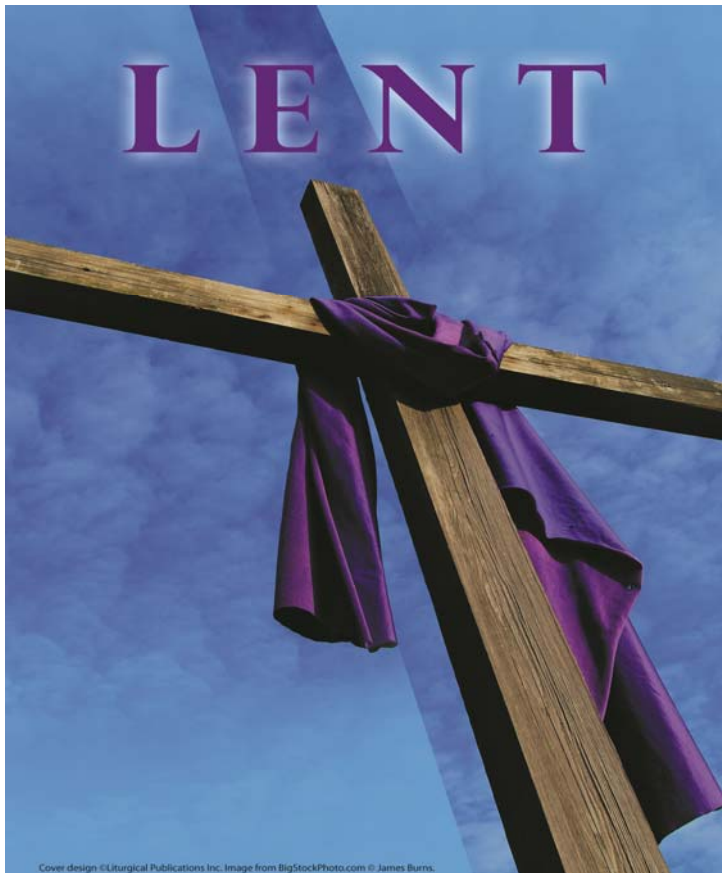


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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Thursday 8 A.M. (No Daily Mass on Friday except on Holy Days)

HOLY DAYS

Vigil 6:00 P.M., The Day 8:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.

BAPTISM: Sundays following 11AM Mass— Please call the Rectory to make arrangements

WEDDINGS: Arrangements to be made at least six months prior to the wedding

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Every Monday following 8:00 A.M. Mass

HOLY ROSARY: Sunday at 10:40 AM, before the 11A.M. Mass

PASTORAL STAFF AND ORGANIZATIONS

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Pray For...	Contact the Parish Office	203-322-7426
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*2nd Sunday
of Lent*



SATURDAY 4:00 PM	March 11, 2017 Bob Gill (Kaye & Family)
SUNDAY 9:00 AM	March 12, 2017 Rosaria & Gabriele Docimo (Rocco & Carmela Longo)
11:00 AM	Shannon Regan (Grandma Norrie & Gerri)
MONDAY 8:00 AM	March 13, 2017 Theresa Marini (Her Son)
TUESDAY 8:00AM	March 14, 2017 Ralph Izzi (Dottie & Dennis Dahm)
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	March 15, 2017 Marion M. Cullen (Audrey & John Murphy)
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	March 16, 2017 Our Parish
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	March 17, 2017 Saint Patrick NO MASS
3:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM	March 18, 2017 Kerry Sheehan (Her Family)
SUNDAY 9:00 AM	March 19, 2017 Dylan Pape
11:00 AM	John O'Connor (The Joyce Family)

Candle Memorials Week of March 11th
Vigil Lamp for Our Lady - Paul Sheehan
Church Sanctuary Lamp - Kerry Sheehan



Mary Somers, Michael Pratt, Phil Totilo, Tamika Anderson, Mary Brundage, Nick Pensiero, Rose Hill, Hunter Alderman, Conor Alderman, Joe Somma, P. Santagata, Lori Ciccarelli, Douglas Katz, Alice Carella and Chris Sabia.

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Vine please contact the St. Gabriel Rectory at 203-322-7426 or email us at gabe914@optonline.net with the full (first and last) name of the person you would like us to pray for along with your name and phone number.

Dear Parishioners,

I hope and pray that your Lenten journey is proving productive and enriching. It's a truly Christian surprise that giving up things can prove to be enriching, and that holding on to things can lead to impoverishment.

Have you succeeded in all your Lenten resolutions? Does your fasting remind you to pray and to do charity?

If you've had any setbacks, or have found it difficult to enter in to the Lenten spirit, take heart. Take 10 minutes now to pray. Say a decade of the Rosary, an Our Father and a Glory be, then let your mind rest in the presence of the Lord. Ask yourself if there is one small thing you could give up: e.g. sweetener in your morning coffee. Ask yourself if there is one small prayer you could offer: e.g. pray a Hail Mary morning, noon, evening.

Ask yourself if there is one small act of charity you could do: e.g. react to that trying person with forbearance.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Liam Quinlan

We Must Resist Small Temptations

~ St. Francis de Sales

Although we must oppose great temptations with an invincible courage and although the victory we gain over them is extremely advantageous, it may yet happen that we may profit more in resisting small ones for as great temptations exceed in quality so small ones exceed in quantity. Hence the victory over them may be comparable to that which is gained over the greatest. Wolves and bears are certainly more dangerous than flies. Yet they neither give us so much trouble nor exercise our patience so much.

It is easy enough to abstain from murder, but it is extremely difficult to restrain all the little sallies of passion, the occasions which present themselves at every moment. It is easy enough for a man or a woman to refrain from adultery. It is not so easy to refrain from glances of the eyes, from giving or receiving marks of love, from procuring gifts and little favors, or from uttering or listening to flattering words. It is easy enough not to admit a rival to husband or wife as to the body but as to the heart. It is easy enough to refrain from defiling the marriage bed, but it is difficult to refrain from everything that may be prejudicial to conjugal affection.

It is easy enough not to steal another's goods, but it is difficult not to covet them. It is easy enough not to bear false witness in judgment, but it is difficult not to falsify in conversation. It is easy enough to refrain from drunkenness, but it is difficult to observe perfect sobriety. It is easy enough to refrain from wishing another man's death, but it is difficult to refrain from desiring what may be detrimental to him. It is easy enough to abstain from defaming him, but it is sometimes difficult to refrain from despising him.

In a word, these small temptations — anger, suspicion, jealousy, envy, fond love, levity, vanity, insincerity, affectation, craftiness, and evil thoughts — are continually assaulting even those who are the most devout and resolute. We must, therefore, diligently prepare ourselves for this warfare. [Notice he calls it warfare.]

Let us rest assured that, for as many victories we shall gain over these trifling enemies, so many precious stones shall be added to the crown of glory that God is preparing for us in His paradise. Wherefore I say that be ever ready to fight well and valiantly against great temptations if they come, we must in the meantime diligently defend ourselves against attacks that seem small and meek.

Religious Education

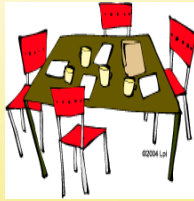
Classes Continue March 12th
 No Class on March 19th
 Classes resume on March 26th.
 Questions? Please contact our
 DRE, Maryanne Didelot at
 saintgabrielccd@gmail.com
 or call 203-329-1978, or 203-329-2707.



Our Next **Monthly Coffee Hour** will be on **March 19th** after the 9AM Mass. If you would like contribute baked goods or treats to this coffee hour or in the future please contact Tessie at 203-570-3109 or the rectory at 203-322-7426.

Saint Gabriel Seniors Group

Meet in the Parish Hall on **Tuesdays** 1 ~ 4 PM Join us – bring a friend – everyone is welcome. Socialize, play cards, board games, knit, do your own thing ! Any questions call Kaye 203-322-7910.



This is Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport. Our parish goal this year is that every family and individual will participate to the very best of their ability, in recognition and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings. All registered parishioners should have received a special letter from Bishop Caggiano seeking their personal commitment and a pledge of support. If you are among those in our parish family who have already responded in the spirit of stewardship and discipleship or will do so today, fervent thanks and blessings are yours. If you are still contemplating your Appeal gift, please give from your heart on behalf of those whose lives will be changed for the better because you cared. Every pledge and gift is vitally important and will bring us closer to reaching our goal. God will indeed bless and reward your generosity and concern for others, of that you can be assured.

Saint Gabriel Parish Goal: \$57,000
To date: \$13,975
Number of Participating Families: 34

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

St. Gabriel Men's Prayer Group

meets in the Church on Saturday mornings at 7AM. For more information please contact Bill Nagle at 203-570-2593 or billnagle@hotmail.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday Afternoon @ 3 PM
through April 7th
and on Good Friday,
April 14th @ 7PM



Saint Gabriel Offering

Weekly Goal: \$5,000.
 Weekly Offering \$4,354
 Online Giving \$755
 To register for On-Line Giving go to our parish website at www.saintgabrielchurch.org or <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1850>

Lenten Pasta Dinner & Stations

Trinity Catholic High School is hosting another Lenten pasta dinner to help raise money for our teens to do a week-long service trip in Boston! Come and join us on **March 24th** any time between 5:30pm -7:30pm for some delicious food, donated by Columbus Park Trattoria and cooked by their expert chefs! We will then celebrate the Stations of the Cross in the chapel at 7:30pm for those who wish to stay. The dinners are open to the public, and cost is \$10 per person or maximum \$40 per family.

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!



2017 Mardi Gras Cocktail Party

Great food and fun was enjoyed by over 80 guests. Thank you for your participation! A special thanks to Dave Puza,

Celeste and Mike Baranowski, Sharon and Doug Pratt, Madeleine Terenzio, Tess Senerador, Marick Dobbs, Elsa Lambert, Liliana Psychopedes, and John & Cathy Robustelli for all of your time, energy and donations. Please forgive us if we failed to mention your name. Thanks also to Bob Rissilo the Piano Man for the entertainment!