

# 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



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ADVENT

**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
Maryanne Didelot	Director of Religious Education	203-329-1978
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Katya Syrochkina	Organist and Choir Master	203-322-7426
Kaye Gill	Senior Circle - Tuesday - 1- 4 PM	203-322-7910
Joe Somma	Men's Group	203-322-3622
Pray For...	Contact the Parish Office	203-322-7426
Paul Salvatore	Finance Board President	203-322-2790
Ms. Abbey Camillery	Principal -Trinity Catholic Middle School	203-322-7383



**Fourth Sunday  
of Advent**

<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)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>December 19, 2016</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Rocco Vinci</b> (His Children)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>December 20, 2016</b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Kerry Sheehan</b> (Her Family)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>December 21, 2016</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Our Parish</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 22, 2016</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Bob Foster</b> (Helen)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>December 23, 2016</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Saint John of Kanty <b>NO MASS</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 24, 2016</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Deceased Friends &amp; Family of Saint Gabriel Parishioners</b>
<b>5:15 PM</b>	“ “
<b>10 PM</b>	“ “
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 25, 2016</b>
	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b> <b>NO 9AM MASS</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Deceased Friends &amp; Family of Saint Gabriel Parishioners</b>

*Candle Memorials Week of December 17th  
Vigil Lamp for Our Lady-Kerry & Paul  
Sheehan By Family  
Church Sanctuary Lamp -Vera Kowalewski  
By Her Daughter  
Church Sanctuary Lamp -Mary Lou Ortega  
By Her Family*

Dear Parishioners,  
Just one more week till the Feast of the celebration of the Dawning of the Light in darkness—the birth of our Savior, Christ the Lord, King of the Universe, in the form of a helpless baby. Have you managed to get glimpses of the miracle through the glitz and commercialization of the “Holidays” which hide Christmas?

It’s hard to ignore the special inserts and advertising, and it can be hard not to become disheartened by all the activity which detracts from and hides the message of hope and love which the Lord came to give us.

But be of good cheer: our Lord is the master of bringing the positive from the negative—and he invites you to help him do it through your prayer and witness.

We who carry the light of that child born at Christmas are commissioned to let our brothers and sisters know why those lights shine at Christmas, and also to witness through our lives, and the joy we actively spread at Christmas, that the baby Jesus gave the gift of life through his suffering, death, and resurrection.

Be counter-cultural. Show that the decorations and lights are still testifying to God who humbled himself for our sake. Let the Lord’s glory shine in you.

Pray for your neighbor, our country, and our world.

Love and Peace,  
and Merry Christmas!

Fr. Liam Quinlan



Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. (Rom 1:5-6)

 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, Tami 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, and John Guerrlich.

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.

*Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Ps 24)*

## Religious Education

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

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

*Classes resume on January 8, 2017.*

*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 203-329-2707.*

### Christmas and New Years Masses and Servers

**Lector Eucharistic Minister Altar Servers**

**Saturday December 24th Christmas Eve**

**4:00 PM**

Marc Lupinacci	Vera Gardell	Sean Oates
	Kathleen Whitehead	Ryan Oates

**5:15 PM**

Charles Guinta	Mark Bishop	Garrett Galang
		Vincent Galang

**10:00PM**

Paul Moverley	Maryanne Didelot	Matthew Didelot
		Sean Walters

**Sunday December 25th Christmas Day**

**11:00 AM**

Patrick Fleischer	Kevin Fleischer
	David Collazo
	Daniel Collazo
	Christian Carmona

**Saturday December 31st Vigil Mass**

**Solemnity of Mary**

**4:00PM**

Bill Nagle	Kathleen Whitehead
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**January 1st The Solemnity of Mary**

**9:00 AM**

Joe Fiorito	Margaret Cook
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**11:00 AM**

Paul Moverley	Sean Walters
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### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus." Joseph heard these prophetic words in a dream. They were words of anticipation, of what was to come. And in a sense, they ushered in a kind of Advent for Joseph. With this divine message, Joseph began a period of holy waiting. He now knew that the Messiah was going to be coming into his own home, and he had just nine months to prepare! We can only imagine how Joseph might have spent these precious days. Most likely he did more than prepare a physical home for his soon-to-be-born Son; he must have also used these days to prepare his heart, mind, and soul for such a tremendous mission.

Today, we stand in a position not all that different from St. Joseph. We also know that the Messiah will be arriving--not just in remembrance at Christmastime, but in reality at the second coming. But unlike Joseph, we don't have an exact timeframe. We don't know when Jesus will return. We just know that we need to be ready!

During the season of Advent we are challenged to recall this fact and strive to get our hearts in order. The days are short now until Christmas, and for all we know they might be short until Christ's return as well. What remains to be done? Aside from wrapping presents and planning parties, where do we yet need to tidy up our habits to properly celebrate the real meaning of this festive season? How can we make sure that we don't get swept away in the external preparations, forgetting the work that needs to be done in the invisible silence of our souls?

God may not speak to all of us directly in our dreams, but he does speak to us clearly through his word. May we recognize today the mission he has laid before us.

### *Mass of Remembrance*

A Mass of Remembrance for the loss of a child will be held on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 7 p.m. at St. Ann Parish in the Black Rock section of Bridgeport. Father Perter Lynch, pastor, will celebrate the Mass. For more information, email OfficeofFaithFormation@diobpt.org

### CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS 2016-2017 ESSAY CONTEST

submitted by

the St Augustine Council #41 Knights of Columbus.

**Open to student in Grades 9-12.**

**Topic:** "If Columbus had some of the modern technology of today how might he have planned and carried out his voyages?" Length of Essay: 800-1200 words.

For further specifics go to [www.ctdar.org](http://www.ctdar.org)

### Saint Gabriel Offering

Weekly Goal: \$5,000

Weekly Envelope Offering 12/4:\$4,332

Weekly Online Giving \$ 650

Weekly Envelope Offering 12/11:\$3,883

Weekly Online Giving \$630

Thank you for supporting your parish!!

Please consider On-line giving.

To register go to our parish website at

[www.saintgabrielchurch.org](http://www.saintgabrielchurch.org) or

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1850>

Visit the new Vocations website:

<http://www.bridgeportpriest.org>