

FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT



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SAINT GABRIEL

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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

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First Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY	February 17, 2018
4:00PM	Jim Murphy (Vera Gardell)
SUNDAY	February 18, 2018
9:00AM	A.J. Maida (Strawberry Hill School)
11:00AM	Patricia Kirk (Joanne Lockwood)
MONDAY	February 19, 2018
8:00AM	Angie Picciallo (Family)
TUESDAY	February 20, 2018
8:00AM	Joan Correa (Family)
WEDNESDAY	February 21, 2018 St. Peter Damien
8:00 AM	Joan Correa (Family)
THURSDAY	February 22, 2018
8:00AM	Our Parish
FRIDAY	February 23, 2018
8:00AM	No Mass
3:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00 PM	STATIONS -followed by Soup & Bread
SATURDAY	February 24, 2018
4:00PM	Joyce Simoneau Rybnick (Rybnick Family)
SUNDAY	February 25, 2018
9:00 AM	A.J. Maida (Rita & Tom Scalero)
11:00AM	Margaret "Mickey" Loglisci (Joe Rainone)



Mary Somers, Michael Pratt, Phil Totilo, Tamika Anderson, Mary Brundage, Nick Pensiero, Hunter Alderman, Joe Somma, Brian Dubbink, Douglas Katz, Alice Carella, Joe Butler, Marcello Fiorenza, Christopher Hoepfner, Amanda Lamb, Kaitlyn Piombino, Madeline Arnold, Nick DeVito, Kevin Thomes, Jim O’Keeffe, Barbara Russo, Lucy Scofield, Butch D’Agostino & Steve Casey.



*Lord, you will open my lips;
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
For you do not desire sacrifice or I would give it;
a burnt offering you would not accept.
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;
a contrite, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.~
Psalm 51*

*This is the one I esteem:
who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at
my word. ~ Isaiah 66:2*

As we begin Lent, we could be tempted to be a little cynical. Most of us have done this so many times. We start with the high hopes of a 40-day spiritual marathon, only to find ourselves slouching toward Holy Week having messed up, slacked off, forgotten too many times.

But our God is the God of paradox, of the truly unexpected.

He tells us to look at our lives and seek him even in the confusion and lost hope.

If nothing else, our failure works to keep us humble, and a “*humble, contrite heart He will not spurn.*”
Psalm 51:17

Remember to plan humbly.

Say a rosary a day.

Make each Friday a Fast day as well as one of abstaining from meat—make sure you're hungry by dinner time, and don't snack after dinner.

Come to Stations at 7pm.

Enjoy Sunday, treat yourself, but keep it holy to the Lord as well.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Liam Quinlan

Candle Memorials—Week of Feb. 17, 2018
Church Sanctuary Lamp—Frank Cavaliere, Sr.
By His Son



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When I was a teenager, the experience of Catholic retreat basically changed my life. I wasn't lost or hurting, but the 3 days placed me on a path that led to where I am today. Certainly, my experiences of faith before and after that weekend also played a role in the person I have become. However, the power of God I felt in that short period of time had such a profound effect on me it became a type of lens through which I then came to see the rest of my life. Sometimes we need to get away from it all to realize what really matters in life. We step back and see things more clearly. When we are fully in the world it is hard to get past the busyness and constant noise of modern existence. Distractions are all around us and our attention span can be so limited when it comes to truth.

This Lent, find the time to slow down, to get away from it all, and to rest in the peaceful arms of God. Go to the desert and work on surrendering all you are, and have, and will be to Jesus. Reflect on the many gifts you have been given and discern the best ways to cultivate those for God's glory. As this season begins, be mindful of the fact that this time will never come again. There might be a Lenten season next year, but God is calling you now.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Lenten Mission

Where: St. Mary Church
178 Greenwich Ave
When: Mon. Feb.26 to Thurs. Mar.1
7:30PM

Theme: "Radiant in Christ"
Led by Fr. Innocent Smith, O.P.
Contemplating the mysteries of Christ's revelation, we will recall how we have been transformed by his light and explore how we can reflect his light more clearly in our families and communities.

St. Gabriel Offering **Weekly Goal: \$5,000**
2/11
Weekly Envelope Offering: \$3,396
Weekly Online Giving: \$ 861
Thank you for your generosity in supporting your Parish!

Please note...the Parish Rectory will be closed on President's Day, Monday Feb. 19th.

Religious Education
No Classes—Presidents' Day

Classes resume Feb.25.
Questions? Please contact our Director of Religious Education, Maryanne Didelot at 203-329-2707

To Father Liam and the Parishioners of St. Gabriel Church,

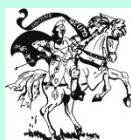
I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued generosity and kindness to the residents of Lower Fairfield Regional Center. There are 72 residents who call LFC their home and you all have been extremely faithful to them for many years.

Many of our residents no longer have family involvement and we want to continue to make Christmas a holiday for them. I appreciate the time you spend finding just the right gift and then wrapping it so beautifully. A special thank you to the person who gave one of our residents a key board. It was very generous. Our residents are very fortunate to have this parish as their benefactor at Christmas time. Your gifts make Christmas both special and festive here at LFC.

A special thank you to my very dear friend, Cathy Sheehan. I could never do this without your help and love.

Many thanks and all God's Blessings,
Cindy Stramandinoli, President, Parents and Friends of Lower Fairfield Regional Center

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.
(1 Pt 3:18)



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