

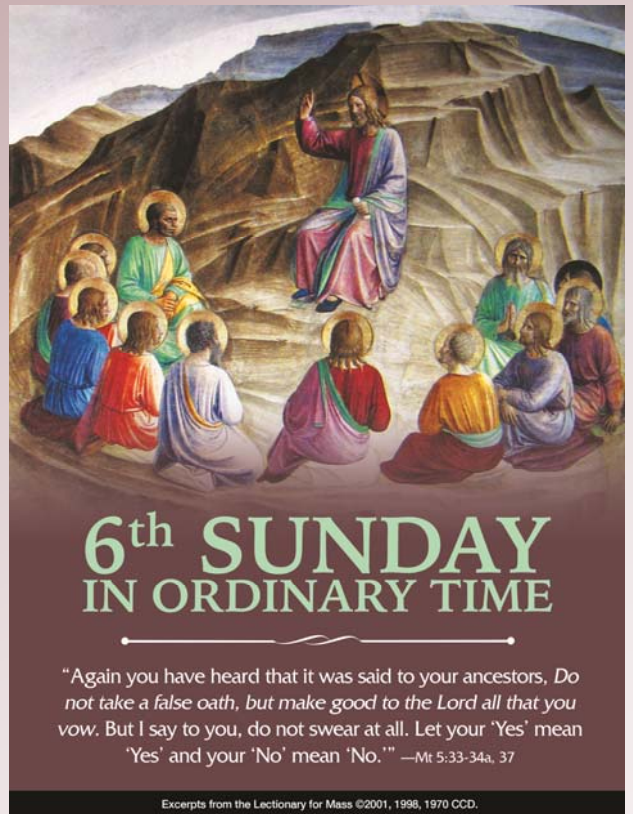
# THE PARISH OF ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL

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

**February 16, 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**      **February 15, 2020**  
 4 PM              Stephanie & Michael Vagnone  
 (Daughter Lorri Tamburro)

**SUNDAY**        **February 16, 2020**  
 9 AM              Maurizio Imbrogno & Family  
 (Rocco & Carmela Longo)

**SATURDAY**      **February 22, 2020**  
 4 PM              Jennie Salvino  
 (Her Family)

**SUNDAY**        **February 23, 2020**  
 9 AM              Ernesto Deza  
 (Joyce Pinto)

**SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY**      **February 15, 2020**  
 5:30 PM          Theodore D'Aloia  
 (Maria & Frank DeCostanzo)

**SUNDAY**        **February 16, 2020**  
 7:30 AM          For the Parish  
 9 AM              Chester Forman Sr.  
 (Paul & Tina Salvatore & Family)  
 11:15 AM        Angelo & Bianca Coppola  
 (Angiolina Coppola)

**MONDAY**        **February 17, 2020**  
*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*  
 7:30 AM          Bruce A. Zirpoli  
 (Tom & Eileen Corrigan)

**TUESDAY**      **February 18, 2020**  
 7:30 AM          In Thanksgiving  
 (Steve & Dolores Grossman)

**WEDNESDAY**   **February 19, 2020**  
 7:30 AM          Angelina Picciallo  
 (Family)

**THURSDAY**     **February 20, 2020**  
 7:30 AM          Joan Correa  
 (Family)

**FRIDAY**        **February 21, 2020** *St. Peter Damian*  
 7:30 AM          Joevil DeLaCruz  
 (Magda Bayoneta)

**SATURDAY**      **February 22, 2020**  
 5:30 PM          Lois Dinnan  
 (Giovanni & Carmelina Ferraro)

**SUNDAY**        **February 23, 2020**  
 7:30 AM          Anthony Pryzpek  
 (His Family)  
 9 AM              Mary Murphy  
 (Cathy Sheehan)  
 11:15 AM        Rose & Rita Napolitano  
 (Donna Napolitano)

**St. Peter's Chair**

Next Saturday, February 22, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. If you're fortunate ever to be in Rome on this feast day be sure to visit St. Peter's Basilica where the enormous bronze sculpture of the Chair of St. Peter is beautifully illuminated by hundreds of candles. The statue is a work of the Renaissance master Gian Lorenzo Bernini and is located in the apse of the basilica - hovering "weightlessly" between the famous stained-glass image depicting the Holy Spirit as a dove and the altar below. Enclosed within the magnificent chair of bronze is a relic - a small chair made of oak that was traditionally believed to be a chair that St. Peter himself used. Recent examination of the ancient chair suggests that the oldest parts of the relic are from the 6th century. Thus, while the chair clearly was used by ancient popes, we cannot say for certain that the relic dates back to the time of St. Peter.

That does not mean, however, that the relic is without real symbolic value. The chair represents the authority that St. Peter received from Christ and which was passed down to his successors, the bishops of Rome. In the 16th chapter of St. Matthew's gospel, Jesus is with His disciples at a place called Caesaria Phillipi and Jesus asks them: "Who do you say that I am?" Simon the fisherman responded: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Our Lord praised him for having received the grace to recognize this, and said to him: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." From this moment on, Simon Peter was recognized as the leader among the Apostles, and he would eventually suffer martyrdom in Rome as the bishop of the imperial city. Whereas Catholic bishops (like our own Bishop Caggiano) are successors of the Apostles and heirs to their teaching authority, the bishops of Rome are the successors of St. Peter, and have been recognized as the heirs to the authority of his particular office as supreme governor and pastor of the Universal Church since the early days of the Church.

Over the centuries both saints and scoundrels have sat in the Chair of St. Peter. Thankfully, the authority of the pope transcends the personal character and natural gifts of the man who holds the office. It comes from God, who unifies, protects and guides His Church through the office of the papacy despite the human frailties of its leaders on earth. We must pray each day for Pope Francis, that through his exercise of the Office of St. Peter he might keep the faithful ever focused on the One whom his predecessor recognized as "the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

In Christ,  
 Fr. John



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 Cocco, 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 Hoepner, Caroline Andreana, Lori Ciccarella, Mark Mullen, Kim Puglia, George Uzwiak, Fritz Hirsch, Alice Carella, Kimberley Pracilio, Marilyn Ritchie, Leon Zavos, Rose Sorbo Barosky, Deirdre, John Cullen, 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 THE 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.



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**Week of February 15, 2020**  
St. Gabriel Church Vigil Lamp for Our Lady Shines for Rose Giordano by the Longo Family.



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



**Diocesan 2020 Wedding Jubilee Mass and Concert**

On Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 3:00pm at St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull, Bishop Caggiano will be celebrating the 2020 Wedding Jubilee Mass. This Mass is for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50+ year wedding anniversaries. As a special gift to those celebrating anniversaries, the Mass will be immediately followed by a concert by the Diocesan Choir 4 Youth. To register, please contact the parish office or go to: [www.bridgeportdiocese.org/jubileemass](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/jubileemass) to register directly.

There is no cost to attend. Space is limited, so please RSVP by April 16,2020.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday February 17th.

Enjoy the long weekend.

God Bless America!



**Music Notes:** The music program is growing and why not be a part of it. The choir is accepting new members and will be preparing for weekly Mass, Lent, and Easter. Please contact Michele for more information. The Choir has also resumed Tuesday evening rehearsals in preparation for the Easter Season. When you sing, you pray twice.

**We would love to have you!**

Michele Schule, our Music Director, can be reached at micheleschule@gmail.com, or call the rectory at 203-322-1562

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION**

No classes Feb. 16th & 18th.

Classes resume Sun. Feb. 23rd & Tues. Feb 25th.  
 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**

February 9, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$9,220

Flower Offering: \$824

Online Giving Offering: \$3,153

Thank you for your generosity.

**St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Parish**

**Mardi Gras Celebration!  
 Saturday February 22nd!**



at St. Gabriel Church Hall after the 4pm Mass.

Tickets will be sold after Masses.

\$20. adults, Children 12 & under no charge.

Good Food, Good Friends and Good Fun!

Any questions call Tess at 203-570-3109.

Get your tickets!

**Online  Giving**

*Please consider On-line Giving in 2020  
 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!*

*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.*



**S.O.M.E** Please consider a weekly contribution of non-perishable food. S.O.M.E. (So Others May Eat) Baskets are at the MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH. Please use strong reusable bags if possible and *please NO GLASS* jars. Please also, limit the bags and boxes of rice to 5lb.

bags. 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 16 bags to the food bank last week. THANK YOU for your responsible stewardship. Occasionally we need additional drivers. If you are interested in offering some of your time and talent to these on-going activities please contact Bob Violette 203-357-1481 or John Cullen 203-322-1947. Thank you.

**Meetings/Activities Schedule**

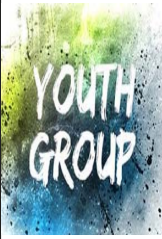
Mon.	2/17	7pm Lectio Divina - Parish Center Sun. Rm.
Tues.	2/18	12-3pm Senior Circle - St. Gabriel Church Hall
Tues.	2/18	1-3pm Veteran's Project - Parish Center Sun Rm.
Tues.	2/18	7:30pm - AA - St. Gabriel Hall
Tues.	2/18	7-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal at St. Cecilia Church
Wed.	2/19	7:30-9pm Eucharistic Adoration & Confession St. Cecilia Church
Wed.	2/19	10am Handcraft Group - Parish Center Sun Rm.
Thurs.	2/20	7pm AA - MH
Thurs.	2/20	7:15pm Bible Study - St. Gabriel Hall
Fri.	2/21	9:15am Bible Study - St. Gabriel Hall
Sat.	2/22	6:45am Saturday Morning Faith Gathering for Men - St. Gabriel Hall
Sun.	2/23	10:30am Choir Rehearsal -St. Cecilia Church

**You should have received your  
 2019 Offertory Contribution Statements**

if your contribution totals were over \$250. If you were originally a St. Gabriel Parishioner you may receive 2 statements, one from January 1 - June 30, 2019 from St. Gabriel Parish, and a second, which will include contributions to St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Parish from July 1 - December 31, 2019. If you did not receive a statement or if you have any questions please call the parish office at 203-322-1562.

Email "hotline" for parishioners to provide feedback and ask questions:  
[Madeleineterenzio@gmail.com](mailto:Madeleineterenzio@gmail.com)

### STAMFORD CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP



Upcoming meeting dates and locations are:

**High School: 2/21/20 and 3/6/20**

- 7 to 9:00pm at St. Bridget Church;

**Middle School: 2/28/20 and 3/13/20**

- 7 to 8:30pm at St. Gabriel Church;

**Middle/High School: 3/14/20** – Paintball field trip (details to follow)

All 6th - 12th grade youth are welcome! For upcoming meeting and special event dates, look for 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](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.

### Camp Veritas 2020

Camp Veritas is filling up fast! It's a one week sleep-away pilgrimage experience for teens going into 7th grade through 12th grade, near Newburgh, NY. The recipe is play-and-pray with a full immersion in the Catholic Faith through sacraments and activities. Camp Veritas provides a journey to Christ and a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith through an intense fellowship immersion with other youth. It also has all the great camp activities: sports, swimming, boating, hiking, rock climbing, zip-lines, go-karts, etc., along with 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! There is a week in July and one in August. You can find out more at [www.campveritas.org](http://www.campveritas.org). Once again, Fr. Joseph Gill will 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. To be eligible for the scholarship, kids must attend youth group regularly and Mass weekly - no exceptions! To request the discount, contact Fr. Joseph at [frjosephgill@gmail.com](mailto: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 - Play Hard· Pray Hard!***



**SAVE THE DATE FOR  
"FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN"**  
A parish community event for all ages  
Join the St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Parish team  
for our 4th Annual  
"Feed My Starving Children" Mobile Food-  
Packing Event on  
**Saturday, 5/16 or Sunday, 5/17.**  
Look for details on church bulletin boards  
and in future bulletins.



**Tom McKiernan, our Parish Business Manager, celebrated a very special Birthday last weekend.**

**Please Join us in wishing Tom a very Happy Birthday!**

Pictured:  
Tom and 2 of his 11 grandchildren.



### 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](mailto:billnagle@hotmail.com) for more information, join our mailing list or just show up.

### 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.

### 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.



**Parish Senior Circle**

**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

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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.

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.

### 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!

**Spanish Speaking Volunteers needed!**  
We need 2-4 bilingual volunteers that can commit to our Monthly Community Outreach program to help sort and give out Pampers to the mothers in need.

The Community Outreach Program runs twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 9-2 pm . Please call and speak with Laila Bravo 203.857.0088 for more information.



**ALWAYS BE KIND TO  
THE REFEREES!!**  
*You never know who  
they might be!*



*Fr. John was a ref for  
The Catholic Academy of  
Stamford*

*Green vs. White Basketball Game last weekend at  
Trinity Catholic High School's Walsh Court.*

**The Columbiettes Auxiliary #5833** are grateful for the donations in our Outreach Basket, located in the front of the Church of St. Cecilia. During the month of February, we will be highlighting two items on our list - small board games and deodorant. Baby Wipes are in great demand. Other items on our list are shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hair brushes, socks for children and adults, small board games and diapers. Donations are always welcome as the need is sadly growing in our community. God bless you for your efforts and thank you!

Questions? Contact Nancy at (203)-562

