

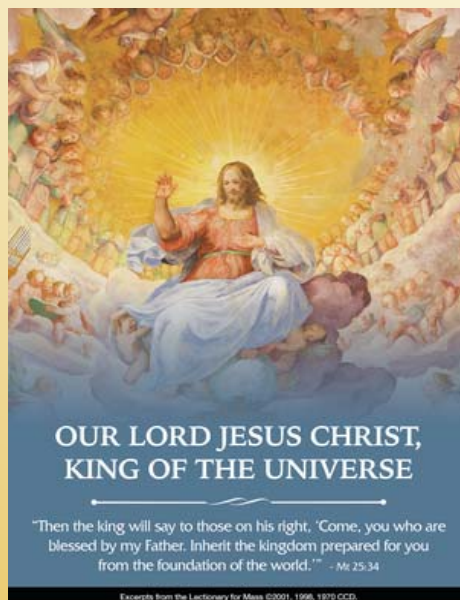
THE PARISH OF ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Saint Cecilia **Saint Gabriel**
1184 Newfield Ave. 914 Newfield Ave.
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November 24, 2019

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Parish Website <http://stcecilia-stgabriel.org>

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 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)

SATURDAY **November 30, 2019**
 4 PM Kerry Gotshall
 (Alice Ryan)

SUNDAY **December 1, 2019**
 9 AM Luigi Cardillo
 (His Wife & Children)

SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

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)

MONDAY **November 25, 2019**
 St. Catherine of Alexandria
 7:30 AM Michael DeLuca
 (Theresa Broughton & Mario Coppola)

TUESDAY **November 26, 2019**
 7:30 AM Dana Glander
 (Her Family)

WEDNESDAY **November 27, 2019**
 7:30 AM Jerry Lanzitti
 (The Colarusso Family)

THURSDAY **November 28, 2019**
 Thanksgiving Day
 7:30 AM For the Parish

FRIDAY **November 29, 2019**
 7:30 AM Thomas Harahan
 (John Harahan)

SATURDAY **November 30, 2019**
 5:30 PM Cathy O'Brien
 (Terry & Tom McKiernan)

SUNDAY **December 1, 2019**
 7:30 AM Danielle Leyva
 (J.R. & Janet McMullen)
 9 AM Maria, Aurea, & Alice
 (Jane & Heinz Hubli)
 11:15 AM John Quinn
 (Chris Quinn & Family)



**Week of November 23, 2019
Saint Gabriel Church
Vigil Lamp for Our Lady shines for
Mary Verrastro by Tom & Ann**



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 Cocco, Steven Deccicco, Richard Ngyesi, 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 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.



**The Parish Offices will be closed on
Thursday November 28th and
Friday November 29th**



**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 to place an order.

***Interested in Becoming Catholic?
The parish RCIA program will soon be starting.
Please contact the parish office for
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 (boys and girls, grades 4-7), who is interested in learning how to serve at Mass, please contact the parish office .

Phone: 203-322-1562

Email: office@stcecilia-stgabriel.org

Eucharistic 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.



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.

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



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, Dec. 15th.

Please join us as a participant as we "Rejoice in the Lord" in an afternoon of prayer and song. If you are interested in singing, please see Michele for details and rehearsal times. Contact: micheleschule@gmail.com.

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.



Please plan on joining us for hot chocolate and Christmas treats following Lessons and Carols, in McDermott Hall.

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. 11/25 7pm Lectio Divina - Parish Center Conf. Rm.
- Mon. 11/25 7:30pm Knights of Columbus 5833 - MH
- Tues. 11/26 12-3pm Senior Circle - St. Gabriel Church Hall
- Tues. 11/26 1-3pm Veteran's Project - Parish Center Sun Rm.
- Tues. 11/26 7:30pm - AA - St. Gabriel Hall
- Wed. 11/27 7:30-9pm Eucharistic Adoration & Confession - St. Cecilia Church
- Wed. 11/27 10am Handcraft Group - Parish Center Sun Rm.
- Thurs. 11/28 7pm AA - MH
- Sat. 11/29 7:15am Men's Breakfast - Parish Center
- Sat. 11/30 7am Men's Roundtable - St. Gabriel Hall

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

Classes as usual Sun. Nov. 24th and Tues. Nov. 26th.

No Classes Sun. Dec. 1st or Tues. Dec. 3rd.

Grades 1 – 8 and Confirmation - 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

St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel Offering

Due to early bulletin deadlines our offertory totals will not be posted until next week.

Please consider On-line Giving

Register at 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



2019 Annual Catholic Appeal Update
Saint Gabriel, Stamford raised 166 gifts worth \$54,617 from 154 donors bringing the parish to 95.82% of its \$57,000 goal.

Saint Cecilia, Stamford raised 239 gifts worth \$85,275 from 200 donors bringing the parish to 81.21% of its \$105,000 goal.

We're getting closer to our goals!

Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,

by the power of God,

cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Our next "Two Thousand Hail Marys" will be on Saturday, December 7th 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

STAMFORD CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP



Upcoming meeting dates and locations are:

Middle/High School:12/6 to 12/8 – Fearless Retreat – See below for details;

High School:12/13 – 7 to 9:00pm **at St. Bridget** Church;

Middle/High School:12/20 – Christmas Caroling (details to come);

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.

FEARLESS! RETREAT

The youth group is going on retreat! All kids in grades 8-12 are invited to attend the **Fearless! Retreat**, a weekend retreat taking place in Somers, NY on December 6-8. Run by the same people as Camp Veritas, this retreat features dynamic talks, great music, powerful Adoration, games and hang-out time. To register or for more information, go to www.fearlessretreats.com. It's a great way to get a jolt of grace to renew your friendship with Christ mid-way through the school year! Father Joseph Gill will be attending and hopes to see your son or daughter there. But if you plan to come, you better hurry ... Registration deadline is November 29!

The Columbiette's #5833 will be hosting an outreach basket in St Cecilia's foyer through 2020. They will be collecting NEW and UN-USED personal care products and other items mentioned below. All items will be given to local needy charities. Please consider participating in their comforting care efforts. Items include: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hair brush, socks (children & adult), diapers, wipes, playing cards, small board games. Thank you.



Questions? Contact Nancy (203)561-6222

St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Parish Coffee Hour

Please join us for coffee and some treats on **December 8th after the 9AM Mass at St. Gabriel in the Church Hall.**

All are welcome!



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

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.

Join the Veterans Project!

Help make a lap robe for a wheelchair Vet. Tuesday's 1 - 3 pm in the **Parish Center Sun Room.**

Contact Helen D'Elia 203-322-0615.

All are welcome.

We meet on Tuesday's

12-3 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

Parish Senior Circle

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.



Email "hotline" for parishioners to provide feedback and ask questions:
Madeleineterenzio@gmail.com

In the Spirit of Giving

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 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, Dec. 14th. Please do not bring gifts to the Parish office.

**Christmas Presents for the
Lower Fairfield Regional Center**

We are collecting gifts for the residents of Lower Fairfield Regional Center. Index cards with names and gift requests are available on the table in the vestibule at St. Gabriel Church.

Kindly return the gift, *wrapped (with the index card on it) no later than Sunday December 15th.*

Thank you for your continued generosity to the residents of Lower Fairfield Regional Center. Your generosity is making a difference in the quality of their lives. May God bless you during this holiday season and always. Any questions please contact Cathy at 203-569-7998.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Please leave your donations in the boxes in the vestibule at both St. Cecilia and St. Gabriel Churches by Sunday, **December 15th.**

New, Unwrapped Gifts for children (ages 3-Teens).

Thank you!

Any questions please contact Madeleine at 203-962-4373

Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program 2019

This is an initiative coordinated by a group of laity to provide seminarians with a Christmas card containing a gift card along with words of encouragement. There are 24 dedicated men discerning a call to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Bridgeport. Your prayers and generosity will support them and help them cover their incidental expenses while they tend to their formation.

At each of our churches you will find envelopes, each one will contain a seminarians name.

Please select an envelope and follow the gift instructions inside. Envelopes should be returned to the parish by **Sunday, December 8th.** The envelopes will be presented to the seminarians by the Director of Seminarians, Rev. Paul Check at their annual Advent/Christmas Mass and Brunch gathering, where the

Most Reverend Bishop Frank J. Caggiano will be in attendance to celebrate Mass and visit with all the seminarians and their families. Thank you for your participation and generosity.

Any questions please contact the parish office 203-322-1562.