



Father's DAY

Defend, O most watchful guardian
of the Holy Family, the chosen children
of Jesus Christ. —Pope Leo XIII



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday, June 19th, Vigil of the Lord's Day

4:00 p.m. - Bernard Moore, req. by wife & son

Sunday, June 20th, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. - In Loving Memory of Dominic Proto, req. by Frank R. Proto & family

Monday, June 21st, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Gilda Vissicchio, req. by Kathy & Pat

Tuesday, June 22nd, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Gilda Vissicchio, req. by Kathy & Pat

Wednesday, June 23rd, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

Thursday, June 24th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Gilda Vissicchio, req. by Kathy & Pat

Friday, June 25th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Gilda Vissicchio, req. by Kathy & Pat

Saturday, June 26th, Vigil of the Lord's Day

4:00 p.m. - Vincent D'Urso, req. by Mary

Florenzano & family

Sunday, June 27th, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. - Jeffery Ponzio, req. by Sue & Joseph Mastriano

11:30 a.m. - In Honor of St. Andrew the Apostle

Today's Scriptures set us in the midst of a raging sea, a mighty force of nature that only the Word of God can restrain. Anyone who has witnessed the violent winds and lashing waves of a storm at sea understands the terror of the disciples and the fearful hearts of the sailors described in today's Responsorial Psalm.

In biblical tradition, the sea— particularly its stormy side—symbolizes chaos, all that threatens peace and well-being. Such was the experience of both Job and the disciples. Job's whole life had become an uncontrollable storm, having suddenly lost both family and possessions. And the disciples, while attracted enough to Jesus to leave all and follow him, were still perplexed by his power perhaps troubled by the negative reaction he sometimes received.

In today's Scriptures, God's power over the storm was revealed in the Midst: "The LORD addressed Job out of the storm." Jesus was in the boat with his disciples, during the storm. Like the sailors of Psalm 107, "they cried to the LORD in their distress; from their straits he rescued them." The Word of God hushes the storm and stills the sea. In the midst of the storm, Job, the sailors, and the disciples all receive at least a glimpse of who God is and experience God's "kindness and wondrous deeds."

What wisdom for us as we encounter the storms of our won lives! What seems to be chaos, to threaten our lives is but the setting in which the power of the Divine can be revealed. Let us not forget that the Teacher will not let us perish. The power of his Word can still our storms as well.

Sanctuary Lamp
Sunday, June 20, 2021
In Memory of
Dominic F. Proto

In remembrance of those who died,
May they rest in peace.

Weekend of June 13, 2021

Weekly Collection \$1977.00

Online Collection \$75.00

Monthly Collection \$545.00

Two Collection This Week
Weekly Collection
Fathers Day

One Collections Next Week
Weekly Collection

Readings for the week of June 20, 2021

Sunday: Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17;
Mark 4:35-41

Monday: Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday: Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew
7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Peter 1:8-12;
Luke 1:5-17; Day: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26;
Luke 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Matthew 8:1-4
Saturday: Genesis 18:1-15; Luke 1:46-47, 48-49,
50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]; Matthew 8:5-17

Pastoral Reflection



Many secular customs and special days that we celebrate in our world and as a nation have their roots and traditions in the Catholic Faith. Today we celebrate Father's Day honoring our fathers and or those special father-like men in our lives who have guarded us, nurtured us, and guided us in our journey of life.

But today's special day whereon we honor our fathers and or those men who have been father-like to us goes back to the Middle Ages with the Feast of St. Joseph which is celebrated on March 19th. It is on this special day whereon we honor St. Joseph who is both husband and father, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of the Child Jesus. While the religious celebration of St. Joseph's Day was brought to this country by Catholic immigrants who settled here, but it wasn't until the early 1900's that Father's Day, as a secular day, as a special day to honor our earthly fathers would slowly start to take root in the U.S. in various ways and in various states, and it was not until years later in 1910 when Father's Day would come to be celebrated on the Third Sunday of June as we know it today.

In the Gospels, St. Joseph is called that "holy and just man" not only because he took Mary into his home after the Angel Gabriel revealed to him that the child within her is the Son of God but he also welcomed the Child Jesus as his own and watched over him and nurtured him as Jesus "grew in grace and wisdom before God and men." So close was this association of Joseph with Jesus that in Jesus' adult life he would be called and referred to as the "carpenter's son."

When we read the gospels, we really see that the Fatherhood of Joseph was not always easy. I am sure that Joseph would have wished for a better situation and conditions when it was time for Mary gave birth to Jesus instead of having to give birth in a stable, the only lodging that he could find when they were so far away from home.

When King Herod heard of the birth of "the Newborn King," in rage and jealousy, he sent his soldiers to kill all the new-born males in his kingdom under the age of two all in an effort to try and kill the Child Jesus. Fearing for the Child Jesus' life, we are told that Joseph had to get up in the middle of the night and flee with Mary and the child Jesus to Egypt. Taking only what they could carry. They had to uproot themselves and start life all over in a new, strange, and unfamiliar place. They became refugees fleeing for safety. Not unlike many families today who flee from persecution.

After the death of King Herod, when they finally returned to their home country, because of lingering threats they had to resettle in Nazareth instead of Bethlehem. Once again, they had to start all over again making a new home and finding work in a new place.

Because of his occupation as a carpenter, Joseph's status in society would have been that of a common laborer and the Holy Family would have been considered among some of the poor people of the time. As we can clearly see from the gospel accounts, even for St. Joseph to be the guardian, protector and provider for the Holy Family could be and was at times very challenging and demanding. In many ways St. Joseph's Fatherhood was no different than from what many fathers experience today.

As we mark "**Father's Day**", we celebrate the love and dedication of those special men in all of our lives who are our Fathers or have been like fathers to us. The role of fatherhood today is indeed a challenging one, but one that, if lived to the fullest and well, can make a life changing difference in the lives of their wives and children.

On behalf of the myself and the staff of St. Michael Church,

We wish each and every father in our parish a day filled with many blessings and greetings of gratitude!

A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find the courage and perseverance to balance work, family, and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers, who have supported and challenged us; who have guarded us, nurtured us, and guided us in our journey of life. May they continue to lead in strong and gentle ways?

We remember fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love, care, support, and advice.

We remember and pray for fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

We Pray to the Lord!

Happy Father's Day!

Fr. Roy



WANTED!!!

30 Synod Representatives

WHEN? Friday, August 13, 2021

6:30 pm

WHERE? The Oakdale Music Theatre
Wallingford, CT

R.S.V.P.

Rev. Robert Roy, our Pastor, has cordially invited you to be a St. Michael Church delegate representative participating in a historic 2020 Synod closing Mass liturgy celebrated by Archbishop Leonard Blair.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!

The COVID-19 virus pandemic delayed the 2020 closing Synod Mass, which originally was scheduled May 31, 2020. Two Representatives from each Hartford Archdiocesan Churches, St. Michael Church, were invited to attend the three-day October 25-27 weekend Synod meetings at the Farmington Marriott Hotel, which included liturgies, keynote speakers, moderated discussion groups and interactive dialogue on the four synod themes. The themes discussed were: 1) Encountering Christ, 2) Becoming Missionary Disciples, 3) Sent on Mission and 4) Collaborating on the Local Church.

WHAT IS A DIOCESAN SYNOD?

Canon Law 460 defines a diocesan synod as “a group of selected priests and other members of the Christian faithful of a particular church who offer assistance to the diocesan Bishop for the good of the whole diocesan community according to the norms of the following canons...460-468.” A bishop can call a synod only after he hears the thoughts of the Presbyteral Council (the council of priests for the diocese).

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

Round trip bus transportation provided. Pickup at St. Michael Church, Wooster Place leaving at 4:00 pm and returning back approximately 9:00 pm .

Don't delay! Sign up today!
Space is limited to 30 parishioners!

To R.S.V. P., contact Andrew Donarumo. For more information, you can contact Andrew at (203) 415-0320 or by e-mail at andrewdonarumo@hotmail.com.

Deadline to make your reservation is Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

*From the Twitter Account of
Pope Francis*



Our prayers are fulfilled and completed when we intercede for others and take care of their concerns and needs. Prayer does not separate us or isolate us from anyone, as it is love for all.

**VOCATION REFLECTIONS
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 20, 2021**

Let no one intimidate you. Jesus said to the twelve: “Fear no one. What I say to you in darkness, speak in the light, what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.” If you are being called to the priesthood or religious life, have courage. The Lord is with you! Call **Fr. Michael Casey** Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com

Question of the Week

Would Jesus ask me, “Do you not yet have faith?” Does my faith strengthen and console me during times of trial?

Please mail me/us a registration form for Saint Michael Church

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

**Send this request to:
Saint Michael Church Office:
29 Wooster Place
New Haven, CT 06511
Or place in offertory basket.**

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20, 2021

Happy Father's Day!



On Father's Day weekend, please join us in offering a spiritual bouquet to St. Joseph. As we celebrate the gift of fathers and honor St. Joseph, we also recognize that Father's Day can be a difficult holiday for many. We hope this spiritual bouquet provides an opportunity to pray for the intentions brought to your heart by the occasion.

Today is World Refugee Day

Today, we pause and remember the 25 million people who have had to flee their countries in search of safety for their families. According to the 1951 Refugee Convention, a refugee is one who "owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to, or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country." The Catholic Church has for decades taken seriously the plight of these vulnerable refugees and through advocacy, education efforts, and service provision sought to provide increased protections for them. Visit www.Justiceforimmigrants.org to learn how you can assist the Church in this effort.

Religious Freedom Week

All people desire to enjoy communion with God, and this desire gives rise to the search for religious truth and finds expression in the formation of religious culture. Even people who claim no religious affiliation cannot help but need ritual, belonging, and truth. Why?

Because we all long to know and love the One in whose image we are made. "For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him."

The Church's promotion of religious freedom expresses her solidarity with all people who seek the good and hope for fulfillment in the truth. As Pope Francis teaches:

Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love... Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile (Fratelli tutti, 55).

Join us throughout the week as we pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad.