

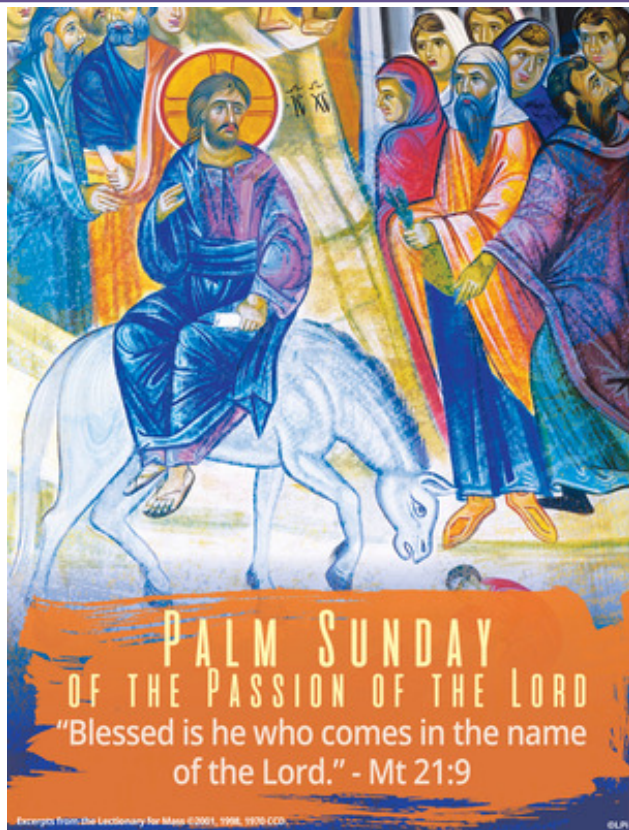
# THE PARISH OF ST. CECILIA ~ ST. GABRIEL

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**Saint Cecilia**                      **Saint Gabriel**  
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**April 5, 2020**

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## PLEASE SEE TEMPORARY SCHEDULE INSIDE MASS SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass

**7:30 a.m. at St. Cecilia**

Rosary Daily—prior to the 7:30 a.m. Mass

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous

Medal—Mondays following the 7:30 a.m. Mass

### Eucharistic Adoration

with Benediction every Wednesday night in the Church  
of St. Cecilia from 7:30-9 p.m. with confession available.

CONFESSIONS at St. Gabriel

Saturday 3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.

### Saturday Vigil Masses

**4:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel**

**5:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia**

### Sunday Masses

**7:30 a.m. at St. Cecilia** (no music)

**9:00 a.m. at St. Gabriel** (no music)

**9:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia**

**11:15 a.m. at St. Cecilia**

BAPTISMS: Sundays following 11:15 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia.

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.

Parish Website <http://stcecilia-stgabriel.org>

**SAINT GABRIEL CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS*****PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD***

**SATURDAY**      **April 4, 2020**  
4 PM              Michael Murray  
                         (Sheehan Family)

**SUNDAY**        **April 5, 2020**  
9 AM              Josephine Marino  
                         (Vera Gardell)

***EASTER SUNDAY***

**SUNDAY**        **April 12, 2020**  
9 AM              For the Parish

**SAINT CECILIA CHURCH MASS INTENTIONS*****PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD***

**SATURDAY**      **April 4, 2020**  
5:30 PM          Blanche Manjuck  
                         (Caporizzo Family)

**SUNDAY**        **April 5, 2020**  
7:30 AM          Filomena & Gennaro Tevolini  
                         (Phyllis Altamura)

9 AM              Theodore Lionetti  
                         (Angela Lionetti)

11:15 AM        Gerardo & Josephina DelVaglio  
                         (Family)

**MONDAY**        **April 6, 2020**  
7:30 AM          Clyde Bennett Cataylo  
                         (Magda Bayoneta)

**TUESDAY**      **April 7, 2020**  
7:30 AM          Thomas & Dorothy Poltrack  
                         (Daughter, Mryanne)

**WEDNESDAY**   **April 8, 2020**  
7:30 AM          For the Parish

**THURSDAY**     **April 9, 2020** ***HOLY THURSDAY***  
***MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER***

**FRIDAY**         **April 10, 2020** ***GOOD FRIDAY***  
***LITURGY OF THE LORDS PASSION***

***SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL***

**SATURDAY**      **April 11, 2020**  
8 PM              For the Parish

***EASTER SUNDAY***

**SUNDAY**        **April 5, 2020**  
7:30 AM          For the Parish

9 AM              For the Parish

11:15 AM        For the Parish

***All Masses will be said privately for the above intentions  
by Fr. John and Fr. Mariusz  
Please go to our website for our  
Sunday Mass with Fr. John  
Stcecilia-Stgabriel.org***

**Palm Sunday**

One of my enduring memories of Palm Sunday growing up is my father's exasperation at the amount of palm my sisters and I would bring home. At the time I didn't understand it. Why wouldn't you want to get a big handful of palm? But looking back, I kind of get it because there would be pieces of palm everywhere – in the car, in the kitchen, in the sofa cushions. In my parents' house, it's still possible that any drawer you open in the kitchen or the bedrooms could contain a dried-up palm frond from the 1980s.

Palm Sunday was exciting. There were big crowds, a procession, red vestments, and a long reading of the Passion Narrative in which the people played a part. It took us a little while for the congregation to speak in unison, but by the time we spoke the words, "Crucify Him," everyone seemed to be into it. It was physically taxing, to stand through the recitation of the Passion, but you kind of understood that it was your share in what Jesus suffered and that it was only right to accept that relatively small discomfort. This year, there is no palm. There is no procession. There is no big congregation to speak the terrible words: "We have no king but Caesar!" What are we to make of this? In the reading from the Gospel of Matthew that begins the liturgy of Palm Sunday this year, we hear: "*And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, 'Who is this?' And the crowds replied, 'This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.'*"

When I think about this Gospel scene of Christ's entrance into the City of Jerusalem, I think that perhaps this year we are less the crowds that walk along the road with Our Lord and more like the Holy City itself. We are walled-in, unable to move. We carry no palm, we sing no hymns. We are troubled and confused. And like the Holy City we are being invited in this experience to ask the question: "Who is this?" If, with the help of grace, we recognize this as the time of our visitation from God, this Holy Week will be most memorable as the one in which we discovered our reason for rejoicing.

In Christ,  
Fr. John

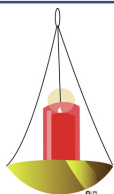


The sick and their caregivers. Sal Bonina, Michael Pratt, Nick Pensiero, Ken Byxbee, Conor Ehrling, Mary Brundage, Matt Marshall, William Perkins, Tricia Saxe Cocomo, Steven Deccicco, Richard Negyesi, Ed Adams, Msgr. Powers, Wendy Lenard, Edward Cioffi, Barbara Cebula, Columbia Smith, and Kaye Gill, Baby Elyssa, Andrew Allesandro, Michael Anderson, Pat Arpaio, 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, Alex Trebek, George Wetzler, Christopher Hoepfner, Caroline Andreana, Lori Ciccarella, Mark Mullen, Kim Puglia, George Uzwiak, Alice Carella, Kimberley Pracilio, Marilyn Ritchie, Leon Zavos, Rose Sorbo Barosky, Deirdre, John Cullen, Steven Farrell, Joseph Freeth, Dorothy Tierney, Italia Malagisi, Owen Ryan, Michael Connole, Ginny Woolston, Joseph Cullen, Mark Mones, Diane Heach, 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 your prayer needs to Vicki at [VickiA@optonline.net](mailto: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, Maj. Michael J. Souza, Jack H. Whitney, Christopher Ciacciarella, SA Joshua M. Hicks, SR Allison McNamara, 2Lt. James Arpaio.



**Week of April 4, 2020  
St. Cecilia Church**

Tabernacle Lamp shines for Thomas & Dorothy Poltrack by Maryanne Didelot & Family

**St. Gabriel Church**

Vigil Lamp for Our Lady shines for Deceased Members of the Vallone & DeVito Families by Gina DeVito & Family



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION**

**No Religious Education Classes until Public School Resumes. As of now Rel Ed. classes are suspended until further notice. Confirmation Retreat originally scheduled for April 2nd has been cancelled.**

**First Holy Communion students and Confirmation students should have been notified regarding home preparation for the Sacraments.**

**If not PLEASE contact our DRE, Maryanne Didelot at [DRE@stcecilia-stgabriel.org](mailto:DRE@stcecilia-stgabriel.org) or 203-322-1562**



**Spiritual Communion**

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

**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.

**Tune in to Veritas Catholic Network**



our local EWTN affiliate Catholic radio station: 1350AM WNLK. More information is available at [www.veritascatholic.com](http://www.veritascatholic.com).

**St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Parish**  
**Schedule during Suspension of Masses:**

The Church of St. Cecilia will be open for personal prayer at these times:

- Monday-Friday 7am-8pm  
(please note that on Wednesdays the church will close at 9pm)
- Saturday-Sunday 7am-6pm

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for personal devotion at the following times:

- Monday-Friday: 12-1pm, 7-8pm  
(please note that on Wednesdays, evening adoration is from 7:30-9pm)
- Saturday: 4-6pm
- Sunday: 8am-12noon

**Confession Schedule:**

- Wednesdays: 7:30-9pm
- Saturdays: 4-6pm
- Sundays: 10am-12noon



**Music Notes:**  
**Choir practice and**  
**Choir singing at Mass**  
**has been temporarily suspended.**  
**Pray we will be back soon!**

Michele Schule, our Music Director, can be reached at MSchule@stcecilia-stgabriel.org or call the Parish Office at 203-322-1562.



**S.O.M.E** Please consider a weekly contribution of non-perishable food. S.O.M.E. (So Others May Eat) Baskets are at the MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH. Please use strong reusable bags if possible and **please NO GLASS** jars. Please also, limit the bags and boxes of rice to 5lb.

bags. Your contributions will be delivered to the Food Banks, Wilson Food Pantry, St. Joseph Parenting Center, St. Mary's Food Pantry, or New Covenant Center every week. We brought 10 Bags to the Wilson Food Pantry last week. THANK YOU for your responsible stewardship. *Occasionally we need additional drivers. If you are interested in offering some of your time and talent to these ongoing activities please contact Bob Violette 203-357-1481 or John Cullen 203-322-1947. Thank you.*

**St. Cecilia - St. Gabriel Parish**

**Offertory Totals**

**March 29, 2020**

**Many thanks to those of you who have recently signed up for Online Giving and to those who have mailed in your offertory envelopes. Your continued support is needed and greatly appreciated.**

**Weekly Offering: \$3,412**

**Lenten Offering: \$240**

**Easter Flowers: \$210**

**Parishioner Gift: \$1,000**

**Online Giving Total Offering: \$5,529**



**Please consider Online Giving!**  
**Register at [www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1522/)**

If you have been thinking about Online Giving, now is the perfect time. Our Church relies on your support. Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. You can choose to do a One Time Gift, or you can set up Regularly Scheduled Contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It's easy and it's convenient! Please call the parish office or OSV Online Giving 1-800-348-2886 if you have questions or need assistance in setting up your account.

Thank you!  
Stay Healthy!

**Meetings/Activities Schedule**

**All Parish Meetings Suspended**  
**Until Further Notice.**

Email "hotline" for parishioners to provide feedback and ask questions:  
[SCSGcomments@gmail.com](mailto:SCSGcomments@gmail.com)



The 2021 Mass book will open on June 1, 2020. Please know that Masses are still available for 2020.



### STAMFORD CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are welcome! For additional meeting and special event dates, look for flyers at the entrances to St. Cecilia and St. Gabriel Churches, and posted at <http://stcecilia-stgabriel.org>. Contact Fr. Joseph Gill at [frjosephgill@gmail.com](mailto:frjosephgill@gmail.com), (203) 324-1553, Gina Denner (203) 968-6388 (Middle School), or Diane McNamara (203) 329-0866 (High School) for more info.

**Please look for text or email updates from Fr. Joseph Gill**

Let's stay connected!  
Please visit our website daily for Fr. John's Reflections, Sunday Mass, and most current updates.

[www.stcecilia-stgabriel.org](http://www.stcecilia-stgabriel.org)

### Coronavirus resources & information

can be found by visiting the Diocese of Bridgeport website at [www.bridgeportdiocese.org](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org).



## Camp Veritas 2020



Camp Veritas is filling up quickly!

All 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to join us for the best Catholic summer camp ever! Located near Newburgh, NY, it's a week of amazing camp activities (sports, boating, swimming, hiking, zip-lines, rock climbing, go-karts, and more!) along with a profound week of encounter with Jesus Christ (daily Mass, Rosary, Adoration, dynamic talks). Once again, Fr. Joseph Gill will be attending and is offering a \$200 scholarship to kids from the Stamford Catholic Youth Group! That means a week at Camp Veritas can cost as little as \$200. *To be eligible for the scholarship, kids must attend youth group regularly and Mass weekly - no exceptions! Please sign up by April 1st to receive the \$200 scholarship, by going to [www.campveritas.org](http://www.campveritas.org).*

There's a week in July and one in August.

Contact Fr. Joseph at [frjosephgill@gmail.com](mailto:frjosephgill@gmail.com) to request the discount, or call Gina Denner at (203) 968-6388. Volunteers are needed, must be at least 18 years old, and attend for free!

*Camp Veritas - Play Hard. Pray Hard!*



### PURA VIDA "FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN" A parish community event for all ages

Join the St. Cecilia -St. Gabriel parish team as we participate in our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pura Vida "Feed My Starving Children" Mobile Food-Packing Event on **Saturday, 5/16 or Sunday, 5/17**. Everyone, ages 8 to 108, is welcome to participate, as age and ability appropriate tasks will be assigned. Last year, 90 parish members (31 under the age of 18!) volunteered for a 2 hour shift over that weekend, which resulted in **257,000** meals packed - that's enough food to feed **703 STARVING CHILDREN FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR!**

"Feed My Starving Children" (FMSC) is an amazing organization and their methods and manna packs are highly effective in combatting world hunger, but their mission would be impossible without the help of many volunteers. This event is a great opportunity for a whole family, or a group of teen friends to do some community service for a very worthy cause, while having fun doing it! But, if you can't join us to pack meals, please consider making a donation to do your part to feed starving children. The FMSC organization has consistently received the highest awards for ensuring that over 90% of all donations go directly toward feeding kids in need.

If you already know that you would like to volunteer, or make a donation, write to us at [stceciliastgabrielcare@gmail.com](mailto:stceciliastgabrielcare@gmail.com), or phone Gina Denner at (203) 968-6388 or Madeleine Terenzio at (203) 962-4373. Additional details are posted on church bulletin boards. Watch for details on how to register for the "St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel Cares" team in future bulletins.

**\*Note: "Pura Vida for Children"** is the local non-profit organization sponsoring the annual event at New Canaan HS, and is responsible for fund-raising to reach the required goal of \$63,000 to cover the cost of the food to be packed at the event. Contributions are just as important as volunteer food-packing time! Checks submitted should be written out to "Pura Vida-Feed My Starving Children" for our weekend and team to get credit. Read more about the Pura Vida organization by going to [www.puravidaforchildren.org](http://www.puravidaforchildren.org).

### SAVE THE DATE

Fundraising day trip sponsored by The 2000 Hail Mary's Group of St. Cecilia—St. Gabriel Parish.



A Sights and Sounds Production

**When:** Saturday, December 12, 2020

**Where:** Lancaster, PA

**Fee:** \$150/person

*includes ticket, bus fare & family style dinner*

**Make your reservation now as seats are limited!**

For questions and inquiries, please call

Tess: (203) 570 - 3109 or

Lynn: (347) 675 - 7287

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### This Weeks Feature from FORMED



Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation. Take time and sign into FORMED to view the series on PRESENCE, be ready to received Our Lord totally in His Presence when our church is reopened to receive Him into our bodies.



For the Kids:

Sign into FORMED see Brother Francis as he helps children up to 8 years old understand how to live a joy-filled Catholic life.

**The Columbiettes Auxiliary #5833** are grateful for the donations in our Outreach Basket located in the front of the Church of St. Cecilia. During the month of April, we will be highlighting Baby wipes and diapers which are always in are in great demand. Other items on our list are shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hair brushes, socks for children and adults, small board games. Donations are always welcome as the need is sadly growing in our community. God bless you for your efforts and thank you! Questions?  
Contact Nancy at (203) 561-6222



## St. Cecilia – St. Gabriel Bible Study

Bible study has been canceled until further notice, but Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, is offering his **Metanoia, A Journey with Christ into Conversion, talks FREE online.**

His reflections encourage us to have a change of heart (Metanoia) to really KNOW our Lord.



**Metanoia, A Journey with Christ into Conversion,** is beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land. Each episode explores areas of life where conversion is so often necessary. Lent is a great time to experience Metanoia!

Join us for a ZOOM meeting.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO DO **A TEST LOG IN,**

Contact [VickiA@optonline.net](mailto:VickiA@optonline.net) 203-561-3558.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/247559373> OR use the link below to open a free account and watch the videos on your own.

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To download the free study guide go to **<https://thewildgooseisloose.com/metanoia>**