

THE PARISH OF ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Saint Cecilia **Saint Gabriel**
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January 26, 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 25, 2020**
 4 PM The Sheehan Family
 (Cathy Sheehan)

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

SATURDAY **February 1, 2020**
8AM **2000 Hail Marys - First Saturday Mass**

4 PM Bridget McGuire
 (Michael Beluk)

SUNDAY **February 2, 2020**
 9 AM Maria & Luigi Longo Sr.
 (Rocco & Carmela Longo)

SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS

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)

MONDAY **January 27, 2020** *St. Angela Merici*
 7:30 AM Jack Carty
 (The Carty and Wilson Families)

TUESDAY **January 28, 2020** *St. Thomas Aquinas*
 7:30 AM David Goyette
 (Kitty Mandi)

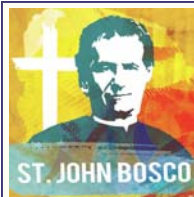
WEDNESDAY **January 29, 2020**
 7:30 AM Geraldine Murphy
 (Cousin)

THURSDAY **January 30, 2020**
 7:30 AM Barbara Simone
 (The Cleary Family)

FRIDAY **January 31, 2020** *St. John Bosco*
 7:30 AM For the Parish
 9:30 AM School Mass

SATURDAY **February 1, 2020**
 5:30 PM Kyle Savard
 (Aileen Masone)

SUNDAY **February 2, 2019**
 7:30 AM Warija Kowalski
 (Frank Caveney)
 9 AM George Cooke
 (Bea & Family)
 11:15 AM Pasquale DeAngelis
 (Marie DeAngelis)



Don Bosco

This Friday is the feast day of St. John Bosco the founder of the Salesian Order. He is often referred to as "Don Bosco," the title "Don" being the way people in Italy addressed priests in his day. He was born in the Piedmont region of northwestern Italy in 1815. This was a time of great social upheaval in Europe. The Industrial Revolution had led to a shift away from an agricultural economy and the Napoleonic Wars had transformed the political landscape. The way of life that people had taken for granted for generations became unsustainable, and people left the countryside in droves and began flocking to cities like Turin to find work. Most of these people lived in slums under terrible conditions. Because of the poverty and the breakdown of family life, many young men found themselves lost. Without adult supervision they were vulnerable to moral corruption and criminal behavior among them became common.

The temptation to condemn these young men was strong among the clergy of Turin, but Don Bosco took a different approach. He befriended them. He taught them trades and provided them with food and places to live. Along with their material needs, Don Bosco provided also for their spiritual and moral needs. He taught them their Catholic faith and reminded them that God loved them and created them with great dignity, which sin and crime offend. He gave them the formation they lacked, and the primary tools he used were the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confession. Don Bosco's ministry was wildly successful in helping these young men discover the joy that comes from a life of virtue, one through which they would build up their communities and help each other become saints.

Don Bosco was famous for his prophetic dreams and visions. The most famous of which was that of a large ship representing the Church that was being tossed about on the sea by waves and enemy attacks. The only thing in the dream that kept the Church from capsizing was that it stayed its course, guided by two pillars that allowed the ship to keep its bearings. On one pillar was a statue of the Blessed Mother with the title "Help of Christians." On the other was a Eucharistic Host with the title "Salvation of the Faithful." The saint explained that the Church will survive an age of confusion through devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady. Much like the world during Don Bosco's lifetime, our age is one of rapid social, political, and economic disruption that has left many people feeling confused and lost. Don Bosco reminds us of the vital role the Church plays in promoting the common good and protecting the most vulnerable. His witness also reminds us of the vital role the saints play in ensuring the Church stays grounded and focused on its mission of participating in the work of the salvation of souls.

In Christ,
 Fr. John



Week of January 25, 2020
 St. Cecilia Church Vigil Lamp for Our Lady, Saint Joseph, and the Tabernacle Candle shine for David Goyette by Kitty Mandi



Please visit 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 Ciccarelli, Mark Mullen, Kim Puglia, George Uzwiak, Fritz Hirsch, Alice Carella, Kimberley Pracilio, Marilyn Ritchie.....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 Nicola Di-Preta and Joseph Butler who recently passed.

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.

Our next "Two Thousand Hail Marys"

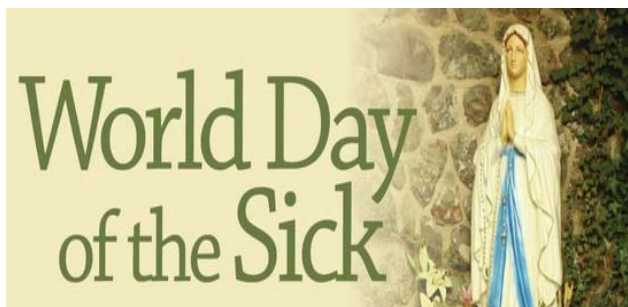


will be on Saturday, February 1, 2020 in the St. Philip Neri Chapel at St. Gabriel 6 AM to 3 PM Mass at 8AM in the Church. Come Pray to the Blessed Mother. Stay for a few minutes, a couple of hours, or for the whole time. Questions? Call Tessie Senerador 203-570-3109

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

All, especially the sick, the handicapped and the frail are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Mass will be celebrated and the Sacrament of the Sick offered. Refreshments will follow.

Saturday, February 8, 2020
Welcome will begin at 1:30 pm
Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm
St. Aloysius Church
21 Cherry Street, New Canaan
Sponsored by the Order of Malta
in CT and Westchester.



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



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

Classes resume Jan. 26th & 28th and continue Feb. 2nd and 4th.

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

Offertory Totals

January 19, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$6,737

Online Giving Offering: \$4,183

We rely upon the generosity of our parishioners to help meet parish operating expenses which actually go up during the winter months because of inclement weather. If you are unable to attend Mass due to the weather and unable to submit your offering,

Online Giving is a great option.

Please consider On-line Giving!



Save the Date! Saturday February 22nd! St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Mardi Gras Celebration!

Details to follow soon!



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 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.

We brought 6 Bags to the Wilson Food Bank 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.



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! 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.

Register at www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/

Meetings/Activities Schedule

Mon.	1/27	7pm	Lectio Divina - Parish Center Conf Rm
Mon.	1/27	7:30pm	Knights of Columbus #5833 MH
Tues.	1/28	12-3pm	Senior Circle - St. Gabriel Church Hall
Tues.	1/28	1-3pm	Veteran's Project - Parish Center Sun Rm.
Tues.	1/28	7:30pm	- AA - St. Gabriel Hall
Wed.	1/29	7:30-9pm	Eucharistic Adoration & Confession St. Cecilia Church
Wed.	1/29	10am	Handcraft Group - Parish Center Sun Rm.
Thurs.	1/30	7pm	AA - MH
Thurs.	1/30	7:15pm	Bible Study - St. Gabriel Hall
Fri.	1/31	9:15am	Bible Study - St. Gabriel Hall
Sat.	2/1	6:45am	Saturday Morning Faith Gathering for Men - St. Gabriel Hall
Sat.	2/1	6am-3pm	2000 Hail Marys St. Philip Neri Chapel at St. Gabriel - 8am Mass - St. Gabriel Church



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Knights of Columbus Council # 5833 will be selling raffle tickets at Saint Gabriel on February 1st & 2nd and at Saint Cecilia on February 8th & 9th. Tickets are \$10 and cash prizes range from \$200 to \$5,000. The Connecticut State Council annual Raffle will take place on Friday, April 17, 2020. Please support your local Council by purchasing a ticket. Good Luck!

Knights of Columbus Connecticut State Council Raffle Prizes:

1st Prize: \$5,000	2nd Prize: \$3,500
3rd Prize: \$2,000	4th Prize: \$1,500
5th Prize: \$1,000	6th Prize: \$600
7th Prize: \$500	8th Prize: \$400
9th Prize: \$300	10th Prize: \$200



STAMFORD CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming meeting dates and locations are:
Middle School: 1/31/20 – 7 to 8:30pm at St. Gabriel Church;
High School: 2/7/20 – 7 to 9:00pm at St. Bridget Church

All 6th - 12th grade youth from any parish are welcome! Meeting/special event dates can be found on flyers at the entrances to St. Cecilia and St. Gabriel Churches, and posted 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.

ALL ARE WELCOME BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

All are welcome to join us at St. Cecilia Church, on Sunday, 2/2, at the 11:15AM mass, when we gather families with children celebrating one year (2019 baptisms) and five year (2014/15 baptisms) baptism anniversaries. A special brunch reception will follow in McDermott Hall below the church. If you are one of these parents and still have not sent in your RSVP, you can email us at:



baptismcelebration@gmail.com,
or call Gina Denner at (203) 968-6388.
Please plan to join us!

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.

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 leads 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.

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 at www.campveritas.org. Register 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 frjosephgill@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.*

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.

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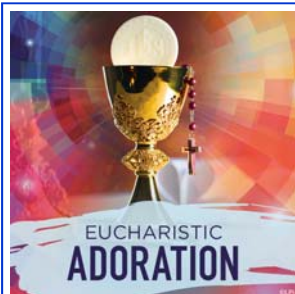
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St. Cecilia – St. Gabriel Bible Study Ephesians – Discover Your Inheritance

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.

Continues on Thursday evenings at 7:15 p.m. & repeated on Friday mornings 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.



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.

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!

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 1/27-1/31/2020 Catholic Academy of Stamford

Take A Look Dates

Lower Campus

Tuesday, 1/28 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Upper Campus

Thursday, 1/30 9:00-11:00 a.m.



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