

SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

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The First Italian Parish In Connecticut

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Parish Office

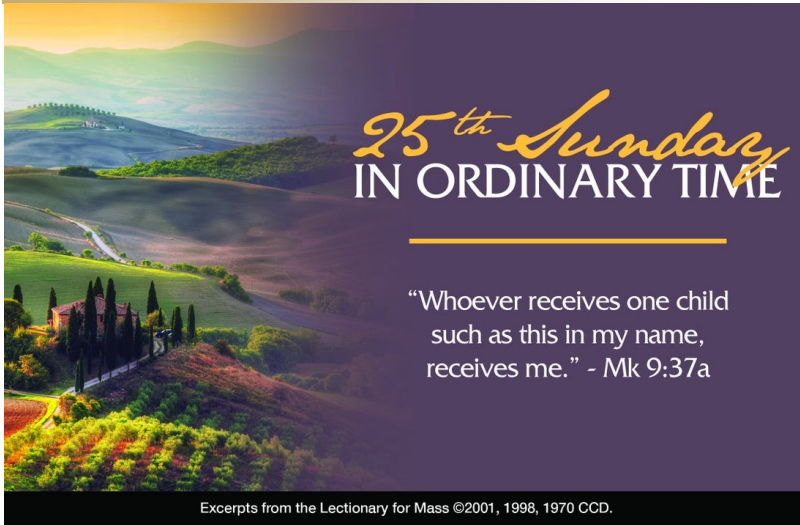
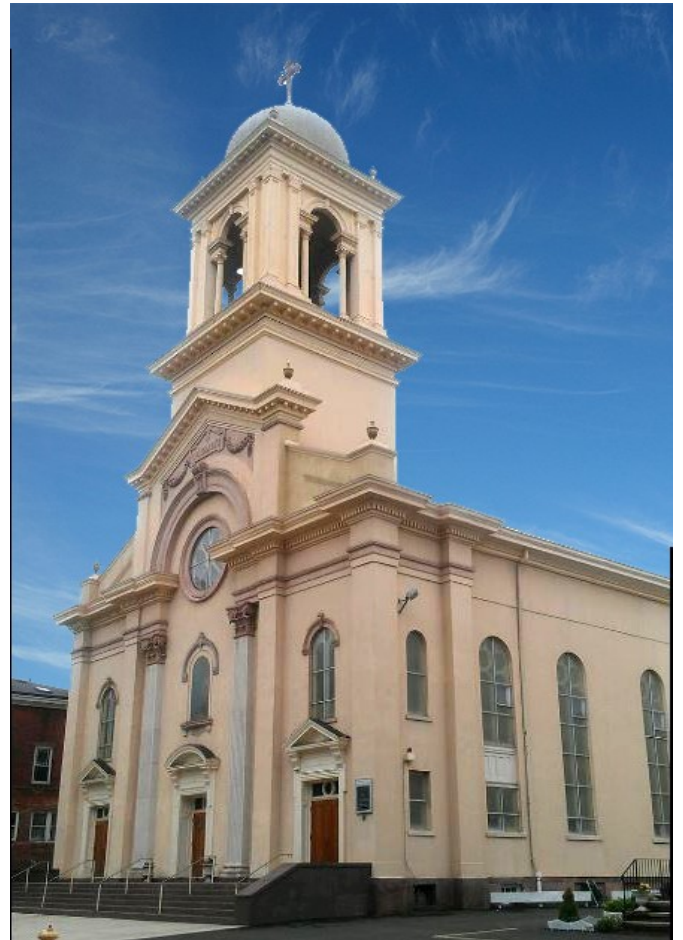
9:00am - 1:00pm Monday - Friday
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Weekday and Weekend Masses

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.





**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 2021**

Saturday, September 18th, Vigil of the Lord's Day

4:00 p.m. - Frank, Anna, & Anthony F. Proto, req. by Andrew & Rosalind Proto

Sunday, September 19th, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. - Candelora & Canalori families, req. by Mel & Joyce

Monday, September 20th, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang

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

Tuesday, September 21st, St. Matthew

8:00 a.m. -

Wednesday, September 22nd, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

Thursday, September 23rd, St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:00 a.m. -

Friday, September 24th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. -

Saturday, September 25th, Vigil of the Lord's Day

4:00 p.m. - Anthony Vitale, req. by Scoppetto family

Sunday, September 26th, 26th Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. - Norma Bailey, req. by friends and family

Among biblical texts, the Letter of James is one of the most direct in its description of the causes of war and injustice. James does not blame the devil, unjust authority, or outside forces. "Where do the wars and were do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passion that makes war within our members?" Envy, greed, and ambition are at the heart of much of the world's trouble. According to James, these are precisely the emotions that bind someone to the world rather than to God. Writing to Christians in the first century, James focuses on Christian conduct—utter devotion to the things of God.

James' identification of the sin in our lives provides a lens through which we might view all three readings. His manner of teaching resembles wisdom literature, from which the first reading comes. The picture of the wicked sketched in the verses we read today is fleshed out in the entire second chapter of Wisdom. There we are shown wild desire for the things of this world. When godless people realize that someone who is righteous indicts their ambition and greed, they want to torture the righteous one because he opposes them. They want free rein to do whatever they wish. The last verse of the chapter speaks directly to James' concern. "But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who are in his possession experience it."

In Mark's account of the Gospel, the disciples argue about who is the greatest among them. This dispute, set between a prophecy about the crucifixion and a teaching about the presence of Christ in the most unimportant of people, underscores the disciples' ignorance of Jesus' mission. Envy demands a better position, greed desires wealth, and ambition seeks power. Jesus' life, death, and the teaching contradict all three. The Apostles show they are still tied to the values of the world. To be true disciples of Christ, they must set aside envy and ambition and open themselves to the fruits of wisdom and the Spirit.

***Sanctuary Lamp
Sunday, September 19, 2021***

Deceased Members of St. Michael Parish

In remembrance of those who died,

Michael Esposito

May he rest in peace.

Weekend of September 12, 2021

Weekly Collection \$1731.00

Online Collection \$110.00

Haitian Earthquake \$ 390.00

**One Collection This Week
Weekly Collection**

**Two Collections Next Week
Weekly Collection
Catholic Elementary School (Hopes)**

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3;
Mark 9:30-37

Monday: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew
9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn,
7-8 [1b]; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah
31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]; Luke 9:43b-45



Respect Life Ministry Archdiocese of Hartford

**THE ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN
RESPECT LIFE MASS**

Celebrated by

**Archbishop Leonard P. Blair,
Archbishop of Hartford**

on

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M.

at

ST. BRIDGET CHURCH, CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT

*Archbishop Blair will present the
St. Gianna Beretta Molla Award*

*which is given to persons who have demonstrated a strong commitment
to the protection of all human life.*

The 2021 Award Recipients are:

**Francis Barillaro, Active Parish Pro-Life Representative
Anne Boers, Former Coordinator 40 Days for Life
William Kurnik, Student St. Paul Catholic High School
Alex and Lauren Wells, Newly-Married Catholic couple**

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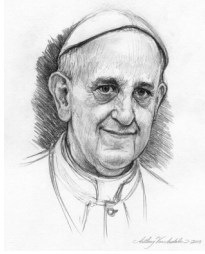
September 26, 2021
 St. Michael Church
 132nd Anniversary

Mass at 9:30 a.m.
 Brunch at Anthony's Ocean View Restaurant
 11:00 a.m.

This year we are offering a souvenir program with sponsorship opportunities.

Gold Sponsor	\$500
Silver Sponsor	\$250
Bronze Sponsor	\$100
Patron	\$25

Cost is \$55.00 for adults, \$20.00 for children 12 and under for the brunch. Wine and entertainment are included. For reservations and information call the rectory at 203-562-7178.



From the Twitter Account of Pope Francis

Do not be afraid to go out to encounter the marginalized. You will find that you are going out to meet Jesus. He awaits you wherever there is need, not comfort; wherever service rules, not power. Those are the places where he will be found.

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.

Question of the Week

What can I do to be received into the kingdom with open arms?

MASS BOOK

The Mass Book is open for all registered parishioners for 2021. Weekday masses, Sanctuary candles and Community Masses 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.

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.**



NO TAXPAYER ABORTION

New Battle on Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

[Email Congress](mailto:Congress)

<https://www.voterveice.net/USCCB/campaigns/88118/respond>

Efforts to save the Hyde Amendment are continuing, but now there's **ANOTHER**, huge battle shaping up over taxpayer funding of abortion.

Congress is moving forward on a "human infrastructure" bill, which is likely to include things that many Catholics support, including expanded health care coverage. But there is serious concern that such health care proposals **will include funding for elective abortion.**

Congressional leadership is using a rare process for this bill, known as "budget reconciliation," that requires **fewer votes to pass** it than most laws.

That is why **Congress must hear from YOU now!** Tell your representatives that any health care proposals **MUST NOT** fund elective abortion.



The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 19, 2021



National Migration Week
September 20-26, 2021

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking.

National Migration Week for 2021 takes place September 20-26, and will climax with the Vatican's celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), which always falls on the last Sunday of September. The primary theme for this year's WDMR is "Towards an ever wider 'we'". In his letter announcing this year's theme, Pope Francis emphasizes that "this focus calls on us to ensure that 'after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those,' but only 'us'" (Fratelli tutti, no. 35). And this universal us must become a reality first of all within the Church which is called to cultivate communion in diversity."

In solidarity with the Vatican, National Migration Week will use the same theme as WDMR – "Towards an ever wider we" – but will emphasize the particular ways in which this theme and its application to the migration question is important for the Catholic Church in the United States. Please be sure to visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Justice for Immigrant's webpage in advance of the celebration to access resources that will be developed for this event (<https://tinyurl.com/NationalMigrationWeek2021>).

Should you have any thoughts as to how we can more effectively celebrate National Migration Week, or to suggest resources that will be useful for your local community, please reach out to Todd Scribner at Tscribner@uscceb.org.