

Third Sunday of
ADVENT



SAINT GABRIEL

*Roman Catholic Church
914 Newfield Avenue
Stamford, CT 06905*

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Rectory Hours:

Monday~Friday 9AM~1:30 PM

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

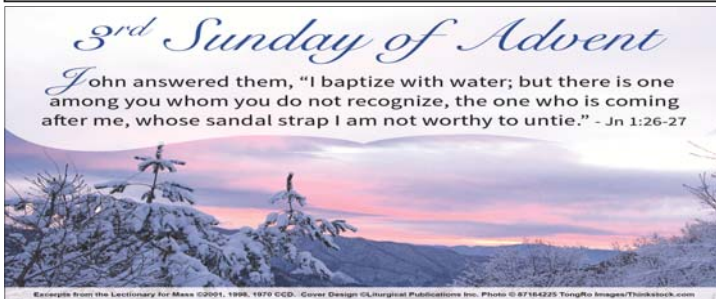
HOLY ROSARY: Sunday at 10:40 AM, before the 11A.M. Mass

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PASTORAL STAFF AND ORGANIZATIONS

Fr. Liam Quinlan	Pastor - FrQuinlan@diobpt.org	203-322-7426
Maryanne Didelot	Director of Religious Education saintgabrielccd@gmail.com	203-329-2707
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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
Patricia Brady	Head of School Catholic Academy of Stamford	203-329-7148



SATURDAY 4:00PM	December 15, 2018 Charlie Schenarts (Betty & Family)
SUNDAY 9:00 AM	December 16, 2018 John Guerrlich (Choir Friends)
11:00AM	Betty Ann Vinci (Her Children)
MONDAY 8:00AM	December 17, 2018 Mike Barron (Bridie & Family)
TUESDAY 8:00AM	December 18, 2018 Our Parish
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	December 19, 2018 Rocco Vinci (His Children)
THURSDAY 8 :00AM	December 20, 2018 Bob Foster (Helen)
FRIDAY 8:00	December 21, 2018 St. Peter Canisius No Mass
SATURDAY 4:00PM	December 22, 2018 Kerry Sheehan, (Her Family)
SUNDAY 9:00 AM	December 23, 2018 Jane Guinta (Her Family)
11:00AM	George Cooke (His Wife & Family)

**Envisioning the future for
St. Gabriel and St. Cecilia Parishes**

Over the last several months, a group of lay leaders at St. Gabriel Parish has met with Fr. Quinlan and me to do a “deep dive” into the strengths of, and challenges facing St. Gabriel’s. The impetus for starting this process initially focused on the relationship between the Parish and the schools (Trinity Catholic High School and the Catholic Academy of Stamford). It broadened to look at how the Parish serves the community as one of three parishes along a two-mile stretch of Newfield and Strawberry Hill Avenue in Stamford. The visioning process provided clarity into the strengths of St. Gabriel’s, but also highlighted a number of challenges to the continued growth of that community.

A similar process is now beginning at St. Cecilia Parish. Lay leaders from that parish will spend the next two months engaged in a similar “deep dive.” Building on the pastoral plan created in 2016, and in light of Fr. Bert’s move to Stratford, lay leaders will spend time discerning the strengths of St. Cecilia’s and identify the challenges going forward.

As Bishop Caggiano stated in his letters announcing the appointment of Fr. Quinlan as the Temporary Parochial Administrator of St. Cecilia Parish, there will be the creation of a Collaborative Committee of equal number of leaders from both parishes. Their task will be to look at how best to move forward into the future, and to discuss potential changes to the canonical structure of the two parishes, including the possibility of a linkage between St. Cecilia and St. Gabriel parishes.

That Collaborative Committee will begin its work in early February. A similar Collaborative Committee process is currently being utilized in several areas of our Diocese as we engage parishes in conversations about the vibrancy and sustainability of our parish communities.

As this process moves forward, please be assured there will be opportunities provided for broad-based consultation and feedback with both communities at St. Gabriel Parish and St. Cecilia Parish.

I would invite you in this Advent season to pray for the success of this collaborative process and that Fr. Quinlan and the lay leaders of St. Gabriel and St. Cecilia be filled with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit as they discern the future of the parishes.

Patrick Turner
 Director, Office of Strategic and Pastoral Planning
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**Candle Memorials Week of December 15, 2018
Vigil Lamp for Our Lady~**

**Rosaria Gabriel Docimo
by Rocco & Carmela Longo**



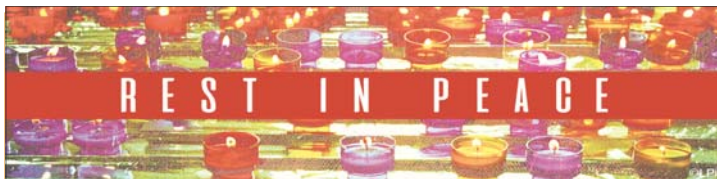
Mary Somers, Michael Pratt, Phil Totilo, Nick Pensiero, Estelle Pierce, Tamika Anderson, Paul Katz, Ken Byxbee, Peter Forgione, Barbara Forgione, Sal Bonina, Conor Ehring, and Mary Brundage.

Please call 203-322-7426 or email gabe914@optonline.net if you would like to add a loved one to the prayer vine. When you call or email please leave their first and last name and your first and last name and phone number. Thank you!

**Religious Education
2018/2019**

All Classes (grades 1-8 and Confirmation) continue this weekend Dec. 16th.
No Classes on Dec. 23th and Dec. 30th.
Classes Resume on January 6, 2019.
Questions? Maryanne Didelot
at 203-329-2707 saintgabrielccd@gmail.com

"Simbang Gabi or Rooster Mass", a novena, a Filipino Christmas tradition in preparation for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, will be on Dec. 16th thru Dec. 23rd at 8 pm and the 24th, which is the last day will be at 5 am.
Fr. Cyrus Bartolome from St. Aloysius Church of New Canaan will officiate.
Everyone is welcome.
For more information contact Tessie Senerador 203-570-3109.



*We remember in our prayers,
Katie Knorr
May she rest in the peace of Heaven*

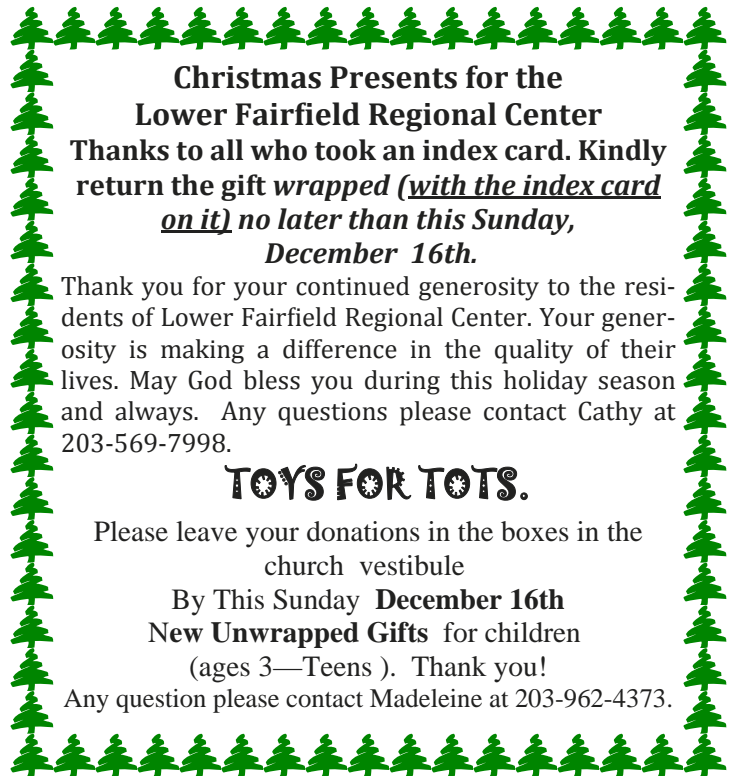
Christmas ~ New Year ~ Mass Schedule 2018-2019

Saint Gabriel Church
Christmas-The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Eve ~ Monday, December 24th
4 pm 5:15 pm 10 pm
Christmas Day ~ Tuesday, December 25th
11 am
New Year- BVM, the Mother of God
New Year's Eve ~ Monday, Dec. 31st
4 pm
New Year's Day ~ Tuesday, Jan. 1st
11 am

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Gaudete Sunday derives its name from the opening prayer of the Mass for this day, where we pray, "Gaudete in Domino semper" (Rejoice in the Lord always). So in the midst of Advent fasting and devotions, we rejoice because the time we have been preparing for is almost at hand. You may see rose-colored vestments and additions to the church environment due to this special Sunday.



**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 this Sunday, December 16th.

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.

TOYS FOR TOTS.

Please leave your donations in the boxes in the church vestibule

By This Sunday **December 16th**
New Unwrapped Gifts for children (ages 3—Teens). Thank you!

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

The Columbiettes are holding their Annual Christmas Cookie Sale again this year on December 15th and 16th after each Mass. As always, all profits go to support local people in need.



"Brunch With Santa" after the 11am mass this Sunday Dec. 16th. We will have food, music, raffle prizes, 50/50, some guest performers and SANTA! Tickets are \$10 each. Kids 12 and under free.

St. Gabriel Offering
Weekly Goal: \$ 5,000
12/9/18

Weekly Envelope Offering: \$ 3,398
Weekly Online Giving: \$ 940

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To register for Online Giving please go to our website:
saintgabrielchurch.org or
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