

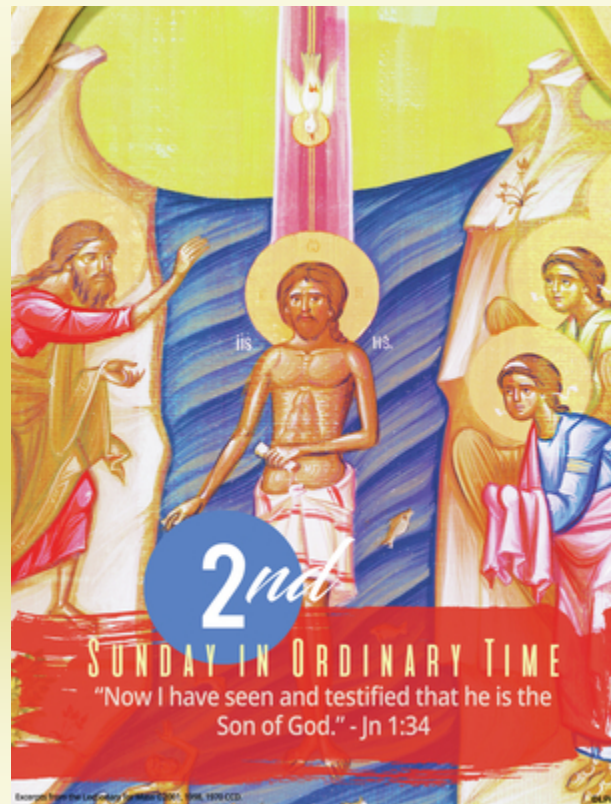
THE PARISH OF ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Saint Cecilia **Saint Gabriel**
1184 Newfield Ave. 914 Newfield Ave.
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January 19, 2020

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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 7:30am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

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

CONFESSIONS at St. Gabriel
Saturday 3 P.M. to 3:50 P.M.

Saturday Vigil Masses

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.

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

SAINT GABRIEL CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY January 18, 2020
4 PM O'Connor Family
(Cathy Sheehan)

SUNDAY January 19, 2020
9 AM Rolando Romero
(Lynn Cruz)

SATURDAY January 25, 2020
4 PM The Sheehan Family
(Cathy Sheehan)

SUNDAY January 26, 2020
9 AM Kim McKeever
(Peter & Diane Handley)

SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY January 18, 2020
5:30 PM Alfred DeCarlo Jr.
(Mary DeCarlo)

SUNDAY January 19, 2019
7:30 AM Carmel Naughton
(Felicia Miller)
9 AM Sandra Lowe
(Gina & Charlie Denner)
11:15 AM Bobby Santarsiero
(Jeane Silio)

MONDAY January 20, 2020
St. Fabian & St. Sebastian
7:30 AM Bill Mandi
(Kitty Mandi)

TUESDAY January 21, 2020 St. Agnes
7:30 AM Francesca Arecco
(Joe Skelly)

WEDNESDAY January 22, 2020
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
7:30 AM Henry Correa
(Family)

THURSDAY January 23, 2020 St. Marianne Cope
7:30 AM Mel Riley
(Marybeth Riley)

FRIDAY January 24, 2020 St. Francis de Sales
7:30 AM For the Parish

SATURDAY January 25, 2020
5:30 PM Rita Caveney
(Frank Caveney)

SUNDAY January 26, 2019
7:30 AM For the Deceased Members of the Parish
9 AM Catherine Garcia
(Deirdre Breen)
11:15 AM Ruth Maria Tartell
(Ada & Wayne Parker)

Cardinal O'Connor

When I was a freshman in high school my grandmother passed. She had been living in Monroe, CT for several years, but because she had lived most of her life in Staten Island the funeral was held there. I remember being at her wake and there was suddenly a buzz in the room. I turned to see what was happening and noticed that John Cardinal O'Connor had just arrived accompanied by several priests from the Archdiocese of New York. He was there to pay his respects to the mother of one of his priests, my uncle, who had worked closely with him on various archdiocesan initiatives. The Cardinal himself died in 2000, but would have turned 100 this past January 15.

Cardinal O'Connor was a very strong supporter of the Pro-Life movement, which made him a hero in my family as my aunt and uncle were among the organizers of the first March for Life in Washington, DC in 1974. The Cardinal was an outspoken advocate for the poor, the elderly, and the sick because of his deeply held belief in the sacredness of human life. O'Connor fearlessly presented the Church's teaching on sexual morality, which made him very unpopular among many of the people who lived in the Archdiocese of New York. But as a pastor he grounded his teaching in his recognition that every human person is made in the image of God and loved by Christ, which moved him to spend many evenings tending to those who were dying of AIDS in the hospitals of the City.

Cardinal O'Connor was not an ideologue but a man who recognized the real human suffering caused by life in a fallen world. One of my favorite quotes of his is from a homily he gave about Dorothy Day, where he said: "Before knowing of Dorothy Day I worried about poverty; since then, I worry about poor people. Homelessness doesn't bother me anymore, or hunger.... [but] homeless and hungry people worry the life out of me." It was this concern for people rather than ideological positions that moved him to establish a community of women religious called the Sisters of Life. Along with the traditional promises of poverty, chastity and obedience, they take a fourth vow to "protect and enhance the sacredness of human life." The sisters live out this promise by providing support to women who find themselves in crisis pregnancies. They also serve women who have experienced abortion to know that they are loved by God, who wants to heal their hearts with His mercy. According to the Guttmacher Institute (which was originally founded as part of Planned Parenthood), there have been approximately 50 million abortions since 1973 in the United States alone. Cardinal O'Connor would have noted that this meant 50 million women and 50 million unborn children touched by the terrible evil of abortion. As huge crowds descend on our nation's capital to participate in the March for Life this Friday, let us pray that the humanity of John Cardinal O'Connor, which flowed so naturally from his Catholic faith, might be an example to all of us who desire a culture that recognizes the sanctity of every human life, born and unborn.

In Christ,
Fr. John



Please notice our Beautiful Votive Candle Stands at the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues in St. Cecilia Church.

The stands are gifts from generous benefactors. We would like to add another stand soon. Please visit Mary and Joseph to say a prayer and light a candle.



The sick and their caregivers. Michael Pratt, 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, Bill Ritchie, Bonnie Sigfried, Thomas Sparan, Dominic Totino, Alex Trebek, George Wetzler, Christopher Hoepfner, Caroline Andreana, Lori Ciccarella, Mark Mullen, Joe Butler, Kim Puglia, George Uzwiak, Fritz Hirsch, Alice Carella, Kimberley Pracilio.....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.

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.



Week of January 18, 2020

St. Cecilia Church Tabernacle Lamp shines for Bill Mandi from Kitty Mandi



Our next "Two Thousand Hail Marys" will be on Saturday, February 1, 2020 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

Knights of Columbus Council #5833 is sponsoring our annual Basketball Free Throw Championship.



All boys and girls, ages 9-14 (as of January 1, 2020), are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age division.

Date: Saturday, January 25, 2020
Time: 3:00 pm (Registration begins at 2:30 pm)
Location: Trinity Catholic High School Gym
 926 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT 06905
Registration: KofC5833@gmail.com

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact us at KofC5833@gmail.com.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. Last year, approximately 120,000 children participated in more than 3,600 local competitions.



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If you would like to advertise in the weekly bulletin, please contact lpi at 1-800-477-4574



Music Notes Attention Singers!
Please see our Music Director Michele,
email micheleschule@gmail.com,
contact a choir member or call the rectory
at 203-322-1562 if you would like to join the choir.
*When you sing, you pray twice.
We would love to have you!*

*There will be no Tuesday evening rehearsals the month of
January but will continue Sunday mornings at 10:30
before the 11:15 Mass.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

No Classes January 19 or 21. Classes resume Jan. 26 & 27
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

**Thank you to everyone who helped take down the
Christmas decorations at both St. Cecilia and
St. Gabriel Church. Your time and energy is greatly
appreciated! We look forward to doing
this for years to come!!**



**Save the Date! Saturday
February 22nd!
St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel
Mardi Gras Celebration!**
Details to follow soon!

*Thank you also....to those who participated in
the seminarian gift card program. We received
several thank you notes and we forwarded as
many as possible. Some listed the names of the
givers some did not. Please know that your gifts
were greatly appreciated by all of the recipients.
Thank you for so generously representing St.
Cecilia - St. Gabriel Parish.*



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. Please use
strong reusable bags if possible and
please NO GLASS jars. Your contribu-
tions will be delivered to the Food
Banks, Wilson Food Pantry, St. Joseph

Parenting Center, St. Mary's Food Pantry, or New Cove-
nant Center every week.
We brought 14 Bags to St. Joseph's Parenting Center last
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 Bob Violette 203-357-
1481 or John Cullen 203-322-1947.

**St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel
Offertory Totals
January 12, 2020
Weekly Offering: \$9,189
Flower Offering: \$965
Online Giving Offering: \$3,155
Thank you for your generosity!**



**Please consider On-line Giving in 2020
Register at www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/
Our Online Giving system provides you the oppor-
tunity 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 Contri-
butions 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!
Please call the parish office or
OSV Online giving 1-800-348-2886
if you have questions or need assistance
in setting up your account.**

Meetings/Activities Schedule

- Mon. 1/20 7pm Lectio Divina - Parish Center Sun Rm
- Tues. 1/21 12-3pm Senior Circle - St. Gabriel Church Hall
- Tues. 1/21 1-3pm Veteran's Project - Parish Center Sun Rm.
- Tues. 1/21 7:30pm - AA - St. Gabriel Hall
- Tues. 1/21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus #1974 - 4th degree assembly - MH
- Wed. 1/22 7:30-9pm Eucharistic Adoration & Confession St. Cecilia Church
- Wed. 1/22 10am Handcraft Group - Parish Center Sun Rm.
- Thurs. 1/23 7pm AA - MH
- Thurs. 1/23 7:15pm Bible Study - St. Gabriel Hall
- Fri. 1/24 9:15am Bible Study - St. Gabriel Hall
- Sat. 1/25 6:45am Saturday Morning Faith Gathering for Men - St. Gabriel Hall



STAMFORD CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming meeting dates and locations are:

High School: 1/24/20 – 7 to 9:00pm at St.

Bridget Church Middle School: 1/31/20

– 7 to 8:30pm at St. Gabriel Church;

All 6th - 12th grade youth from any parish are welcome to join us – just show up! Flyers with meeting/special event dates thru June, 2020 can be found at the entrances to St. Cecilia and St. Gabriel Churches, and posted at <http://stcecilia-stgabriel.org>. Contact Fr. Joseph Gill at frjoseph-gill@gmail.com, (203) 324-1553, Gina Denner (203) 968-6388 (Middle School), or Diane McNamara (203) 329-0866 (High School) for more info.



BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION” RSVPs DUE 1/18/20

By now, all parents with children baptized in 2019, or with baptism anniversaries from 2014 and 2015, should have received an invitation to our St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel “Baptism Anniversary Celebration.” RSVPs are due back 1/18/20, but if you still haven’t replied, or if you did not receive your invitation, you can email us at baptismcelebration@gmail.com, or call Gina at (203) 968-6388.

All parishioners are welcome on 2/2/20, as we gather these families at St. Cecilia Church for the 11:15am mass, during which there will be a special blessing of all the children attending. Mass will be followed by a brunch reception in McDermott Hall. Please feel free to join us! Want to help set-up, prepare food or assist at the event? Contact Gina Denner, at ginadenner@optonline.net or call (203) 968-6388.

HANDCRAFT GROUP

Each week we pray for the recipients as we continue our handcrafts, 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.



ALL are welcome. We meet on Tuesdays

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



Join the Veterans Project!
Help make a lap robe for a wheelchair Vet. Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm in the *Parish Center Sun Room*. Contact Helen D’Elia 203-322-0615.

Formation Session presented by the Diocese of Bridgeport / Leadership Institute

Current and Future Catechists & Religious Education Volunteers Formation Session

Wednesday January 22nd at 7pm St. Gabriel Church Hall
Doors open at 6:15pm Presentation begins at 7pm
To Register please go to FormationReimagined.org

Formation Session for Readers, Musicians, & Eucharistic Ministers will be on Saturday January 25th at 10am St. Cecilia - McDermott Hall .

Saturday Morning Faith Gathering for Men

Join us every Saturday morning from 6:45 am to 8:15 am in the **St Gabriel Church Hall** – 6:45 coffee & bagel; 7:00 opening prayer; 7:20 roundtable discussion; 8:10 closing prayer.

The St Cecilia-St Gabriel Men’s Ministry seeks to help men better know Jesus Christ in order to imitate Him. This community of faithful men meets weekly to pray, meditate on sacred scripture and reflect on its application in our lives. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit we seek to be a light that lead our families, our friends and our neighbors to Christ.

Contact Anthony Pramberger 203-968-1481 or **Bill Nagle** 203-570-2593, billnagle@hotmail.com for more information, join our mailing list or just show up.

Camp Veritas 2020 Play Hard. Pray Hard.

It’s time to sign-up for Camp Veritas! Camp Veritas is a week-long Catholic sleep-away camp near Newburgh, NY. Every year, we send dozens of our kids to have the best week of their lives! It has all the great camp activities: sports, swimming, boating, hiking, rock climbing, zip-lines, go-karts, etc., and it also has daily Adoration, Rosary, Mass, dynamic talks, lively praise music. It is a life-changing encounter with God along with being the most fun week of the year! All kids in grades 6-12 are invited. There is a week in July and one in August. You can find out more information at www.campveritas.org. Sign-up today...the weeks fill up fast!

Fr. Joseph Gill will again be attending and is able to offer a \$200 scholarship to kids from the Stamford Catholic Youth Group! That means a week at Camp Veritas will cost only \$200 total - what a deal! In order to be eligible for the scholarship, kids must attend youth group regularly and attend Mass weekly - no exceptions! To obtain the discount, simply register online, pay the \$100 deposit, and then contact Fr. Joseph at frjoseph-gill@gmail.com. To speak with someone directly, call Gina Denner at (203) 968-6388. Volunteers are needed, must be at least 18 years old, and attend for free!

Camp Veritas – The memories will last all year ... but the Relationship? All Eternity.

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St. Cecilia – St. Gabriel Bible Study Ephesians – Discover Your Inheritance

Ephesians was one of the most widely circulated of St. Paul's writings because of its powerful, practical instructions for disciples of Christ. Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance examines several much-discussed themes in today's Christian culture and society. In this 8-session program, presenter Jeff Cavins explores what Paul's letter to the Ephesians tells us about the nature of the Church—as a body, as a household, as a mystery, as a communion, as a bride, and as an army.

Starting Jan. 16, 2020, Thursday night at 7:15 p.m. & repeated on Jan. 17th Friday morning at 9:15 a.m. **Meetings are held in the St. Gabriel Church hall.** New members are always welcome.

To register for Ephesians, please call or email Vicki Alton at c203-561-3558 or VickiA@optonline.net; participant workbook is \$30.00.

Cardinal Kung Academy, a division of Trinity Catholic High School, is a diocesan high school offering a rigorous all-honors program with a classical pedagogy.

Come meet the teachers and experience the difference of a classical high school education at our **OPEN HOUSE** on January 27th, 6:30pm – 8:30 pm at 948 Newfield Avenue, Stamford (in St. Gabriel Church building.)

Now accepting applications for all grades for the 2020-2021 academic year. To schedule a visit or shadow day, contact 203-329-8296,

CardinalKungAcademy@gmail.com or visit
www.cardinalkungacademy.org

Diocese of Bridgeport Bus Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. for the 47th March for Life Friday, January 24, 2020.



This year's theme is: Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman. Buses depart from 3 locations – Bridgeport, Norwalk, and Stamford. Cost is \$75.00 per person (non-refundable). More information available at <https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation>

Schedule

5:00 a.m.	Depart The Cathedral Parish, Bridgeport
5:30 a.m.	Pick up at St. Thomas Apostle, Norwalk
6:00 a.m.	Pick up at Basilica of St. John the Evangelist, Stamford
11:30 a.m.	Arrive at March
4:00 p.m.	Depart for Connecticut

PLEASE NOTE: In the event of snow, unless travel is not recommended, the pilgrimage WILL take place. Tickets are non-refundable. You are welcome to bring your own food and drink on the bus. For more information, email officeoffaithformation@diobpt.org or call (203) 416-1670.

If you are unable to travel to Washington D.C., please join us in prayer the night before on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 6:30pm for the March for Life 2020 Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano at St. Augustine's Cathedral in Bridgeport.

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