

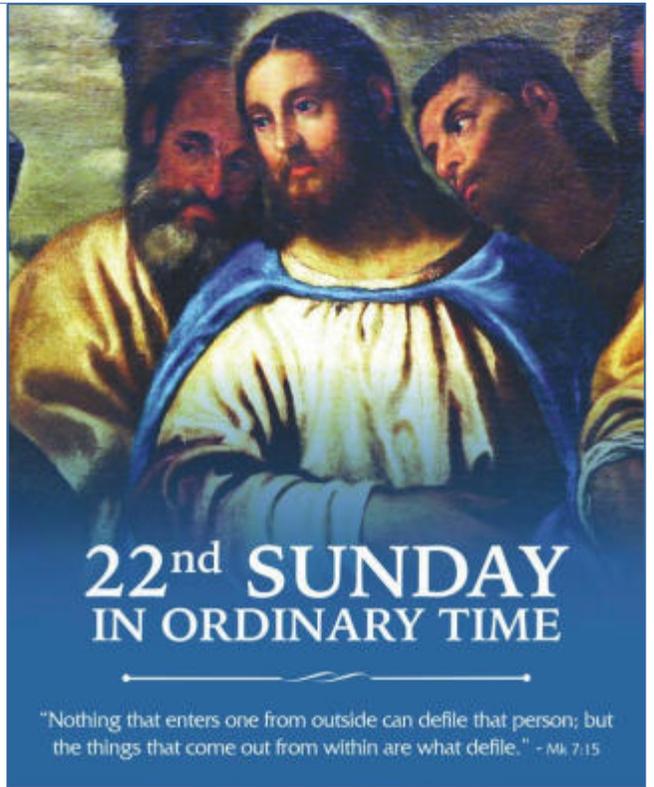
# THE PARISH OF ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**Saint Cecilia**                      **Saint Gabriel**  
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*August 29, 2021*

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## Daily Mass at St. Cecilia Church

Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m.

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**EFFECTIVE THIS WEEKEND 8/28/21**

## St. Cecilia Church

**Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday Masses 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

## Mass at St. Gabriel Church

**Saturday (Vigil Mass) 4:00 p.m.**

## New Confession Schedule

**Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia Church**

**Saturdays: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church**

**Sundays: 8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia Church**

## Masks are again required inside church.

*The wearing of facemasks/coverings is required  
regardless of vaccination status*

and will be in effect until further notice. The face covering requirement applies to those attending our parish liturgies and any parish-related function/meeting. The mandate does not require social distancing, so there are no capacity restrictions on our Masses.

The faithful's obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect.

Reservations are not required to attend Mass.

## The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for personal devotion

Adoration is Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**BAPTISMS:** Sunday following the 11:15 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia Church. Arrangements must be made at least one month prior to the baptism.

**WEDDINGS:** St. Gabriel or St. Cecilia upon request of the couple. Arrangements to be made at least six months prior to the wedding.

**FUNERALS:** St. Gabriel or St. Cecilia upon request of the family.

## St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Parish Mass Intentions

*All Daily Masses will be celebrated at St. Cecilia Church*

### *NEW SCHEDULE*

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>August 28, 2021</b>
4:00 p.m. <i>St. Gabriel</i>	<b>Andrew V. Desiderio</b> (Charlie & Gina Denner)
5:30 p.m. <i>St. Cecilia</i>	<b>Paul Mertl</b> (His Family)
<i>All Sunday Masses will be celebrated at St. Cecilia Church</i>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>August 29, 2021</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>MaryGrace LaDestro</b> (Her Parents)
9:00 a.m.	<b>Rosemary O'Connell</b> (Joe & Carol Zerbo)
11:15 a.m.	<b>George &amp; Allison Andriunas</b> (The Andriunas Family)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>August 30, 2021</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>Richard Albert Dietzman IV</b> (Michael & Angela Martin & Family)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>August 31, 2021</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>Louis DaPra</b> (Kitty Mandi)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 1, 2021</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>John M. Belniak, Jr.</b> (The DeVito Family)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 2, 2021</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>For the People of the Parish</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 3, 2021</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>St. Gregory the Great</b> <b>Mary Patricia McMahan</b> (Tom & Terry McKiernan)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 4, 2021</b>
4:00 p.m. <i>St. Gabriel</i>	<b>Anthony Tucci</b> (Diane Brennan)
5:30 p.m. <i>St. Cecilia</i>	<b>Leodan Penalzo</b> (Jim & Chris Sheehan)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 5, 2021</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>For the People of the Parish</b>
9:00 a.m.	<b>Rosemary O'Connell</b> (The Breens)
11:15 a.m.	<b>Maureen Sullivan</b> (Dennis Blasi)

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

In 1882, there was a terrible outbreak of smallpox in the small nation of Haiti. Over the course of several months, tens of thousands of Haitians died of the disease. The epidemic was made worse by a drought that was unusually long for the tropical island. On February 5, 1882, Archbishop Alexis JeanMarie Guilloux gathered the people to the church of St. Francis Xavier in the Bel-Air neighborhood of Port-au-Prince where he offered a Mass, calling upon the Blessed Mother for assistance under the title of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

This title of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is associated with a Byzantine religious image called an "icon" that dates possibly to the ninth century. It depicts Mary holding the Child Jesus in one arm as she gazes out from the golden panel at the viewer. Our Lord is shown clinging to His mother's free hand as He appears to look in fear at the instruments of His Passion – the cross, the nails, the crown of thorns, and the lance – that are being presented to Him by archangels. As He seeks refuge under the protection of Our Lady, one of the Child Jesus' sandals is falling off of His foot.

This icon had been venerated for centuries in a monastery in Crete, where many miracles were attributed to Our Lady's intercession. In 1498 it was stolen by an Italian merchant who brought it to Rome, where it eventually found a home for public veneration in the Church of St. Matthew on the Via Merulana, not far from the Cathedral Church of St. John Lateran. The image was rescued when St. Matthew's was destroyed in 1798 by French Revolutionary troops during their brief occupation of Rome. When in 1866, Pope Pius IX granted permission to the Redemptorist religious order to establish a church dedicated to their founder, St. Alphonsus Liguori, on the site where St. Matthew's had been, he also allowed them to take possession of the icon to display in their new church on the Via Merulana, where it remains to this day.

It was sixteen years later that the Archbishop of Port-au-Prince placed a copy of that same icon at the church of St. Francis Xavier, seeking the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in the midst of a terrible crisis. Interestingly, while devotion to the Blessed Mother was widespread in Haiti at the time, there was no popular devotion to her under the title Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Nevertheless, after the Mass had ended, it began to rain. The much-needed rain continued for two days, bringing relief to the people, and the epidemic soon came to an end. With that, the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help spread quickly throughout the country, eclipsing all other devotions to the Virgin Mary. The church of St. Francis Xavier was renamed after her, and in 1942 the whole nation was consecrated to Our Lady under that title. Today, the church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Bel-Air is the most important destination of Catholic pilgrims in Haiti.

Continued

This weekend, Bishop Caggiano has asked that we take up a special collection to help provide relief to the people of Haiti who in recent weeks have suffered from an earthquake followed by a hurricane, both in the wake of the assassination of their president – all of this on top of having to deal with Coronavirus. As we support our Haitian brothers and sisters with our material donations, let us also turn with confidence to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, asking for her powerful intercession on behalf of her beloved Haitian people.

In Christ,  
Fr. John

*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 host,  
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.



**Week of August 28, 2021**

**St. Cecilia Church**  
*The Tabernacle Lamp shines for  
Louis DaPra from Kitty Mandi.*

*The Vigil Lamp for The Blessed Mother shines for  
Genevieve Wahnowsky from George, Lori & Lucille Longo*

**St. Gabriel Church**  
*The Vigil Lamp for the Blessed Mother shines for  
Vito & Domenica Verraastro from Tom & Ann Verraastro*



**This Sunday, August 29th**  
**8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**COVID-19 Vaccinations**  
**St. Cecilia's McDermott Hall**

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**Introit:** Be merciful unto me O Lord for I unto Thee have called daily; for Thou, O Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

**First Reading: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8**

Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the Lord, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the Lord, our God, is to us whenever we call upon Him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

**Second Reading: Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27**

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of His creatures. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Gospel: Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. So the Pharisees and scribes questioned Him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written. This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

**Communion Antiphone:** You have taught me O God from my youth; O God forsake me not.



**THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS**

Sal Bonina, Michael Pratt, Nick Pensiero, Ken Byxbee, Conor Ehring, Mary Brundage, William Perkins, Tricia Saxe Cocomo, Steven Deccicco, Richard Negyesi, Ed Adams, Wendy Lenard, Edward Cioffi, Barbara Cebula, Columbia Smith, Kaye Gill, Andrew Allesandro, Michael Anderson, Pat Arpaio, Ted & Gloria Boccuzzi, Christopher Brady, Amy Burns-Duda, Fr. Michael Cambi, Michael Cooper, Tim Cooper, Allyn Dodd, Carolyn Gagnon, Steve Grossman, Matthew J. Hammill, Eileen Hynes, Melissa Jambol, Musfira Khan, Kitty Mandi, Richard Nanos, Karen Parent, Chet Quinlan, Bill Ritchie, Bonnie Sigfried, Thomas Sparan, Dominic Totino, George Wetzler, Christopher Hoeppe, Caroline Andrena, Lori Ciccarella, Mark Mullen, George Uzwiak, Alice Carella, Marilyn Ritchie, Rose Sorbo Barosky, Steven Farrell, Joseph Freeth, Dorothy Tierney, Owen Ryan, Ginny Woolston, Mark Mones, Diane Heach, Kyle Bancroft, Joseph Roche, Miguel Machado, Joe Faugno, Sr., John Gaffney, Kevin Pierce, Msgr. Nick Greico, Irene Steinmann, Sal Casino, Linda Pape, Dolores Violette, Estelle Pierce, all who travel ... the wounded and recovering military personnel and all who put themselves in harm's way to protect us ... victims of war, terrorism and violence around the world ... those whom we remember in our Eucharistic Celebrations this weekend and throughout the week and those who have died.

We also have a prayer line available for anyone wishing for immediate prayers. Please send prayer needs to Vicki at VickiA@optonline.net.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

We pray that the Lord may preserve the members of our Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force and National Guard from all harm, especially: SPC Thomas Boccuzzi, LCpl. Michael Lowe, SR Julia Terese Bova, Capt. Josie Quijano-Carpanzano, Capt. Mario Carpanzano, C.J. DelVaglio, Sgt. Taylor A. Ritchie, FN Ellie Fratturo, Lt. Col. Michael J. Souza, Jack H. Whitney, Christopher Ciacciarella, PO Joshua M. Hicks, SR Allison McNamara, 2Lt. James Arpaio, Ryan Frattaroli, and Peter J. Hosinski USMC .

**Saint Leo Parish Fair  
40th Anniversary**

Tuesday, 8/31 to Friday 9/3: 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9/4: 2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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*Wedding Banns*  
*I John Patrick Schule and*  
*Lady Lucia Crespo-Julio*  
*have made a promise of marriage.*



Thank you all who stayed after Mass last weekend to wish Ahn well as he resumes his studies at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, MA



**Special Collection This Weekend**

The Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund is Partnering with Catholic Relief Services to provide humanitarian relief for the people of **Haiti** as they begin to rebuild the many parishes, rectories, schools and other Church properties reduced to rubble by the recent earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace.

Please use the basket at the back of the church to make your donation.

As always, thank you for your support and care for those in need.

## St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Parish Offertory Totals

Week Ending	August 22nd
Mail In	\$1,450
4:00 p.m.	\$2,111
8:00 a.m.	\$ 535
10:00 a.m. combined	\$ 959
12:00 noon	\$ 273
On-line Giving	\$4,973

Many thanks to those who have participated in Online Giving and to those who continue to mail in your offertory envelopes.



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### S.O.M.E (So Others May Eat)

Please consider a weekly contribution of non-perishable food.



S.O.M.E. Baskets are at the MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH. Please use strong reusable bags if possible.

**NO GLASS JARS AND PLEASE, NO PERISHABLE FOOD**

If you would also limit the bags and boxes of rice to 5lb. bags. Your contributions will be delivered to The Food Bank, Wilson Food Pantry, St. Mary's Food Pantry, Person to Person or New Covenant Center every week. THANK YOU for your responsible stewardship.

Last week we delivered 5 bags to Wilson Food Pantry  
**Questions? Contact Bob Violette 203.357.1481**

## Religious Education News

We have updated our registration process!  
**Registration is now available ON-LINE via our Website.**  
If you are new to the parish, have a first grader, or did not participate last year due to covid, please notify the Religious Education Office for information and updates.

Classes meet Sunday mornings 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Tuesday afternoon 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

### High School Volunteer Opportunity

Catechist aids are needed to help with our Religious Education program. Most high school students need to fulfill service hours for school, join us!!

Contact:

Maryanne Didelot, Director of Religious Education  
DRE@stcecilia-stgabriel.org

## SOCK IT TO ME!



Knights of Columbus - Fr. Myron V. Miller Council  
We are collecting NEW socks for adults and children. All socks will go to the New Covenant Center in Stamford CT

Sock Drive Duration: August 21st to September 12th

Drop off Locations: St. Cecilia Vestibule  
St. Gabriel Vestibule

Email: [sheeran.kofc5833@gmail.com](mailto:sheeran.kofc5833@gmail.com) with any questions



## "Two Thousand Hail Marys"

Saturday, September 4, 2021  
St. Gabriel Church  
5:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Come Pray to the Blessed Mother.  
Stay for a few minutes, a couple of hours or the whole time.  
Questions? Call Tessie Senerator at 203.570.3109

## The Columbiettes Auxiliary #5833 The Women's Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus

Please don't forget our friends at  
New Covenant Center and our Military.

There is a continuous need at NCC for new socks for men and women, any size and color; and toiletries of any size. All donations may be placed in the Columbiette Basket in the vestibule of the church.

Please also join us as we continue to support the non-profit organization, "Project from the Heart", who sends care packages to our troops wherever they are stationed. Our Military also have an on-going need for new socks and toiletries. All donations should be placed in the Columbiette Basket in the vestibule of St. Cecilia Church.

Contact Anna at 203.855.1357 for a complete list of requested items.

SAVE THE DATE: Columbiette Meeting and Installation of new officers: Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Cecilia's McDermott Hall.

The Columbiettes thank you for your generous support.  
God bless you.

## The CHOSEN

Zoom Meetings are  
Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m.

August 31

Have you watched the series, "The CHOSEN"? Director Dallas Jenkins's new original series, "The CHOSEN" offers us a glimpse into what the daily life of Jesus and his disciples might have looked like 2,000 years ago. The production quality of the series is impressive; the writing, acting and musical score all add to encountering Jesus, fully Human and fully Divine.

Using "The CHOSEN" as a starting point, the bible study will watch the first season together and discuss the life of Jesus and his disciples. We'll acknowledge where liberty has been granted in the production and how seeing the bible come to life has increased our faith and love of the bible.

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## Fall Book Study

**- Tactics: A Game Plan for  
Discussing Your Christian Convictions**

In a world increasingly indifferent to Christian truth, followers of Christ need to be equipped to communicate with those who do not speak their language or accept their source of authority. In *Tactics*, Gregory Koukl demonstrates how to artfully regain control of conversations, keeping them moving forward in constructive ways through thoughtful diplomacy. You'll learn how to stop challengers in their tracks and how to turn the tables on questions or provocative statements. Most importantly, you'll learn how to get people thinking about Jesus. *Tactics* provides the game plan for communicating the compelling truth about Christianity with confidence and grace.

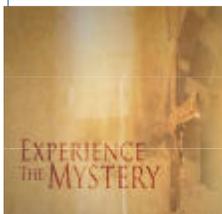
The study will start September 8th and run Wednesdays from 6:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. at St. Cecilia's McDermott Hall. Space is limited. To purchase the book and reserve your spot email [noelle.gross@gmail.com](mailto:noelle.gross@gmail.com) or call 857-345-0808.

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### Symbolon: Session 1 The Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith & the God Who Is Love

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<https://watch.formed.org/symbolon-the-catholic-faith-explained/season:1/videos/the-journey-of-faith-trinity-faith-the-god-who-is-love>



### Young George and the Dragon Author: Emily Ortega

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<https://watch.formed.org/young-george-and-the-dragon>

## Hand Craft Group

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