



SAINT GABRIEL

*Roman Catholic Church
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Rectory Hours: Mon—Friday 9:00AM—1:30PM

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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| Fr. Liam Quinlan | Pastor - FrQuinlan@diobpt.org | 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 -Catholic Academy of Stamford-Upper School | 203-322-7383 |

The 2nd Sunday of Advent



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| SATURDAY 4:00PM | December 9, 2017 Bob Gill (Kaye & the Family) |
| SUNDAY 9:00AM | December 10, 2017 Jane Guinta (Her Family) |
| 11:00AM | Vera Kowalewski (Her Daughter) |
| MONDAY 8:00AM | December 11, 2017 St. Demasus Josefina Mabanta (Jose & Erlinda Viola) |
| TUESDAY 8:00AM | December 12, 2017 Our Lady of Guadalupe Constancia Santiago (Tessie) |
| WEDNESDAY 8:00AM | December 13, 2017 St. Lucy Irene Covello (Aunt Helen) |
| THURSDAY 8:00AM | December 14, 2017 St. John of the Cross Albino Romano (Alice Ryan) |
| FRIDAY 8:00AM | December 15, 2017 No Mass |
| SATURDAY 4:00PM | December 16, 2017 Betty Ann Vinci (Her Children) |
| SUNDAY 9:00 AM | December 17, 2017 Paul and Kerry Sheehan (Family) |
| 11:00AM | Joseph L. Gambino (The Croft Family) |

Saint Gabriel Offering Parish Goal: \$5,000
Weekly Offering \$ 4,503 Online giving: \$1,135

Please consider On-line giving.

To register go to

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



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, Robert Wasil, Edward Cioffi & Marie
Mediate.

“If we wish God to reign in us, in no way should sin reign in our mortal body...There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with his Christ. In us the Lord will sit...until all his enemies in us become his foot-stool.” ~ Origen



Dear Parishioners:

Father Charles Rochas of the **Emmanuel School of Mission** in Rome, visited us two years ago and conducted a beautiful Mission in our Parish. Father Charles has now established a new **School of Mission** in the South Bronx, and the School has reached out to us for help:

*I know Saint Gabriel Parish has already helped the **Emmanuel School of Mission** with many things, and Fr. Charles is wondering if the good people of St Gabriel would be able to help us on another matter!*

The students will have their holidays after the Christmas break and they can decide where they want to go, what they want to do, etc.

However we are also planning that they'd have some free time from the 28th December through the 1st of January, and our hope was to send them to American families for these few days.

Are there any families who would be willing to have our students to stay for those couple of days? We have 6 students; 4 girls and 2 boys so perhaps 2 students in each family, so 3 families?

I know St. Gabriel parishioners gladly accepted us during the mission so we thought they might enjoy it but I also realize that Christmas is a different time of year than the middle of March.

Please let us know if this is something St Gabriel Parish might be able to help with.

Thank you in advance!

As you can read, ESM needs a welcome for 3 sets of 2 young people. It would be a true act of Christian Charity to welcome these “strangers” at the Holy Feast of Christmas. You can find more information about ESM at: <https://www.esm-nyc.com/#esmnyc>

Please contact me if you are able to help. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have. Send me an email at FrQuinlan@diobpt.org, or call the Rectory at (203) 322-7426.
Love and Peace,
Fr Liam Quinlan

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him." John the Baptist commanded quite a crowd. What was the attraction? Was it his unusual appearance--clothed in camel's hair? Perhaps it was his bizarre eating habits--feeding on locusts and wild honey. Or maybe people were captivated by the Baptist's remarkable humility in the face of such huge popularity--"I am not worthy."

Unlike our modern fascination with standing in the presence of superstars, the crowds who flocked to John weren't looking for a thrill. They weren't lining up for autographs. They were lining up for baptism. And they were acknowledging their sins at the same time. John was proclaiming "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." And people came because they were longing to experience the freedom of that forgiveness.

John called them to conversion. To convert means to turn, in this case to turn away from sin. And the crowds were anxious to do so in order to "prepare the way of the Lord." For these first-century Jews, the imminent approach of the Messiah came with a call for conversion and they took this call very seriously.

Now, for us, as twenty-first century Christians, the Church, like John the Baptist, calls us to prepare and repent during this season of Advent. Will we take the call seriously? Will we examine the areas of our lives that need to change? Will we pray for God's help to overcome our habitual sin and to make choices based on generosity instead of selfishness? Now is the time to heed the message. Now is the time to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

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.
Thank you!

Candle Memorials—Week of Dec. 9, 2017

*Church Sanctuary Lamp—Vera Kowalewski
By Her Daughter*

Psalm:
Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
(Ps 85)

Religious Education

All Classes continue as scheduled on Dec. 10 & Dec. 17

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



*We remember in our prayers,
Dana Glander, Jon Vossler, Sr. & Rose Ventre Cahoon.
May they rest in the peace of Heaven.*

**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 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 Sunday December 17th.

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 Sunday **December 17th**
New Unwrapped Gifts for children (ages 3—Teens). Thank you!

Any question please contact Madeleine at 203-962-4373.