



# SAINT GABRIEL

*Roman Catholic Church*

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Rectory Hours: Mon - Friday 9:00 AM-1:30 PM

Except Fridays in July & August 9-Noon

**Rev. William M. Quinlan, JD, JCL, Pastor**  
**Deacon Larry Buzzeo      Deacon Joe Viola**

## 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

Fr. Liam Quinlan	Pastor - <a href="mailto:FrQuinlan@diobpt.org">FrQuinlan@diobpt.org</a>	203-322-7426
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Katya Syrochkina	Organist and Choir Master	203-322-7426
Kaye Gill	Senior Circle - Tuesday - 1- 4 PM	203-322-7910
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Pray For...	Contact the Parish Office	203-322-7426
Paul Salvatore	Finance Board President	203-322-2790
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**Third Sunday of Advent**



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 10, 2016</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Bob Gill</b> (Kaye and Family)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 11, 2016</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Jane Guinta</b> (Her Family)
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Josefina Mabanta</b> (Joe & Erlinda Viola)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>December 12, 2016</b>
	Our Lady of Guadalupe
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>George Cooke</b> (Bea Cooke)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>December 13, 2016</b> Saint Lucy
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Our Parish</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>December 14, 2016</b>
	Saint John of the Cross
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Irene Covello</b> (Helen Foster)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 15, 2016</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Betty Ann Vinci</b> (Her Children)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>December 16, 2016</b>
	Saint Juan Diego
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 17, 2016</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Charlie Schenarts</b> (Betty and Daughters)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 18, 2016</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>George Cooke</b> (Bea and Family)
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Vera Kowalewski</b> (Mary Kowalewski)

**Saint Gabriel Offering**

Weekly Goal: \$5,000

Weekly Envelope Offering: Will be updated next week.

Weekly Online Giving \$ 650.

*Candle Memorials Week of December 10th*

*Vigil Lamp for Our Lady- Costancia Santiago*

*By Tessie Senerador*

*Church Sanctuary Lamp-*

*Eliana Senerador (Living)*

*By Tessie Senerador*

*Church Sanctuary Lamp—Mitzi Chambers*

*By Her Family*

*I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. ~ Romans 12:1-2*

Dear Parishioners:

I hope your Advent is proving spiritually refreshing, and that the increased prayer we are offering together is helping in your preparation for the coming of the Lord at Christmas.

The practice of Catholicism is geared to healing us and preparing us for participation in God's plan for the world. When we accept the call to "put on Christ" we take on Christ's death, and are made to die to ourselves in multiple ways as we conform our bodies and minds to Christ.

In one of his general audiences, Pope Francis focused on why we Catholics must think like Christ. He pointed out that a Christian isn't a person who simply follows commandments, but is a person who tries to act, think and love like Christ. Being a Christian, he said, means allowing Jesus "to take possession of our lives and change them, transform them, free us from the darkness of evil and sin." Jesus' death and resurrection has a practical impact on us. Through the resurrection, the Pope explained, "we are freed from slavery to sin and become children of God."

Being a child of God, a believer, implies a relationship with God that is deepened daily through prayer, spiritual reading of sacred scripture and Church Fathers, receiving the sacraments --especially penance and the Eucharist, and through acts of charity. "And God treats us like sons and daughters. He understands us, forgives us, embraces us and loves us even when we make mistakes."

The Pope reminds us not to listen to voices that try to tell us that God doesn't matter, nor to give in to the temptation of "putting God aside and ourselves at the center." Peace and joy come from knowing one is loved by God, he added. "God is our strength. God is our hope." Even though sadness and the temptation of despair are strong in today's world, Christians even more so have an obligation to be "visible, clear, brilliant signs of hope."

"How many times in our lives have our hopes been dashed? How many times have the expectations we carried in our hearts not been realized? Christian hope is strong, certain, solid on this earth that God has called us to walk on and is open to eternity, because this hope is built on God who is always faithful."

Our Lord took flesh [was incarnated] and dwelt amongst us, and has given us the gift of the Spirit to remain with us. Continue to call on that Spirit as you deepen the life of prayer on your Advent journey toward Christmas. And just in case you've been too distracted--it's not too late, say a rosary today, and say one every day till Christmas.

Love and peace,  
Fr. Liam Quinlan

**Our Monthly Coffee Hour** will be this weekend

December 11th after the 9AM Mass.

*Come and Enjoy!*

**Religious Education**

**Classes continue as scheduled on December 11th, and 18th, 9:50-10:50 AM.**

**No classes on Dec. 25th or January 1st!**

*The religious education schedule is available on our website.*

*Questions? Please contact our*

*DRE, Maryanne Didelot at*

*saintgabrielccd@gmail.com or call 203-329-1978, or*

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

John the Baptist is truly an intriguing figure of history. He was a cousin of Jesus and literally prepared all those who would listen for this new way of life ushered in by a Messiah. Besides the key role he plays in the Gospel story, his depiction in Scripture, and then in literature, movies, and other media, gives us an image of a pretty unique person. How about locusts and wild honey for dinner? Can you imagine camel's hair as a staple in your wardrobe? He lived differently, and he stood out among the status quo. Of course, his look and cuisine didn't stand out nearly as much as his message.

How do you stand out? What separates you from the crowd? God has created each of us completely unique and with a combination of gifts like no one else. How can you uncover and understand your unique gifts? First, reflect on what makes you happiest in life. We are happiest when we are using the talents God gave us. Next, think about what comes naturally to you, whether it is a skill, task, or emotion. Recurring patterns in our behavior and experiences provide clues to our giftedness. Finally, what do other people see in you? The communities we live in, whether it is our family, parish, school, or workplace are filled with people who can provide clues to us by their observations. After these steps, can you say what makes you special? Now, let's start to grow that, lean on it, and stand out in a way that brings glory to God.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MT



Jerry Graf, Tom Burke, Phil Totilo, Dionne Creagh, Linda Santagata, Mary Brennan, Mary Somers, Dennis O'Reilly, Michael Pratt, Merima Dalupa, Gary Fanali, Anthony Ricci, Christa George, Bernadette Askin, Antoinette Lofreddo, John Leiva, Aaron Pettiford, Shawn Zaro, Nicholas Pensiero, Mary Antonelli, Maddyn Ussery, David McMorris, Kieron Butler, Joan Mary Rasmussen, Sandy McMurray, Richard Bezerra, Rocky Sansone, Alexander Leite, the Brown Family, Richard Negyesi, Bea Cooke, Stephen Wilson, Pam Thomes, Nicole Sandford, Sharon Kluchnick, Tamike Anderson, Beatrice Deza, Ernesto Deza, Tatjana Vanjuck, Joe Meehan, Douglas Katz, Anthony Bartolo, Kathryn Forcelli, Colin McQuillan, Reese Schenker, Joyce Simoneau Rybnick, Danilo Machado, Maryellen Guerrlich, Carol Wasil, Steve Casey, Patricia Lynch, James Bogaerts, Beverly DiBlasio, Zachary Belisle, & Catherine Graf. Please call 203-322-7426 or email us at gabe914@optonline.net with the first and last name of the person to be prayed for along with your name & number.

**Christmas Presents for the Lower Fairfield Regional Center**



**Thanks to all who took an index card. Kindly return the gift wrapped (with the index card on it) no later than Thursday, December 15th.**

Thank you for your continued generosity to the residents of Lower Fairfield Regional Center. Your generosity is making a difference in the quality of their lives. May God bless you during this holiday season and always. Any questions please contact Cathy at 203-569-7998.

**The Spirit of Giving Continues.....**

**TOYS FOR TOTS.**

Please leave your donations in the boxes in the church vestibule **by December 18th**

**New Unwrapped Gifts** for children (ages 3—Teens ). Thank you!

Any question please contact Madeleine at 203-322-8669.

**St. Maurice Church 358 Glenbrook Rd. is holding a "Ye Old Cookie Shoppe" Fundraiser on Sat, Dec. 17th from 10:00AM—1:00PM in the Chapel.**

Take a box...browse the goodies...then choose baked delights to fill the box! Boxed are weighed and sold by the weight of the delights contained therein.

**LIVE THE LITURGY** Today is Gaudete Sunday! Gaudete means "rejoice!" Our Scriptures provide us with wonderful images of healing, restoration, and justice. St. James reminds us to be patient as the coming of the Lord is at hand. But it is the prophet Isaiah who provides the encouragement we so desperately need. Our world and our country are in need of peace. We long for God's justice, which does not bring retribution but equity. Isaiah shows us that if we walk with God all of these things can be ours, not only in the future but now.

**Say to those whose hearts are frightened:**

**Be strong, fear not!**

**Here is your God,**

**he comes with vindication;**

**with divine recompense**

**he comes to save you.**

(Is 35:4)