

SAINT GABRIEL

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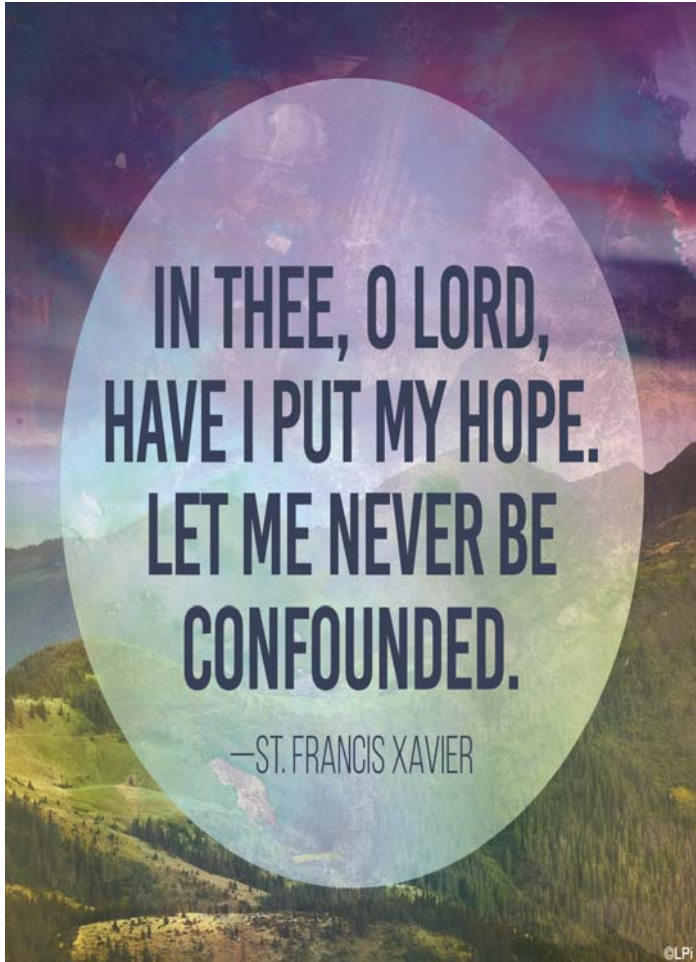
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Rectory Hours: Mon—Friday 9:00AM—1:30PM



**IN THEE, O LORD,
HAVE I PUT MY HOPE.
LET ME NEVER BE
CONFOUNDED.**

—ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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 - FrQuinlan@diobpt.org	203-322-7426
Maryanne Didelot	Director of Religious Education saintgabrielccd@gmail.com	203-329-1978 or 203-329-2707
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 -Catholic Academy of Stamford-Upper School	203-322-7383



SATURDAY	December 2, 2017
4:00PM	Maria, Alice, Aurea (Jane & Henry Hubli)
SUNDAY	December 3, 2017
9:00AM	John Raino (Daughter, Joanne Lockwood)
11:00AM	Thomas Silvestro (Vera Gardell)
MONDAY	December 4, 2017 St. John Damascene
8:00AM	Our Parish
TUESDAY	December 5, 2017
8:00AM	Rev. Joseph S. Amato (Family)
WEDNESDAY	December 6, 2017 St. Nicholas
8:00AM	Rose & Michael Buzzeo (Their Family)
THURSDAY	December 7, 2017 St. Ambrose
8:00AM	Bob Foster (Helen)
6:00PM	<u>VIGIL MASS FOR FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</u>
	Katie & Chris Connolly (Living-19th Anniversary) (Tom & Gayle Kochan)
FRIDAY	December 8, 2017
8:00AM	<u>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</u>
8:00AM	Valentin Viola (Joe & Linda Viola)
6:00PM	Albino Romano (Vera Gardell)
SATURDAY	December 9, 2017
4:00PM	Bob Gill (Kaye & the Family)
SUNDAY	December 10, 2017
9:00 AM	Jane Guinta (Her Family)
11:00AM	Vera Kowalewski (Her Daughter)



Dear Parishioners,

Happy First Week of Advent! How has the Advent novena been going? Have you realized that you're beginning to memorize it? In case you've lost it, here it is:

*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment
in which the Son of God
was born of the most pure Virgin Mary,
at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.
In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God!
to hear my prayer and grant my desires,
through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ,
and of His Blessed Mother. Amen*

We say this prayer so that we can heighten our anticipation by remembering and repeating the details of the great event, so that our waiting is more and more informed by the miraculous events which occurred for our salvation. We need to be waiting with delight and hope. The waiting of Advent calls us to take action, but Godly action, which is solemn—even liturgical. Thus the reason we pray, and enter our interior room, so that we can place ourselves in that place where the manger was which welcomed the *Bread of Life*—our Lord Jesus Christ.

The picture included here is of the grotto under the Church of the Nativity, which is the actual Cave where God was born as a man. An Altar is over the fourteen-pointed Star which marks the place where Mary laid Jesus. When I visited the grotto I placed the paten and chalice I use at mass in the space within the star. Next time you are praying at mass during the Eucharistic prayer meditate on the idea that the chalice and paten you see on the altar were at the very place where the body and blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ appeared on earth—and now the miracle of that real presence occurs in our church here in Stamford. [I will be there again, God willing, in the New Year, as I am leading a pilgrimage to Jordan and the Holy Land in January.]

In the midst of preparation for Christmas, New Year and beyond,

may you have a prayer-filled, holy Advent.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Liam Quinlan



Mary Somers, Michael Pratt, Phil Totilo, Tamika Anderson, Mary Brundage, Nick Pensiero, Rose Hill, Hunter Alderman, Joe Somma, Brian Dubbink, Douglas Katz, Alice Carella, Joe Butler, Marcello Fiorenza, Christopher Hoepfner, Amanda Lamb, Kaitlyn Piombino, Tom Sproviero, Madeline Arnold, Nick DeVito & Kevin Thomes and Robert Wasil.

Saint Gabriel Offering

Parish Goal: \$5,000

Nov. 19 Nov.26

Weekly Offering \$ 3,992 \$ \$5,093

Online Giving \$ 960 \$ 710

Please consider On-line giving!

To register go to [https://](https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1850)

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RECOGNIZE GOD

IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question? Unfortunately, we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way. Then sometimes when the stars seem to align just right we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things.

Whether it will be a pleasant or dreadful experience, we can say with certainty tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world is complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on him to be there with you. He is, now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Religious Education

**All classes resume on Dec. 3
& continue as scheduled on
Dec. 10 and Dec. 17**

Questions? Please contact our
Director of Religious Education, Maryanne Didelot at
203-329-2707

C4Y Choir for Youth

Arise and Shine Concert

Join **Bishop Caggiano** and the **Diocesan Youth Choir** for the annual Arise and Shine Christmas Concert at the Regina Quick Center on the campus of Fairfield University at 7:00 p.m. on December 17, 2017. Tickets are general admission and are available online and at the box office for \$20. Please visit the diocesan website - <http://bridgeportdiocese.com>



CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE...After each Mass Dec. 16 & 17, the Columbiettes from Fr. Myron V. Miller Auxiliary will hold a Christmas Cookie sale! All proceeds will go to local charities. Please consider supporting their efforts by purchasing cookies or making a donation.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

CRUSADER PLAYERS PRESENT



Friday, December 8th & Saturday,
December 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m.

To download an order form or order your tickets on line, go to:
www.trinitycatholic.org/student life/crusader players

All are Invited to:

A Christmas Brunch

Sunday Dec.17

In the Parish Hall

After the 11:00 AM Mass!

Adults: \$20

Children: \$10 (10yrs and under)

Tickets -on Sale Now in the Lobby!

**TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
BECOME A CRUSADER!**

Accepting Applications for the 2018/2019 School Year
Entrance Exam Saturday, December 16th, 9:00 a.m.

Check our website for details

www.trinitycatholic.org/admissions 203.322.3401

**Lectors, Ministries' and Servers' Schedule
December 2017**

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
4:00 PM Joe Fiorito	Vera Gardell Maryanne Didelot Kathleen Whitehead 12/9,12/16,12/25,12/30	David & Daniel Collazo
9:00 AM Tom Coughlan	Margaret Cook	Christian Carmona
Carol Wasil 12/17, 12/24	Tony Totilo	Thomas Serrano
11:00 AM Paul Moverley 12/10,12/17,12/31	Roland Capuno 12/31	Sean Walters
Laura Croft 12/3	Mark Bishop 12/3,12/10,12/17	Sunny Falcone