

SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

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The First Italian Parish In Connecticut

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Parish Office

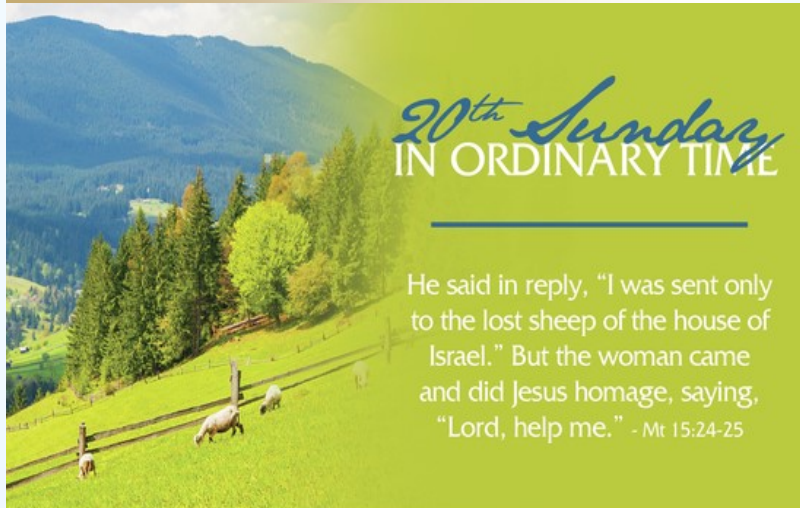
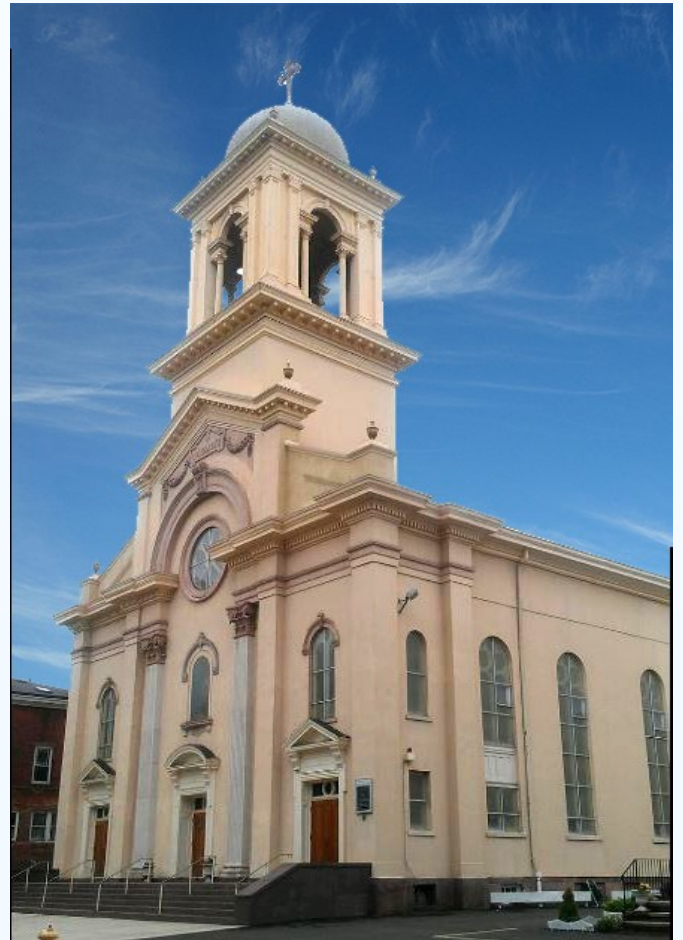
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Weekday and Weekend Masses

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.





**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 16, 2020**

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 Time

9:30 a.m. - Dominick, Theresa & Raymond

Petrarca, req. by Gene & Donald

Monday, August 17th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Joan Hess, req. by Edward & Alice

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Tuesday, August 18th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. -

Wednesday, August 19th, St. John Eudes

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

Thursday, August 20th, St. Bernard

8:00 a.m. -

Friday, August 21st, St. Pius

8:00 a.m. -

Saturday, August 22nd, Vigil of the Lord's Day

4:00 p.m. - Josephine Gargano, req. by family

Sunday, August 23rd, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. - Kathleen a. Keane, req. by Gene

Petrarca

The promise of God are for everyone. That may seem obvious to many of us, but it was an insight the first Christians had to struggle with. Even during Jesus' ministry, the disciples were not ready to believe that God's Messiah had come to everyone to invite them into God's Kingdom. When a foreign woman reached out to Jesus for help, Jesus tested the bystanders by quoting a familiar proverb: "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But then when Jesus healed the woman's daughter anyway, he not only surprised a lot of self-righteous people, he began something that would eventually blossom into a worldwide mission to the Gentiles.

In the Church that Jesus founded, being a child of God is no longer dependent on being born into a particular group of people. It is available to everyone, as God said through Isaiah, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Therefore, a major part of Jesus' ministry was to break down the cultural barriers that divided people and encourage a new way of looking at people, especially those who were the outcasts in that society. Jesus talked to foreigners, ate with the tax collectors, forgave sinners, and even touched lepers. For him, holiness is not in the external things, but in a person's heart, and the Kingdom of Heaven is open to all who will turn their hearts toward it. As Christians, we are really brothers and sister by choice, not by chance. But this also means we have to resist the temptation to look at anyone as an "outsider."

Sanctuary Lamp

Sunday, August 16, 2020

In Memory of

Deceased members of St. Michael Parish

Question of the Week

To what peripheries can I go to serve others? Do I see everyone as potentially eligible for salvation?

REMINDER

Saturday, August 15, 2020.

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

Readings for the week of August 16, 2020

Sunday: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

Monday: Ezekiel 24:15-24; Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]; Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Deuteronomy 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Matthew 23:1-12

Weekend of August 9, 2020

Weekly Collection \$1572.00

Two Collections This Week

Weekly Collection

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

One Collection Next Week

Weekly Collection

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Because the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15th falls on a Saturday this year it is not a Holyday of Obligation. But because it is not a Holyday of Obligation, I believe the importance of this celebration and its significance in and to our Catholic Faith should not be overlooked.

Whenever I pray the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary and I come to the Fourth Glorious Mystery, which is the Assumption of Mary, body and soul into heaven, the Feast that we celebrate this Saturday, I cannot help but think how in God's plan of salvation this mystery, this solemnity makes perfect sense.

If we consider who Mary is, her great God-given role in God's plan of salvation and her personal response to God's call and will in her life, her personal "yes" in the participation of God's plan for our salvation, in consenting to be the Mother of the Savior and the salvation that Jesus her Son brought about through His suffering, death and resurrection than to me this mystery and the truth and the reality that it signifies and reveals, flows naturally and supernaturally from the events of salvation that have occurred.

If one of the reasons why God sent us His Son as Savior and Redeemer into the world was and is to ransom us, to redeem us for our sins, to take away our sins, to take away the sins of the world in order that we could be reunited back to the intimate life of the Trinity, and Mary was to be and is the mother of the redeemer, than she, who was conceived without sin at the first moment of her conception was united with the Holy Trinity in a perfect and holy union since her conception, thus the Assumption makes sense.

If one of the reasons why God sent us His Son as Savior and Redeemer into the world was and is to lead us back to Himself, when we had gone astray, as St. Paul tells us, than the "yes" of Mary which was the opposite of the "no" of Adam and Eve and Mary's openness to the will and working of God in her life, "I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your words" makes her the perfect disciple, the perfect listener to the word of God, the perfect follower of the Lord; of the will of God for and in her life, thus the Assumption makes perfect sense.

If one of the reasons why God sent us His Son as Savior and Redeemer into the world was and is to overcome our greatest enemy which is death, to restore us back to life, divine life and this was accomplished through His own suffering, death and resurrection, to give us the gift of eternal life, than she, Mary, who shared in His passion by offering her Son upon the cross in order that this salvation, forgiveness of sin and new life might be accomplished and applied to us, then would she who had an important role to play in the accomplishment of our salvation not also be one of the first to share in this gift, in the gift of resurrection and eternal life that Jesus, her only begotten Son had gain for us? Thus, the Assumption of Mary make perfect sense.

The whole point of all of this is that if Mary had such a key and important rule to play in God's plan of salvation in restoring us back to his original intention and design when he first created us in His image and likeness, then would she not be one of the first to share in the promises and victory that her Son won for us through his suffering, death and resurrection. Because of her pivotal key role in obtaining our salvation, would she not be one of the first who would share body and soul in this promise of bodily resurrection and eternal life and glory in heaven with her Son? The Assumption of Mary, body and soul into heaven makes perfect sense.

Sometimes, we don't always make the connection of what Mary's Assumption means to us. What Mary's Assumption means to us, when she was taken up body and soul into heaven, is that each and every one of us by virtue of our baptism, we are called to share in that same glory in heaven in our own risen and glorified bodies with our soul. After all, did not Jesus say, "I go and prepare a place for you. Where I am you shall also be." After all, is not that place in heaven where Jesus is seated at the right hand of His Father in glory?

For Mary's Assumption not only is her own personal sharing in her Son's resurrection and glory, but it also represents the pattern of the Church in its perfection as we pray in our preface at Mass, "Her assumption represents the future glory of all of us."

Mary's Assumption into heaven should inspire us to see the worth of making every effort to live life properly, for she is a living symbol and model of what God calls us to be.

As we journey on our pilgrim way especially in these difficult and challenging times, Mary has so much to teach us, because she points forward to our future destination where we hope to be.

These thoughts are just a sampling, a small smattering of the great mysteries that we ponder this weekday, this Saturday August 15th concerning the Assumption of Mary into heaven. And if we truly examine these sacred mysteries with faith and devotion than the feast of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul into heaven makes perfect sense and is the perfect conclusion to the life of a person who followed and believed in the words of the Lord that were spoken to her.

God Bless!

Fr. Roy

*From the Twitter Account of
Pope Francis*



The coronavirus is not the only disease to be fought, but rather, the pandemic has shed light on broader social ills. One of these is a distorted view of the person, a perspective that ignores the dignity and relational character of the person.

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

Aug. 16th – Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The woman persisted in calling on Jesus to help her daughter. Jesus at first did not answer her and then replied that “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel”. He healed the woman’s daughter. Are you a lost sheep being called to serve in religious life? 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.

Do not take just one mask, take the whole pack. 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.



Rooted in Faith, Opening Wide Our Hearts On Wednesday August 19, 7:00 PM, The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford will continue its conference series with the webinar: Conversations from the Heart: Four Women Share their stories of what it means to be

Black and Catholic This presentation will ask: What is the National Black Catholic Congress? · Who are some of the Black Catholic Holy Men and Women? Hear from four women about their experiences of faith, racism, and cultural identify. The Webinar is free; advanced registration is required and available at: www.catholicsocialjustice.org/open-wide-our-hearts.html



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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