McNamara (203) 329-0866 (High School) for more info.

### FEARLESS! RETREAT

Attention - All teens in grades 8 -12! Find out all you need to know about your Catholic faith in a practical language that you can understand, while discovering the great love that God has for you, and be set on fire for Christ in the Eucharist! Fearless Ministries, the same leadership that brings us Camp Veritas, is holding a FEARLESS! Retreat on December 6-8, at Kennedy Catholic High School, Somers, NY. Father Joseph Gill will be in attendance at the retreat! Activities include basketball, laser tag, ultimate frisbee, soccer, Mass, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, and talks and testimonies by Franciscan Friars, Sisters of the Renewal, and other clergy and religious. For more information, or to register, go to [www.fearlessretreats.com](http://www.fearlessretreats.com). Registration deadline is November 29.



### 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal Update

**Saint Gabriel, Stamford raised 165 gifts worth \$52,617 from 154 donors bringing the parish to 92.31% of its \$57,000 goal.**

**Saint Cecilia, Stamford raised 236 gifts worth \$85,025 from 198 donors bringing the parish to 80.98% of its \$105,000 goal.**



### 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 [alisonjpellicci@gmail.com](mailto:alisonjpellicci@gmail.com) to place an order.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

**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](mailto:DRE@stcecilia-stgabriel.org) or 203-329-2707

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

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

*Food donations will be sorted and delivered to local organizations this weekend!*



*Thank you for your generosity.*

*Please continue to support our Weekly S.O.M.E Food collection.*



### Advent Wreath Making

Make your Advent Wreath on Saturday, Nov.23rd. It's not too late to register! If you didn't turn in an order form, but wish to participate, contact Lynn Rule at 203-253-5913 or by email

[Lynn.rule15@aol.com](mailto:Lynn.rule15@aol.com) Deadline for registration is Nov.17th in order to ensure we have enough supplies.

### St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Parish will be participating in an Adopt-A-Family Christmas Gift Drive

Interested St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel families will be assigned an indigent family for which you would purchase and wrap a gift for each family member.

If you are interested in participating in the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Gift Drive please contact Anthony Pramberger ([apram@optonline.net](mailto:apram@optonline.net) or 203-968-1481) by Friday, November 22. Please be prepared to provide your name and contact information (telephone number and email address). We will then provide you via email with information on your adopted family to begin your shopping.

The wrapped gifts would be placed in large black trash bags, and returned to the St. Cecilia Church Hall or the St. Gabriel Corridor by Saturday, December 14. Please do not bring gifts to the Parish office.

**MORE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK!**



Our next "Two Thousand Hail Marys" will be on Saturday, December 7th in the St. Philip Neri Chapel at St. Gabriel 6AM 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 November 10, 2019

Weekly: \$9,048.

National Collection / Archdiocese  
for the Military Services, USA: \$1,857.

On-line Giving total : \$ 2,753.



Please consider On-line Giving  
Register at [www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/)

*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!*

Every family 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](mailto: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.	11/18	7pm Lectio Divina - Parish Center Conf. Rm.
Tues	11/19	12-3pm Senior Circle - St. Gabriel Church Hall
Tues.	11/19	1-3pm Veteran's Project - Parish Center Sun Rm.
Tues.	11/19	7:30pm - AA - St. Gabriel Hall
Wed.	11/20	7:30- 9pm Eucharistic Adoration & Confession - St. Cecilia Church
Wed.	11/20	10am Handcraft Group - Parish Center Sun Rm.
Thurs.	11/21	7pm AA - MH
Thurs.	11/21	7:15 pm Bible Study - St. Gabriel Church Hall
Fri.	11/22	9:15 am Bible Study - St. Gabriel Church Hall
Sat.	11/23	7:15am Men's Breakfast - Parish Center
Sat.	11/23	7am Men's Roundtable - St. Gabriel Hall
Sat.	11/23	11am-1pm Advent Wreath Making - MH

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



The sick and their caregivers. 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, 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 Ciccarella, 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, especially Mary Somers.

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)

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.