

# SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

EST. 1889

*The First Italian Parish In Connecticut*

**Pastor:** Rev. Robert P. Roy

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## Parish Office

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## Weekday and Weekend Masses

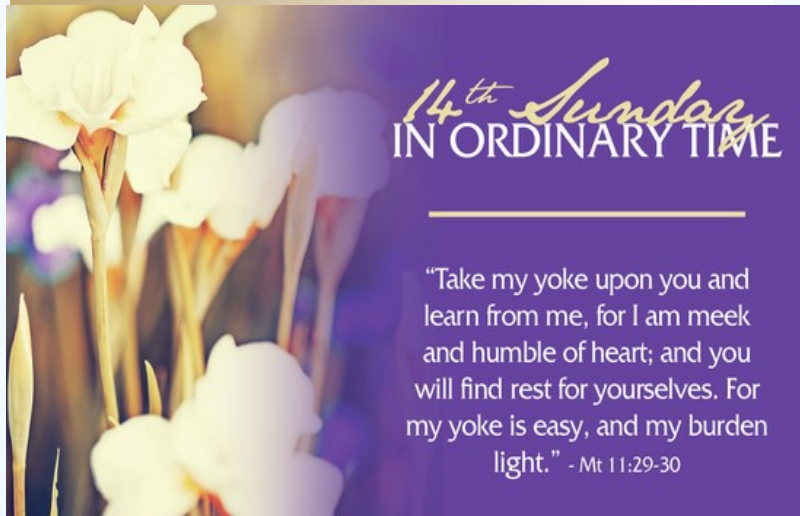
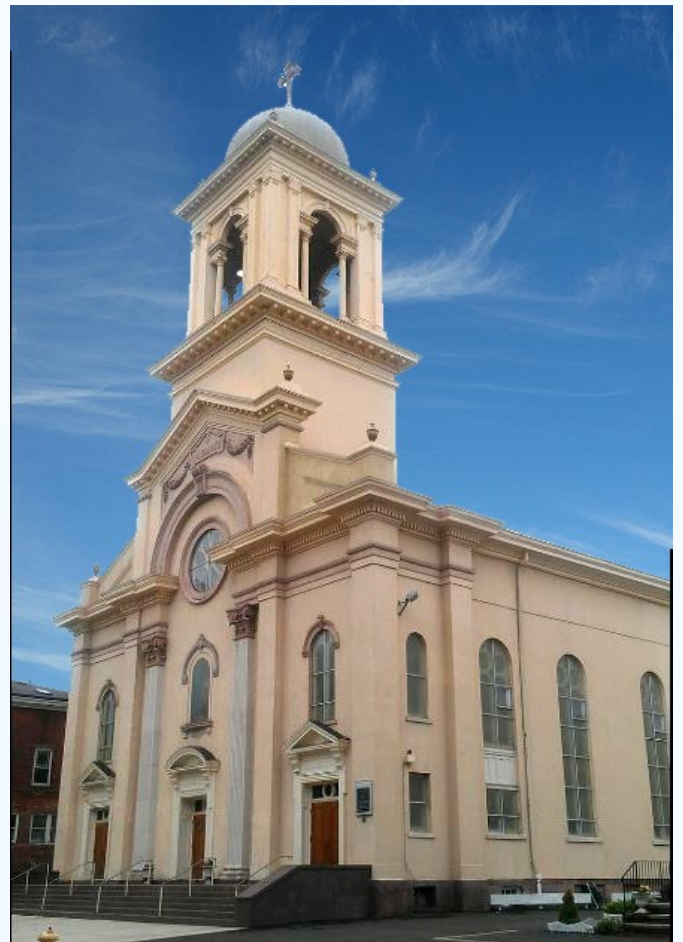
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00am

Saturday vigil—4:00 p.m. Sunday—9:30 a.m.

No mass on Wednesday's (only during Lent)

**Holy Days:** 8:00am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:00pm to 3:30pm



## *Our Mission Statement*

Our parish is open to all people who seek to give glory to God through the centrality of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and in sharing the gifts and traditions of the Roman Catholic faith. Enlivened by the Holy Spirit, we strive to create a vibrant, welcoming faith community for worship, education and outreach to our neighbors, community, and the Southern Italian Religious Societies through the Lordship of our Savior Jesus Christ.





**14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 5, 2020**

**Saturday, July 4th, Vigil of the Lord's Day**

4:00 p.m. - Deceased Member of Celentano & LaValle family, req. by Mary Jane Celentano

**Sunday, July 5th, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 a.m. - Community Mass

**Monday, July 6th, St. Maria Goretti**

8:00 a.m. -

**Tuesday, July 7th, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. -

**Wednesday, July 8th, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

**Thursday, July 9th, St. Augustine Zhao Rong**

8:00 a.m. -

**Friday, July 10th, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. - Deceased members of Borelli & Anastasio families, req. by Anastasio family

**Saturday, July 11th, Vigil of the Lord's Day**

4:00 p.m. - Jason Anthony O'Brien, req. by Therese & Nick Incarnato

**Sunday, July 12th, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 a.m. - In Honor of St. Trofimena

It must have been shocking for people in the first century to hear Jesus refer to God as "Father," as he does in today's Gospel. The word used is abba, which could actually be translated as "papa." In using this form of address, Jesus was emphasizing that God is not a faraway deity, disinterested and detached from creation. God is personal, loving, and involved in our lives.

God is our Father, and the "little ones" are his children who are humble enough to see that God has revealed himself in Christ. Perhaps the "wise and learned" were too proud and stubborn to have an open mind about new things God was doing in Jesus. Or maybe God calls the humble so that there will be no question that it is the work of God, and not just the accomplishments of important people. Whatever the reason, true wisdom seems to come to those who are humble.

Jesus himself embodies both wisdom and humility, and for those who will follow his example, he promises rest. But this kind of rest does not mean inactivity; it means refreshment, peace of mind and renewed energy. The yoke was the harness that attached the cargo to a beast of burden. When Jesus says "take my yoke," he means "let's trade yokes—let me take your burden from you." In the book of Sirach, the yoke represents the Law. In Matthew 23:1-4 it is associated with the scribes' and Pharisees' interpretation of the Law. Jesus takes away our failure to carry the burden of the Law and replaces it with grace; that is, the love and forgiveness of the Father that comes to us through Christ.

***Sanctuary Lamp***

***Sunday, July 5, 2020***

***In Memory of***

***Deceased Members of St. Michael Parish***

***Question of the Week***

When have I realized that my expectations had fooled me? Regarding hardships, what have I learned from asking for help?

**Weekend of June 28, 2020**

**Weekly Collection \$356.00**

**Two Collections This Week  
Weekly & Monthly**

**Readings for the week of July 5, 2020**

**Sunday:** Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

**Monday:** Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10:7-15

**Friday:** Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33

**Food Bank** – Each week there is a box in the rectory entrance to receive donations of non-perishable foods that are brought to the Saint Ann Church Food Bank in Hamden. **(PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE OPEN AND EXPIRED FOOD)**. Your donation of these items are appreciated greatly by those who receive them. Please consider bringing one or two non-perishable items per month as a way of fulfilling the Corporal Work of Mercy, **To Feed the Hungry**.

### Pastoral Reflection



This weekend, we as Americans will celebrate and commemorate a most historic day which changed the lives of our founding ancestors and the future of this country forever and that is none other than the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. For it was on this history making day, 244 years ago in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was adopted and signed by the members of the Continental Congress and its President, John Hancock.

As we celebrate our Nation's 244<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and still experiencing the growing pains in our realization of the importance of the words as expressed in the Declaration of Independence concerning our God-given "unalienable rights" as an expression of freedom and rights for all peoples our nation, I am reminded of the historic visit that Pope Benedict XVI made to the United States back in April of 2008.

Throughout his visit, our Holy Father gave a kind of "catechesis, a teaching on America" and explained some of the reasons why he considers "*America great*". These were the Pope's words not President Trump's. He explained that one of the reasons for this "greatness" is that *America connects "freedom with faith."* Many times, when we as a people hear the word "freedom," we think of freedom from something or someone. Certainly, this is true in the sense "freedom" from tyranny and or oppression, but the word "freedom" also means freedom to do something positive, freedom to do something good for and to our brothers and sisters. I am not talking about a "freedom" that just lets us do whatever we want and desire whenever we want regardless of other people's rights or at the expense of other people that is not true "freedom." As a society of individuals, we do need order, we do need laws and regulations to govern us in our relationship with each other in order that we may live in harmony and peace with each other which enables us to function together as a society. But our "*freedom with faith*" is a "freedom" that allows us as a people to pursue the good, to do the good that which is just, right, noble, and virtuous. This is they type of "freedom" that our Holy Father was referring to.

In the drafting of the Deceleration of Independence, our founders knew that there were certain principles that govern and apply to all peoples given to them by their Creator, "unalienable rights" which "among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Because of this founding principle of "unalienable rights", Pope Benedict stated, "American's quest for freedom has been guided by the conviction that the principles governing political and social life are intimately linked to a moral order based on the dominion of God the Creator." Thus, from its beginning, our American "freedom" has always been tied to morality and to religion.

The Pope also linked "freedom" with virtue. He said, "freedom is not only a gift but also a summons to personal responsibility, of self-discipline, sacrifice for the common good and a sense of responsibility towards the less fortunate." "We are our brother's and sister's keepers." As human beings, as a nation, what affects one of us affects all of us. *In God's eyes, All lives matter!*

As a people, as a nation, we have a long history of taking care of our brothers and sisters in need, especially during this pandemic, not only in our own country but throughout the world following the words of the Lord, "As long as you did it to one of these the least of my brothers and sisters you did it to me."

The Holy Father also stated that "America is great because it has welcomed immigrants. We are a nation of immigrants. Many of our family members, great grandparents, grandparents, fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters came to this land from other countries. Often bringing with them very little except the clothes on their backs but with their culture, their faith and their hearts filled with dreams and new hope seeking a better life for themselves and their families." We have truly become a melting pot.

It was the immigrant Church in this country that build up many great cities in our nations. How true the inscription on the Statue of Liberty, "Give me your tired, your poor and your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." While most of us may have been born in this country, our ancestry has it roots in other countries and cultures of the world. We have always been a people of hope and a land of dreams. And that way many still come to us this day filled with hopes and dreams for a better future.

Although he was not specifically addressing us on this Fourth of July, whereon we celebrate our day of independence, I think that Pope Benedict XVI remarks made during his historic visit many years ago still ring true for us this day. "In the land of religious liberty, Catholics found freedom not only to practice their faith but also to participate fully in civic life, bringing their deepest moral convictions to the public square and cooperating with their neighbors in shaping a vibrant, democratic society" for all.

"Today's" Forty of July celebration "is more than an occasion of gratitude for graces received" and blessing bestowed on our county. "It is also a summons to move forward with firm resolve to use wisely the blessings of freedom, in order to build a future of hope for coming generations" and for all peoples.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!!

Fr. Roy

## Rooted in Faith, Opening Wide Our Hearts



On Wednesday July 8th, 7:00 PM, The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford will **continue** its conference series with the webinar “Racism without Racists”. This presentation covers structural racism and will provide some concrete steps towards achieving racial justice. The speaker is Christopher Doucot, founder of the Hartford Catholic Worker. He is an adjunct instructor of Sociology at local universities where he teaches on race, class, and nonviolence, and the author of “No Innocent Bystanders”. The Webinar is free; advanced registration is required and available at: [www.catholicsocialjustice.org](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org)  
Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Campbell at 860-242-5573 ext. 2689.

### 2020 Mission Cooperative Mission Appeal July 18-19, 2020

The **2020 Mission Cooperative Appeal Collection** will be taken as a second collection next weekend. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the missionaries are not able to be with us this year; however, although physically distant, we have the opportunity to be present to them through our spiritual and financial support. The ministries of **The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers** will benefit from our parish’s generosity. Our assistance will help with them with their medical outreach to those with eye disease as well as vocational skills training for those with blindness. Our donations also will provide famine relief and assistance for refugees in South Sudan, formation of Maryknoll seminarians and care for infirm missionaries. Our response to Christ’s call that we “love one another” will bring His hope into the lives of many. We ask your generous response. Checks may be made out to The Catholic Mission Aid Office. On their behalf, thank you.



#### *From the Twitter Account of Pope Francis*

*Today we are united in a special way with the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. Peter and Andrew were brothers. Whenever possible, we exchange fraternal visits on our respective feast days, as we journey together towards the goal that the Lord desires: full unity.*

**TO RESCHEDULE WEEKDAY MASSES,  
CALL THE CHURCH AT 203-562-7178.**

**ALL WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS  
HAVE BEEN  
RESCHEDULED FOR 2021**

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

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Telephone No.** \_\_\_\_\_

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

### On Line Giving

Realizing that the Coronavirus has affected us in many ways, even financially, I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to all the parishioners of St. Michaels’s Church who have remembered St. Michael financially by mailing or dropping off your weekly envelopes. We now offer on-line giving through our website, [StMichaelWoosterSquare.org](http://StMichaelWoosterSquare.org), under the Parish Life tab.

## Job Posting

St. Margaret Church – Madison, CT St. Margaret Church has an opening for a full-time position available for a Parish Secretary. The Parish Secretary will work Monday through Friday for a total of 35 hours per week (7 hours per day). This position will offer a generous employee benefits package including a 403(b) plan.

The Parish Secretary will be responsible for providing secretarial and related office services for the Pastor and for other parish staff and ministries, as directed. This position is the initial point of contact for church members or visitors when calling or visiting the parish office.

Duties will include, but are not limited to; general secretarial support of the parish; maintaining record-keeping and filing systems; computer and internet work; updating the parish website; phone and reception duties; and well as other office related duties.

Qualified candidates must have strong written and verbal communication skills as well as excellent computer skills, utilizing Microsoft applications. Knowledge of the Catholic Church and its traditions are required.

Qualifications include professionalism, hospitality and a high degree of confidentiality, as well as the ability to multi-task while maintaining a high level of organization and productivity, as well as exemplary written, verbal, and interpersonal skills. The ability to update and monitor the Church's website, is preferred.

Please submit your resume and letter of interest to: [fr.schulze@aohct.org](mailto:fr.schulze@aohct.org).

As we face this unprecedented worldwide pandemic, by practice social distancing, as a community of people and of faith, may we always keep in mind that we are all in this together and that we need to be there for one another and to support one another and it is no different with St. Michael's. We are here for you! We need to stay in touch and connected. The weekly bulletin along with other information is available on our web site; [stmichaelwoostersquare.org](http://stmichaelwoostersquare.org), on our Facebook page (St. Michael Church Wooster Square New Haven, CT) or on You Tube (St. Michael Church Wooster Square). You can always contact us by phone at 203-562-7178 or via email [smc1889@att.org](mailto:smc1889@att.org)

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