



SAINT GABRIEL

Roman Catholic Church

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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

PASTORAL STAFF AND ORGANIZATIONS

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Pray For...	Contact the Parish Office	322-7426
Paul Salvatore	Finance Board President	322-2790
Dr. Patricia Lawler	Principal -Trinity Catholic Middle School	322-7383

4th Sunday of Lent	Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. — 2 Corinthians 5:17
SATURDAY 4:00PM	March 5, 2016 Richard Lacerenza (Rachel & Sarah Jablonsky)
SUNDAY 9:00AM	March 6, 2016 Frank Rende (The Terenzio Family)
11:00AM	Rose Galatro (Peter Scifo & Russ Bain)
MONDAY 8:00AM	March 7, 2016 Saints Perpetua & Felicity James J. Russo 31 Year Anniversary (His Son & Family)
TUESDAY 8:00AM	March 8, 2016 Saint John of God Albert Heinlein (Joseph Rainone, Jr.)
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	March 9, 2016 St. Francis of Rome Irene Covello (Helen Foster)
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	March 10, 2016 Our Parish
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	March 11, 2016 NO MASS
3:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SATURDAY 4:00PM	March 12, 2016 Bob Gill (Kaye & Family)
SUNDAY 9:00AM	March 13, 2016 Anthony Yurkas (Joseph Rainone, Jr. & Joanne Lockwood)
11:00AM	George Wilding (Vera Gardell)

 **Pray for** ... *Jerry Graf, Tom Burke, Phil Totilo, Madeleine Buzzeo, Al Romano, Dionne Creagh, Linda Santagata, Mary Brennan, Mary Somers, Vincent Cappiello, Dennis O'Reilly, Michael Pratt., Merima Dalupa, Gary Fanali, Anthony Ricci, Christa George, Bernadette Askin, Antoinette Lofreddo, John Leiva, Aaron Pettiford, Nicholas Pensiero, Mary Antonelli, Mary O'Toole, Alexander Leite, Kathleen Mareneck, Louise Aks, Thomas Aks, Sharon Aks, Shawn Zaro, and Maddyn Ussery.*
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.**

Memorial Candle - Week of March 5th
Vigil Lamp for Our Lady-Special Intention
By Parishioner

Pastor's Notes

Prayer knocks, fasting obtains, mercy receives -- 3 things which make faith strong

Saint Peter Chrysologus, a Doctor of the Church, wrote eloquently on how to build up the faith which is necessary to the life of following Christ. St. Peter was a bishop known for his short sermons, he felt his people had too many distractions on their attention so tried to distill his message to the "golden word" (which is what Chrysologus means).

In explaining Faith he identifies the linchpin as Mercy--and as Pope Francis has declared this the Year of Mercy, St. Peter's words are even more apt.

"There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other.

Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself.

When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery.

Let this be the pattern for all men when they practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you.

Therefore, let prayer, mercy and fasting be one single plea to God on our behalf, one speech in our defense, a threefold united prayer in our favor.

Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting.

There is nothing more pleasing that we can offer to God, as the psalmist said in prophecy: My sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; a broken, contrite heart God will not spurn. (Psalm 51:17) Offer your soul to God, make him an oblation of your fasting, so that your soul may be a pure offering, a holy sacrifice, a living victim, remaining your own and at the same time made over to God. Whoever fails to give this to God will not be excused, for if you are to give him yourself you are never without the means of giving.

To make these acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain is to the earth. However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit."

Love and peace,
Fr. Liam Quinlan

"The Mystery of Faith"
Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Religious Education
Classes continue through March 20th.
Questions? Please contact our
 DRE, Maryanne Didelot at
saintgabrielccd@gmail.com or call 203-329-2707

Please join Bishop Caggiano in Celebration of
Wedding Anniversaries
3PM Sunday, April 17, 2016
at St. Paul Parish in Greenwich
For those celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50+
years of marriage. Registration forms can be found
on the table at the back of the church.

2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL




Last year, Appeal funds made it possible for Catholic Charities to serve more than 1 million nutritious meals to needy and vulnerable persons throughout Fairfield County. The New Covenant Center in Stamford expanded to greatly increase its services and mission. Catholic Charities conducted 15,000 counseling sessions and launched a behavioral health collaboration with St. Vincent's to enhance service and availability for their clients in Bridgeport. 600 families still suffering from super-storm Sandy continued to receive needed assistance. Catholic Charities also provided a variety of family focused safety net programs such as Room to Grow, serving 175 three to five year olds in Norwalk and Stamford, and housing services for 200 individuals.

Your gift through the Appeal is truly changing lives one person at a time. As Pope Francis urged during his recent US visit, we are called to respect the life and dignity of all people by serving the poor and reaching out in compassion. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we thank you again for your gift and your walking with us to serve the least of these amongst us.


We have been fortunate to reach our goal in the past, due to the generosity of about 190 families, Our goal this year is also to increase our *number of participating families*. Please consider contributing, any amount will be appreciated.

Blood Pressure Screening
A Parish Nurse will be available
after the 9AM Mass on 3/13/16.



HEALING SERVICE
 By Father Larry Carew
 Monday, March 7th at 6:30 p.m.
 Sacred Heart Church
 95A Henry Street, Greenwich, CT
 For more info: call 203 531 8730
 Or email sacredheartgrn@optonline.net

Saint Gabriel Offering
 Weekly Goal: \$5,000
 Weekly Offering: \$4197
 Online Giving \$ 495
 Please consider On-line giving. To register go to our parish website at www.saintgabrielchurch.org

 **“Walking With Purpose** is a Catholic women’s Bible study that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The 6 week program continues during the Lenten season on **Wednesday evening from 7-8:30PM in the Parish Hall** on **Mar. 9, Mar. 30 and April 13.** For more information contact: **Sharon Pratt at PRATT2@optonline.net or 917-841-2851**

Men’s Group of St. Gabriel – Lenten Reflection Series – Continues on Thursday Evenings through Mar 17 – 7:30pm in the church hall.
 Men, come join us for a series of short reading and roundtable reflections for the Lenten season.
 Contact Joe Somma (jandjsomma@optonline.net) or Bill Nagle (billnagle@hotmail.com) for details.

Lectors, Ministries’ and Servers’ Schedule
March 2016

Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Servers
4:00 PM		
Bill Nagle	Maryanne Didelot 3/12, 3/19	Matthew Didelot
3/5,3/19	Kathleen Whitehead	3/12, 3/19
Tom Daley	Vera Gardell	Sean Pratt
3/12	3/5, 3/12	3/5
9:00 AM		
Tom Coughlan	Tony Totilo	Daniel & David Collazo
3/6, 3/20		Vincent & Garrett Galang
Brian Fleischer		3/6, 3/27
3/27		Kevin and Patrick Fleischer
9AM Lector Needed 3/13		3/27
11:00 AM		
Jimmy Croft	Mark Bishop	Sean Walters
3/6	3/13, 3/27	3/6, 3/13, 3/20
Paul Moverley	Roland Capuno	
3/13,3/27	3/6,3/20	
Laura Croft		
3/20		

Easter and Holy Week Schedule TBA