

SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

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The First Italian Parish In Connecticut

Pastor: Rev. Robert P. Roy

Deacon: Norman Singer

Parish Office

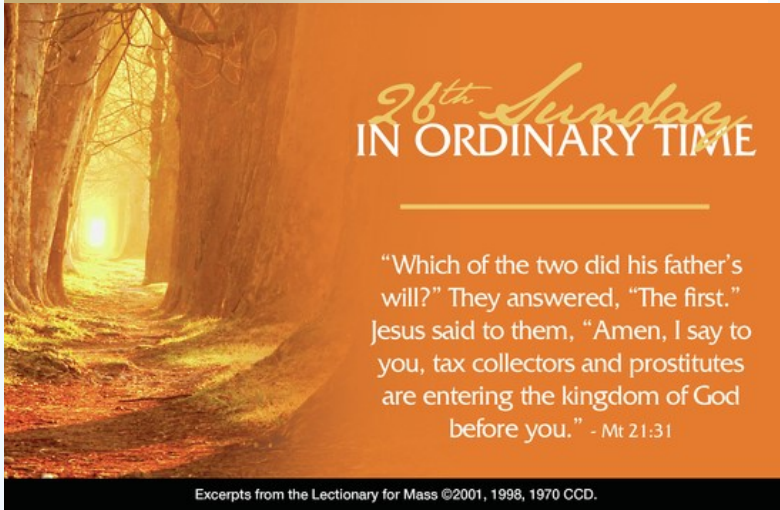
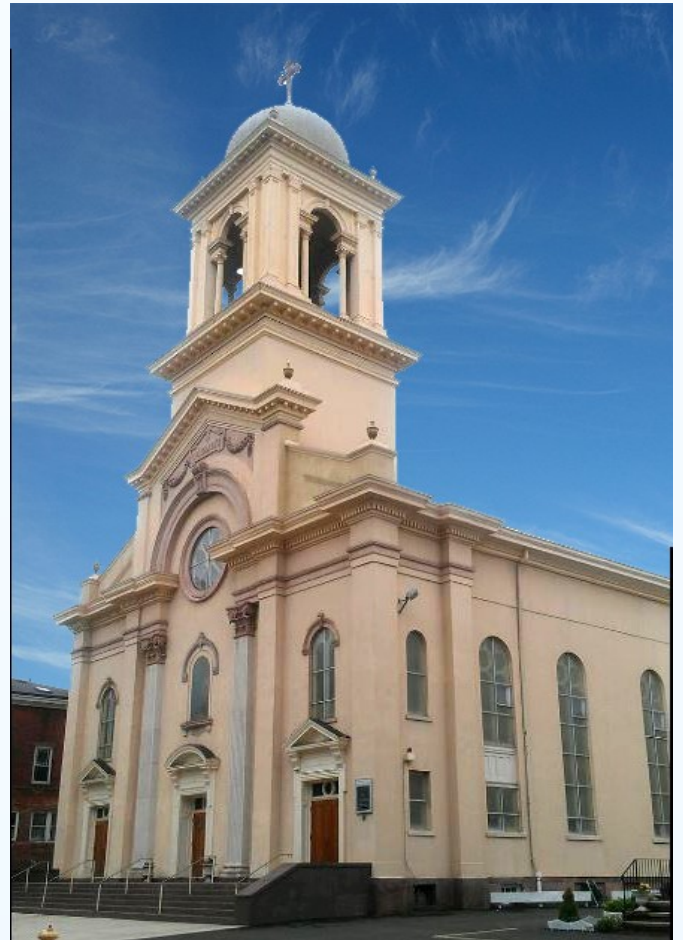
9:00am - 1:00pm Monday - Friday
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Weekday and Weekend Masses

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.





**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**

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
Monday, September 28th, St. Wenceslaus
8:00 a.m. - Pietro Capozzo, req. by wife & daughters
Tuesday, September 29th, Sts. Michael, Raphael & Gabriel
8:00 a.m. -
Wednesday, September 30th, St. Jerome
8:00 a.m. - NO MASS
Thursday, October 1st, St. Therese
8:00 a.m. - Margaret Scoppetto, req. by Scoppetto family
Friday, October 2nd, Holy Guardian Angels
8:00 a.m. - Jane Morro, req. by Charlotte Gambardella
Saturday, October 3rd, Vigil of the Lord's Day
4:00 p.m. - Fran & Ann Gambardella, req. by daughter Ginny Plano
Sunday, October 4th, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. - Community Mass

“Doing the will of the Father” is a recurring theme in the Gospel according to Matthew. It is the gauge of our relationship with Jesus: “For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother” (Matthew 12:50). It is the criterion by which people will be judged and worthy of entering the Kingdom of Heaven. “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21).

By means of the parable in today’s Gospel reading, Jesus had the chief priests and elder—the leaders of the people—pass judgment on themselves. Interestingly, the point of reference is not Jesus’ preaching, but the preaching of John the Baptist.

The context of today’s Gospel story is significant. It takes place in Jerusalem, in the final week of Jesus’ life. Earlier in chapter 21, Matthew recounts Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem and his cleansing of the Temple. The chief priests and scribes are “indignant” when the people acclaim Jesus as the “Son of David”—a title with clear messianic overtones (21:15). This reading is part of a tense discussion with the chief priests and elders about Jesus’ authority that begins in verse 23. It is here that Jesus first brings up their refusal to believe John the Baptist.

At the time John was baptizing, “Jerusalem, all Judea and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized . . . As they acknowledged their sins, “but the Pharisees and Sadducees were notable exceptions. They would not recognize “the way of righteousness” John preached. Tax collectors, scorned as agents of the Roman government, and prostitutes notorious sinners, did recognize it. They are the ones who did the will of the Father and produced good fruit as evidence of their repentance. Our response can be no less.

Readings for the week of September 27, 2020

Sunday: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Matthew 21:28-32
Monday: Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelations 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51
Wednesday: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62
Thursday: Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12
Friday: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24

Sanctuary Lamp

Sunday, September 27, 2020

In Memory of
Alfonse Bonito

Question of the Week

What righteous act can I do this week that I have previously expressed reluctance to do?

Weekend of September 20, 2020

Weekly Collection \$1170.00
Hopes Collection \$47.00

One Collection This Week
Weekly Collection

Two Collections Next Week
Weekly Collection
Monthly Collection

PASTORAL REFLECTION

The scriptures constantly remind us that, while we, as Christians live and work in this world, our true citizenship, our true home resides in heaven. Until that time, as the church, the new people of God on earth, Jesus has entrusted to us, all of us, with the responsibility of bringing and proclaiming the gospel message to all we meet and this is to be done, as St. Paul tells us “in season and out of season, whether it is convenient or inconvenient.” Not just when we go to church, or attend some religious function, or only when we pray, but constantly in every aspect of our lives. For us as Christians, the gospel message becomes a way of life whether we are at home, at work, at school and even in our political lives, our politics. As Christians, the gospel is the good news which is to be brought into and bear on every aspect, every circumstance, and every area of our lives.

The gospel message not only challenges us in our own personal lives to be the person that God has created us to be but also as citizens the gospel also challenges us in the greater social arena of where we live as citizens of this country.

As the U. S. Bishops remind us in the document entitled, “Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call To Political Responsibility” is that “As members of the Catholic community, we enter the public forum to act on our moral convictions...the gospels call us to bring to public life the insights of the Scriptures and Catholic teaching” to bear on the good for all society. “We are called to be a community of consciences within the larger society.”

Certainly there are many issues that daily touch and affect all our lives very personally and deeply as individuals and the lives of our brothers and sisters, like hatred, bigotry, violence, poverty, taxes, the Coronavirus and natural disasters but it is a mistake for us to think that all the issues are somehow equal or have equal value or have the same moral value. Some issues are more paramount, morally caring more weight than others, some issues carry with them a stricter moral imperative and obligation than others and this is certainly true for our respect for life, all life but especially abortion and embryonic stem cell research because these are a direct frontal attack and the willful destruction of the most helpless and vulnerable in our society, the unborn, which is always a grave evil.

As Catholics, our conscience should not permit us to abandon unborn children just because they are seen as unwanted or inconvenient because they interfere with our social needs or agendas. As St Mother Teresa once said, “It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish. “As our late Holy Father St. John Paul II once stated, “Without the right to life, all other human rights mean nothing because the right to life is the very basic and fundamental right that is proper and owed to all human beings.”

Several years ago, I was driving down route 5 and came across this truck and like many trucks, there was advertising or writing on it. But I was really struck and disheartened by what I saw written on this one truck. It read, **“Let the unborn defend them selves.”** How Sad! How can someone so young and helpless defend themselves?

Many politicians claim that they are elected to uphold the law. While this is true, but they tendency to forget that they are also elected to change laws that are unjust and do harm not only to the greater good of society as a whole but also to the most helpless and vulnerable of society, and this is true with abortion. A person is elected to work for the true good and not just the apparent good of all people in society, from the weakest to the strongest.

In the Declaration of Independence we read, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

If these statements in the Declaration of Independence are true, then why are the youngest and most vulnerable members of our society not guaranteed these rights? Have we as a society gotten so far away from what the founders of our country truly intended for all its citizens?

The Declaration of Independence also states, “That to secure these rights Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”

Sometimes, we find ourselves too busy to vote or we rationalize within our minds that our vote or one vote won’t make a difference either way. As citizens and as Catholics, we not only have a right and a duty to vote, but it is also our obligation to do so.

As Catholic Christians, we can make our voice heard. On Election Day, we can bring together the guidance of the Gospel, especially the gospel of life, and the opportunity of our democracy to shape a society more respectful of human life and dignity, and more committed to morality, justice and peace for all.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

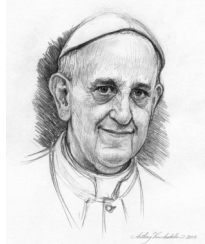
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

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

Life is grounded in three fundamental and closely connected relationships: the Relationship with God, with our neighbor and with the earth.

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

Sept. 27th– Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Gospel is a challenge to examine the integrity of discipleship. It is also a challenge to examine what it means to follow the Father’s will. Will an examination of these challenges result in your considering a call to priesthood or religious life? 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.

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, StMichael-WoosterSquare.org, under the Parish Life tab.

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.



Traveling Rosary Congress Schedule

A Traveling Rosary Congress allows each 24-hour period to be hosted at a different parish in the Archdiocese. Please participate! Please call to schedule an hour of Adoration

<p>Saturday, October 3</p> <p>Waterbury Basilica of the Immaculate Conception 203-879-4323</p> <p>Opening Mass 4:15 pm Followed by Adoration until Sunday Closing Mass 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Sunday, October 4</p> <p>Windsor St. Joseph Church 860-688-4905</p> <p>Opening Mass 6:00 pm Followed by Adoration until Monday 6:00 pm</p>
<p>Monday, October 5</p> <p>Enfield St. Martha Church 860-422-4901</p> <p>Opening Mass at 6:00 pm Followed by Adoration until Closing Mass Tues 6:00 pm</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 6</p> <p>Forestville Church of St. Matthew 860-583-1833</p> <p>Exposition 6:00 pm Followed by Adoration until Wednesday 6:00 pm</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 7</p> <p>New Haven St. Joseph Church 203-562-6193</p> <p>Opening Mass 5:00 pm Followed by Adoration until Thursday 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Thursday, October 8</p> <p>Ansonia Church of the Assumption 203-736-9666</p> <p>Opening Mass 5:40 pm Followed by Adoration until Friday 1:00 pm</p>
<p>Friday, October 9</p> <p>Hartford Cathedral of St. Joseph 860-233-4289</p> <p>Adoration 1:00 pm- 6:30 pm Rosary Congress Closing Mass 7pm Celebrant - Archbishop Leonard P. Blair</p>	