

THE PARISH OF ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Saint Cecilia **Saint Gabriel**
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November 3, 2019

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Seminarian Anh Vu



Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." - Lk 19:8

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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 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)

SATURDAY November 9, 2019
 4 PM Dominick Stramandinoli
 (The Sheehan Family)

SUNDAY November 10, 2019
 9 AM Matt Regan
 (Norrie & Family)

SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

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)

MONDAY November 4, 2019 St. Charles Barromeo
 7:30 AM Philip McGovern
 (Angela Martin)

TUESDAY November 5, 2019
 7:30 AM Marie Ostaszewski
 (Family)

WEDNESDAY November 6, 2019
 7:30 AM Anna Maria & Rocco Totino
 (Rosemarie Ricciardi)

THURSDAY November 7, 2019
 7:30 AM Robert DeMaria
 (Maddalena DeMaria)

FRIDAY November 8, 2019
 7:30 AM For the Parish

SATURDAY November 9, 2019
 5:30 PM Jack Sheehan
 (Marykate Sheehan)

SUNDAY November 10, 2019
 7:30 AM For the Parish
 9 AM Peter Foley
 (Kathy & Tom Tubridy)
 11:15 AM Daniel Landry
 (Kristen & Colin Browne)

St. Augustine Medal

The Cathedral of St. Augustine was filled to overflowing last Saturday as Bishop Frank Caggiano conferred the St. Augustine Medal of Service on 156 men and women from the parishes and schools of the Diocese of Bridgeport. Among the recipients were two members of the Parish of St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel – Vicki Alton and Keri LaRa. Vicki has been very involved in the parish adult catechesis program over the years and is responsible for organizing the popular Bible study that takes place every Thursday night and Friday morning in the hall at St. Gabriel Church. Keri was recommended for the service award by the Catholic Academy of Stamford, where she has been a devoted volunteer. Their selfless dedication to the parish and the school made them worthy recipients of this year's award. If you see them, please congratulate and thank them for all that they do to build up this community of faith.

In his homily during the ceremony, Bishop Caggiano described the current challenges we face as Catholics. Increasingly, we find ourselves living in a "divided, cold, and hard world [where] many are tempted to close their hearts to others." It is hard to argue with his assessment. And I would contend that the grave troubles we have had in the Church in recent years have contributed greatly to the acceleration of that trend. In St. Matthew's account of the Sermon on the Mount, Our Lord said to His disciples: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot." (Mt 5:13) Scandals in the Church and the lack of confidence we demonstrate in the power of the gospel have taken a terrible toll. They have given the lukewarm an excuse to walk away. Worse, they have caused many among the faithful to question the truth of what we profess as Catholics. Those who have grown tired and disillusioned with the promises of the world are wary of joining a Church that doesn't seem to know what it believes and can't seem to provide shelter from the tempests of contemporary life.

The Bishop said that we must not be afraid to surrender our hearts to the Lord Jesus, placing our broken hearts into the Sacred Heart of Jesus that the Prophet Isaiah foretold would be "pierced for our transgressions" (Is 53:5). From the pierced Heart of Jesus, that is aflame with divine love, flows forth grace and mercy upon the world. Those who experience the love of Christ are moved to share that love with those they meet. The Bishop told the recipients of the St. Augustine Medal last Saturday that the award "represents your choice to serve, to be a conduit of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to others." This is where renewal will take place, when those who have been salted with the savor of Christ offer themselves as portals of grace to those who find themselves lost. We are blessed with great and committed volunteers in our parish. Their generosity helps people to resist the temptation to close themselves off to others. Their goodness helps them to open wide the doors of their hearts to the love of Christ.

In Christ,
 Fr. John



Music Notes Attention Singers!

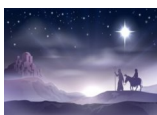
The music ministry is seeking new members to join in enhancing the music liturgy during the liturgical year and Christmas. We are in need of voices and musicians to join our choirs. Please see Michele, another choir member or call the rectory at 203-322-1562.

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



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! 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. Watch your email and text messages for more info from Father Joseph in the weeks ahead.



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.

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.

Week of November 2, 2019

The St. Gabriel Church

Blessed Mother Candle for Mary Giancarli

by Diane Chartier

Sanctuary Candle for Enrico Vero Giancarli

by Diane Chartier

Sanctuary Candle for Charlie Schenarts

by Betty & Family



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

No Class on Tuesday November 5th Election Day, and No Class on Sunday November 11th Veterans' Day.

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.

The Columbiettes are holding their next monthly meeting,
Monday, Nov. 4th at St. Cecilia's McDermott Hall.

Maureen Neuberger, Director of Nutritional Services at Catholic Charities will speak before the meeting at 6:45. Interested in doing good works in your local community? Please join us. All Catholic women 18 years and older are welcome.
For more information please contact Nancy at (203)561-6222.

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 week-end. Cost is \$15 per wreath. Thanks to the generosity of Stamford Florist for providing the greens.



St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel Offering

Week of October 27th

Weekly: \$9,229

Total for our Annual October Collection: \$ 1,390

On-line Giving total: \$ 2,330

Please consider On-line Giving

Register at www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/

Reminder ... If you were registered with St. Gabriel Online giving - please suspend your giving, deactivate your account and re-enroll in the new combined Parish account . 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, contact the parish office or contact the very helpful Our Sunday Visitor tech support at 800-348-2886 option 2.

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.	11/4	7pm	Lectio Divina - Parish Center Conf. Rm
Mon	11/4	6:30pm	Columbiettes - MH
Tues	11/5	1-4pm	Senior Circle - St. Gabriel Church Hall
Tues.	11/5	1-3pm	Veteran's Project - Parish Center Sun Rm.
Tues.	11/5	7:30pm	- AA - St. Gabriel Hall
Wed.	11/6	7:30- 9 pm	Eucharistic Adoration & Confession - St. Cecilia Church
Wed.	11/6	10am	Handcraft Group - Parish Center Sun Room
Thurs.	11/7	7pm	AA - MH
Thurs.	11/7	7:15 pm	Bible Study - St. Gabriel Church Hall
Fri.	11/8	9:15 am	Bible Study - St. Gabriel Church Hall
Sat.	11/9	7:15am	Men's Breakfast - Parish Center
Sat.	11/9	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: 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 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, 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.