

SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

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The First Italian Parish In Connecticut

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Weekday and Weekend Masses

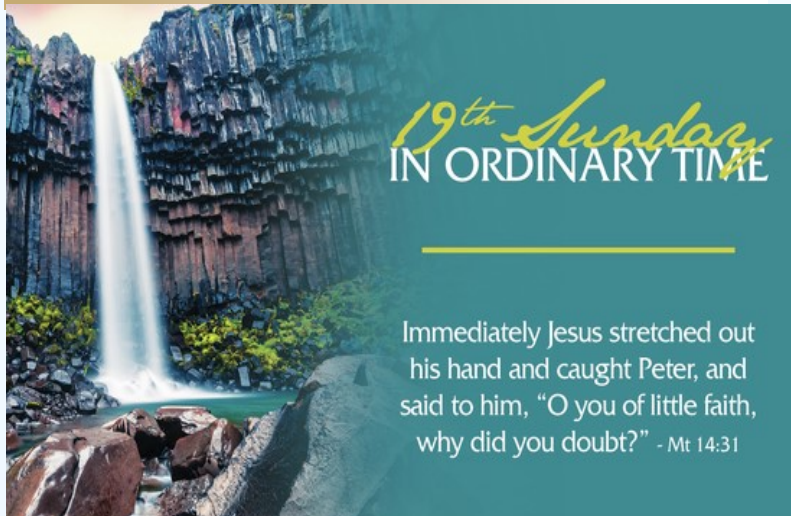
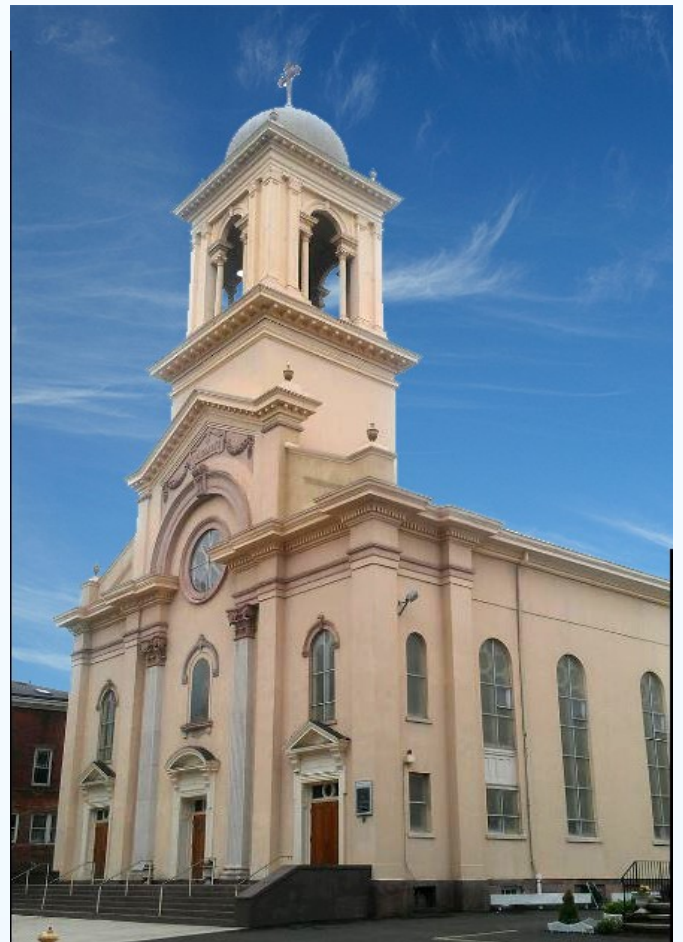
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00am

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.





**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 9, 2020**

Saturday, August 8th, Vigil of the Lord's Day

4:00 p.m. - Antony Gambardella, req. by children

Sunday, August 9th, 19th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

9:30 a.m. - Sta. Maria Della Vergini

Monday, August 10th, St. Lawrence

8:00 a.m. - People of St. Michael Church

Tuesday, August 11th, Saint Clare

8:00 a.m. -

Wednesday, August 12th, St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

Thursday, August 13th, Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus

8:00 a.m. -

Friday, August 14th, St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:00 a.m. -

Saturday, August 15th, Vigil of the Lord's Day

4:00 p.m. - Alice Ezold, req. by Esther & Rich

Sunday, August 16th, 20th Sunday in Ordinary

9:30 a.m. - Dominick, Theresa & Raymond Petrarca, req. by Gene & Donald

When we read this Gospel, we tend to focus on the fact that Jesus walked on water, which is understandable. But before we jump to that, let's not forget to notice why Jesus wasn't in the boat in the first place. He went off to be alone and to pray. If Jesus needed to pray, how much more do we!

Jesus seemed to expect Peter to walk on water—and he did for a second. Apparently, walking on water does not require divinity! In fact, Jesus said we could do the things he did, and even greater things than he did. But Peter started to sink because he was afraid. Fear is the opposite of faith. Prayer builds faith and reduces fear by increasing our trust in God. The more we pray, the less we fear. Peter is an example of our imperfect faith (he even denied the Lord), but he put his trust in Jesus and called out to him. When we put our trust in Jesus to save us, he holds us up, and he sustains us through our most difficult times.

One of the early symbols for the Church was a boat. The Church was seen as a small boat tossed around in an unfriendly sea (a world that persecuted Christians). But the presence of Jesus in the boat calms the storm, and keeps the sailors safe. Jesus still calms storms. He still reaches out and pulls us up when we call out and put our trust in him. Fear can seize us without warning, but we will be better prepared for it if we follow Jesus' example of making time for prayer.

Question of the Week

How can I overcome the fears and doubts I have in my life? How can I support others striving to overcome their own fears and doubts?

Sanctuary Lamp

Sunday, August 9, 2020

In Memory of

Deceased members of St. Michael Parish

REMINDER

Saturday, August 15, 2020.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Weekend of July 26, 2020

Weekly Collection \$2229.00

Monthly Collection \$929.00

**One Collections This Week
Weekly Collection**

**Two Collections Next Week
Weekly Collection**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings for the week of August 9, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ezekiel 2:8—3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday: Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]; Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28.



The 2020 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference: Taking It To Higher Ground The worldwide Covid-19 pandemic took a heavy toll on humanity with the deaths and the lockdowns, and the many changes that social distancing and fears about the spread of the disease brought. For people of faith, this crisis brought new ways of worshipping through social media as churches were closed down.

For the men of the Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference Committee, it seemed as though the pandemic would dash all hopes of a gathering this year. But thanks to the fortitude and ingenuity of these faithful servants, the conference is being taken to higher ground – literally – as the committee gave birth to the idea of a new kind of conference, one that would call men up to the mountain under the shadow of the 56-foot cross at Holy Land USA in Waterbury, Connecticut.

Against the odds, the CCMC Committee, headed by Ken Santopietro, secured the 17-acre site and two large tents, raised an army of workers to prepare the ground for an open-air event, and harvested the talents of the committee members themselves as speakers. Each meeting the committee held opened up new possibilities for making this event the best it has ever been. The theme, the focus, the goals, and a new date began to coalesce around those symbols and strengths that make Catholic men great, and with a lot of grace, this 13th conference, which is now scheduled for September 19th, 2020 (assuring warmer weather), has come together in ways none of the men of the committee could have dreamed of a year ago.

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Saint Joseph being proclaimed the Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on 8 December 1870, this year's theme is SAINT JOSEPH: OUR PATRON. In addition, the Mass this year will be dedicated to the soon-to-be blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, who grew up in the shadow of Holy Land, the brainchild of another outstanding Catholic man, John Baptist Greco, who turned a piece of undesirable land into a place where believers could celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

The event will be doubly blessed because of the dedication of so many from the Knights of Columbus who are preparing the site and who represent what it means to be a man dedicated to the Catholic faith. And Fr. Jeffrey Romans, former priest-secretary for the Archbishop of Hartford and a former CCMC Committee member, will be the principal celebrant at the outdoor Mass.

The speakers for the event include: Father James Sullivan, the current conference chaplain, who will speak on the life of Father McGivney; David Craig, founder of Adoration for Vocations, Aaron Joseph, conference co-director, and founder of SAINT JOSEPH: OUR PATRON, a lay apostolate founded to promote Saint Joseph's universal patronage; and Walter Finneran, who will be giving a testimony on The Brian O'Connell Homeless Project. These men will be tying together the theme of the day in a way that will drive home the overarching goal of every conference: to connect Catholic men to Christ and one another, and prompt each man to seek out a personal apostolate where he can serve the Kingdom of God and help other Catholic men to become the best of who they can be.

There will be all the familiar elements the men have come to expect from the conference: great speakers, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fellowship, and an uplifting message of encouragement for the men. This event will truly reach new levels for those who will participate. There will be a limit of 500 men for this conference, and the CCMC Committee is asking those who wish to attend to purchase their tickets before September 1st by going to www.ctcatholicmen.org. We hope to see you there!

*From the Twitter Account of
Pope Francis*



In the next few weeks, I invite you to tackle together the pressing questions that the pandemic has brought to the fore, social ills above all. And we will do it in the light of the Gospel, of the theological virtues and of the principles of the Church's social doctrine.

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

Aug. 9th – Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Do not be afraid. Peter was able to walk on the waves until he turned his attention away from Jesus. In fear Peter called out “Lord, save me”. Have faith and trust the Lord’s call. Consider being a priest, brother, or sister. 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.

Face Masks

St. Michael Church received a donation of cloth face masks in packs of 5 for our parishioners and for those who need them.

The masks are located inside the front of the Church and in the chapel.

Please help yourselves to the masks.

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

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

MASS BOOK

The Mass Book is open for all registered and non-registered parishioners for 2020. Weekday masses and Sanctuary candles are available. Come to the rectory from 9:30am – 12:00 noon Monday thru Friday, or call the Rectory at 203-562-7178 to book your masses.

All Masses must be paid in full at the time of booking.

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.**

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.**

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, under the Parish Life tab.

**Word Among Us Books
&
Weekly Bulletins**

Due to the Coronavirus, the Word Among Us Books and weekly bulletins are located in the office. If you wish to obtain a copy, please call the office or stop by the church during office hours while supplies last.



If you are still considering placement for your child for the 2020-2021 School year, please come and visit All Saints. There are still seats available. Come and see for yourselves what we have to offer. You won't be disappointed.

All Saints Catholic Academy is a Kindergarten – Grade 8 World School, moving toward accreditation as an International Baccalaureate School (IB).

All Saints Catholic Academy will offer students:

- An environment rich in prayer and centered in Christ.
- A curriculum designed to help students live and thrive in a global world.
- A focus on diverse languages and communication skills.
- Hands-on, project-based assignments using engineering design methods.
- Emphasis on inquisitive thinking, problem solving, and global citizenship.
- Collaborative partnerships with higher education institutions.
- A foundation of social emotional intelligence and a growth mindset.
- Formation in the Catholic faith and principles of Catholic Social Teaching.
- A central location, with free busing for all New Haven students.
- Tuition assistance for families in need.

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