

SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

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The First Italian Parish In Connecticut

Pastor: Rev. Robert P. Roy

Deacon: Norman Singer

Parish Office

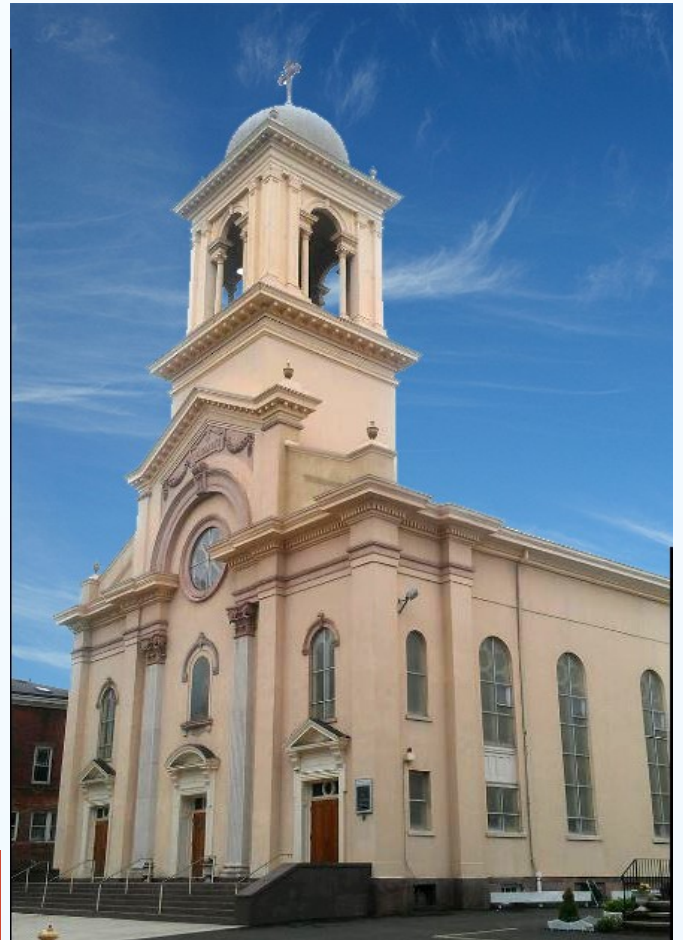
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Weekday and Weekend Masses

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



25th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’” - Mt 20:8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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.





**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

Saturday, September 19th, Vigil of the Lord's Day
4:00 p.m. - Nicholas & Vincenza Onofrio, req. by Nick & Lena Onofrio
Sunday, September 20th, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. - Davide, Angelina, Luciana & Marisa Incarnato, req. by son Nichola & Therese
Monday, September 21st, Saint Matthew
8:00 a.m. -
Tuesday, September 22nd, Weekday
8:00 a.m. -
Wednesday, September 23rd, St. Pius of Pietrelcina
8:00 a.m. - NO MASS
Thursday, September 24th, Weekday
8:00 a.m. -
Friday, September 25th, Weekday
8:00 a.m. -
Saturday, September 26th, Vigil of the Lord's Day
4:00 p.m. - Richard Sampietro, req. by family
Sunday, September 27th, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. - All First Responders

“I long to depart his life and be with Christ,” says Paul in the Second Reading. What do these words say to us about the depth, the faith, the prayer of the man who uttered them? Paul is not speaking out of depression, even though he is imprisoned at the time he writes this. His words come from a deep desire within his heart and a strong conviction of faith. “For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.”

As a Pharisee, Paul would have believed in the resurrection of the dead even prior to his conversion to Christ. But it is not just resurrected life that Paul longs for; it is to be with Christ in the fullness of his glory. Not only had the risen Christ appeared to him at his conversion, but Paul had even glimpsed the glory of paradise in some type of mystical prayer experience, as described in 2 Corinthians 12:1-4.

Paul’s personal experience of Christ rooted him firmly in Christ. “I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.” One could even say that Paul lived and breathed Christ: “I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me.”

What a model for us to ponder! But how does one attain such Christ-centeredness? To be sure, Paul’s personal experience of Jesus was gift and grace. But it is also true that we can open ourselves to grace in various ways—by being faithful to prayer, reading scripture, fasting, meditating on the sacred, and other acts of devotion which help to cultivate a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. Certainly, Paul was a man of prayer and devotion. Let us cultivate such practices so that we too may be open to the graces, the nearness of Christ.

Sanctuary Lamp
Sunday, September 20, 2020

In Memory of
Philip Santore

In remembrance of those who died,
Robert Zirlis & Salvatore DePino
May they rest in peace.

Question of the Week
How can I magnify Christ in myself? How can I imitate God’s generosity?

Weekend of September 13, 2020

Weekly Collection \$1555.00

Two Collections This Week
Weekly Collection
Catholic Elementary Schools (Hopes)

One Collection Next Week
Weekly Collection

Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a
Monday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday: Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8; Luke 9:43b-45

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Time passes quickly! I cannot believe that September is almost over with October just around the corner one-and one-half weeks away. October is a busy month. First, October is not only Respect Life Month, but it is also the month of the Holy Rosary.

Once again, the parishes of the Archdiocese of Hartford will be participating in the **40 Days for Life Campaign**, which starts this Wednesday, September 24th and goes through Sunday, November 1st, 2020, the Feast of All Saints. The whole purpose for this Life Campaign is to set aside some special time to come together as a community of believers “to pray and fast” for an end to abortion, “to pray” that this scourge which the “law of the land” has decreed upon the most innocent and vulnerable of our society may stop and “to fast” in order that we might be reminded of the words of Jesus that “we do not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God”. Also, that we reach out in charity to our brothers and sisters in need because “we are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers.”

Since its inception in 2004, up to 17,226 babies have been saved from abortion in the United States including 68 from the Hartford campaigns and these are just the one that we know about. God only knows how many other babies were saved. “Some 206 abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry.” 107 abortions centers have completely shut down following local 40 Days for Life campaigns.”

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, “Hundreds of women and men,” yes, men, “have been spared from the tragic effects of abortion, its consequences and its lifetime of regret.” And because of their regrets, “many people with past abortion experiences have stepped forward to begin post-abortion healing, recovery” and/or speak out against abortion.” These few and simple facts demonstrate that by prayer, vigilance, and outreach to those in need, we can and do make a difference, **but it is up to all of us to get involved and be counted to make that difference.**

This year the 40 Days for Life campaign is adding a new dimension and is expanding its efforts to include the New Haven area. A peaceful prayer vigil will be held in front of the Planned Parenthood, 345 Whitney Avenue. As most of us know, Planned Parenthood is one of the biggest abortion providers in the country. The Life campaign is looking for volunteers to help in this effort and for prayer teams, partners, (minimum of 2 people per hour) to sign up to participate in the prayer vigil between the hours of 7 AM – 7 PM daily, starting this Wednesday, September 23rd and going through to Sunday, November 1st the Feast of All Saints. For more information on the 40 Days for Life campaign or if you have any questions you can e-mail the co-leaders, Tim and Lanae Virkler at NewHaven40DaysforLife@gmail.com or you visit the campaign website at 40daysfor-life.com/NewHaven.

While we may not all be able to personally participate in the sidewalk prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood, as Catholic we should “pray and fast” “rendering our hearts and not our garments” asking God to give us all a change of heart to realize that **“all lives matter” I repeat that “all lives matter” from natural conception to natural death.**

The Annual Archdiocesan Respect for Life Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair on Sunday, October 8, 2020 at St. Bridget of Sweden Parish in Cheshire. Please note: *The Mass will not be celebrated at the Cathedral this year.* At this Mass, the St. Gianna Pro-Life witness awards will be presented to six people from the Archdiocese for their witness and dedication to the advancement and preservation of life. This year, the Archdiocese has added a High School and Young Adult Pro-Life witness award.

As our late Holy Father St. John Paul II said, “The most basic and fundamental right that is owed to all people is the right to life without which no other rights exist.”

Fr. Roy



40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

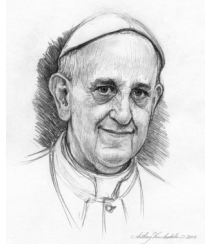
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

The first New Haven 40 Days for Life fall campaign, a peaceful prayer vigil, will be held in front of the Planned Parenthood facility at 345 Whitney Av, New Haven, CT. We are looking for volunteers to help in this effort and for prayer teams (minimum 2 people per hour) to sign up to participate in the prayer vigil between the hours of 7 AM – 7 PM daily, from Sep 23rd to Nov 1st 2020. To reach out to us directly for more information or questions you can e-mail co-leaders Tim and Lanae Virkler at NewHaven40DaysforLife@gmail.com

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign:

40daysforlife.com/NewHaven

Search YouTube 'New Haven 40 Days for Life'



From the Twitter Account of Pope Francis

To contemplate and to care: these are two attitudes that show the way to correct and rebalance our relationship as human beings with creation.

**Help Our Parish Elementary Schools
HOPES Collection**

The **HOPES** Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing schools with individual **HOPES Grants**. Last year's HOPES Grants funded advances in technology, safety and the marketing and promotion of Catholic schools through branding and social media. Please help us provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by giving to the 2020 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection on the weekend of **September 19 -20, 2020**.

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**.

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

Sept 20th – Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The parable of the landowner's payment of wages reminds the disciples that at baptism they agreed to work in the Lord's vineyard in return for all He promises which are divine gifts and graces. What more could anyone want? Are you being called to work in the Lord's vineyard as a priest or religious? Call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Tel. 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

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

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



Archdiocese of Hartford 2020 Traveling Rosary Congress The Archdiocese of Hartford is hosting a Traveling Rosary Congress during October, the month of the Most Holy Rosary, from Saturday, October 3 through Friday, October 9.

A Traveling Rosary Congress is seven days of around-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration and Hourly Rosary, with each day hosted at a different parish in the archdiocese, in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration and prayer. It is offered in a spirit of reparation to restore the sanctity of life, to pray for vocations, to establish peace in our cities, nation, and world, and to console the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

During this 7-day period of the Traveling Rosary Congress, the host parishes will offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed aloud at the beginning of each hour, followed by silent prayer for the remainder of the hour.

An Opening Mass for the Rosary Congress will be held on Saturday, October 3 at 4:15 pm at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury CT. The Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair will celebrate a Closing Mass for the Rosary Congress on Friday, October 9 at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

Please consider participating in this special event as we pray in reparation for our families, our archdiocese, our country, and our world. For more information, go to www.rosarycongressusa.org and click on "Hartford, CT" to see a complete listing of the Traveling Rosary Congress locations in the Archdiocese of Hartford and to schedule an hour of Eucharistic Adoration.