

# SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

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*The First Italian Parish In Connecticut*

**Pastor:** Rev. Robert P. Roy

**Deacon:** Norman Singer

## Parish Office

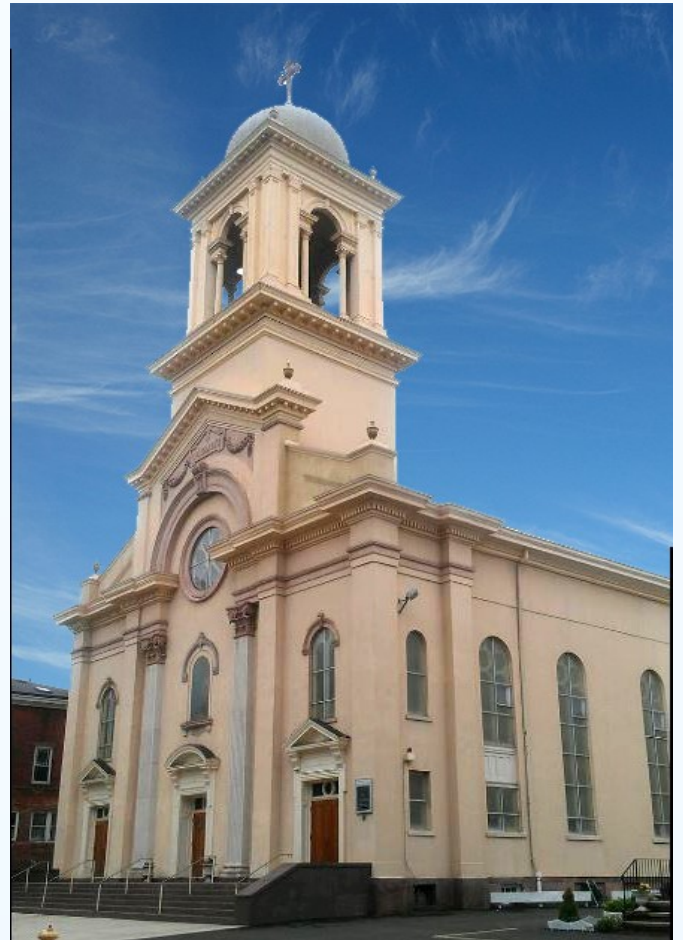
9:00am - 1:00pm Monday - Friday  
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## Weekday and Weekend Masses

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



*28<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.’ The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.” - Mt 22:9-10

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## *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.





**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 11, 2020**

As told by Jesus, the Parables were stories that left his listeners “hanging,” having to ponder the meaning for themselves. As retold in the Gospels, the parables often include the interpretations given them by the early Church. The parable in today’s Gospel both interprets and leaves us hanging.

The predominant image in today’s parable is the wedding feast. The Greek noun *gamos* (marriage) occurs eight times, although unfortunately, this is not evident in the English translation. In the Old Testament, God’s covenant with Israel is often described as a marriage relationship (Isaiah 54:6, 62:5; Hosea 2:16-22). The New Testament continues this image, often speaking of Jesus as the bridegroom.

Today’s parable points to the new reality that has come about through the presence, teaching, and the ministry of Jesus. The promises of old are fulfilled: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17), the bridegroom is among us. Emmanuel, God, is with us. “The feast is ready.”

The Good News was first announced to the Jewish people, but not all believed. The reference to the armed attack and burning of the city in today’s Gospel reading has been understood in reference to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in AD 70—an event Matthew’s community saw as divine punishment for the Jewish leaders’ rejection of Jesus. At the end of Matthew’s account of the Gospel, the disciples are sent to “invite” all nations (Matthew 28:19) - that is, the Gentiles—to the wedding feast. Many of them believed, and some were members of Matthew’s community.

**Saturday, October 10th, Vigil of the Lord’s Day**

4:00 p.m. - Alfonse Bonito, req. by son Andy

**Sunday, October 11th, 28th Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

9:30 a.m. - James DiMaggio, req. by wife Anne, son Joseph & daughter-in-law Diane

**Monday, October 12th, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. -

**Tuesday, October 13th, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. -

**Wednesday, October 14th, St. Callistus**

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

**Thursday, October 15th, St. Teresa of Jesus**

8:00 a.m. - Carol & Vincent Consiglio, req. by Agnellino family

**Friday, October 16th, Sts. Hedwig & Margaret**

**Mary Alacoque**

8:00 a.m. - Daniella Amarotti, req. by Rosa Velardi

**Saturday, October 17th, Vigil of the Lord’s Day**

4:00 p.m. - Theresa & Arthur McClure, req. by daughter

**Sunday, October 18th, 29th Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

9:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of Russell Council #65 & John Barry Assembly #97

**Sanctuary Lamp**

*Sunday, October 11, 2020*

*In Memory of*

*Deceased members of St. Michael Parish*

In remembrance of those who died,

Ann Louise Lesandrine & Marie Manacchio  
May they rest in peace.

**Question of the Week**

What can I do this week to put on Christ, to pass along God’s generosity to others?

**Weekend of October 04, 2020**

**Weekly Collection \$1763.00**

**Monthly Collection \$499.00**

**One Collection This Week  
Weekly Collection**

**Two Collections Next Week  
Weekly Collection  
World Mission Sunday**

**Readings for the week of October 11, 2020**

**Sunday:** Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

**Monday:** Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46

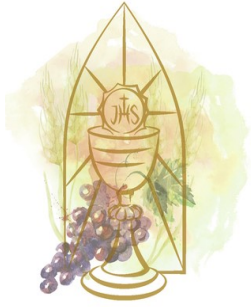
**Thursday:** Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54

**Friday:** Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7

**Saturday:** Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12



## PASTORAL REFLECTION



Last Sunday's scripture readings dealt with a landowner who leased his vineyard out to tenant farmers. In the agreement, the tenants are allowed to live on the land, on which the vineyard is situated, to work in the vineyard and even to make use of, to receive some of its produce, providing that the owner, the landlord gets his agreed upon share of the grapes at harvest time.

The scriptures make it clear that the tenants are not the owners of the vineyard but that they are living on and using some else's property and that they are expect to make use of this property and the vineyard in a proper way and produce fruit, the harvest of grapes, that will not only benefit themselves but also others as well, especially the landowner.

While we know that the scriptures are referring to people of old, but these readings, with their message of tenant farmers, also have a relevance and meaning to us today because when we stop and think about it, God is the original owner of the vineyard, or our world and the universe. He is the one who "set it up" and established it, giving us care and dominion over his creation. Sometimes in our busy lives, we can easily forget that God is the owner of the vineyard and that each and every one of us have been given a piece of, a share of the vineyard to work in our own lives which initially challenges and calls us to be good stewards of what God has created and entrusted to us. To make good use of what God has given us in order that we too will produce good fruit, not just for ourselves but also for others especially for God.

One thing also to remember is that the workers in the vineyard, the tenants in the vineyard, do not work the vineyard in isolation. They work and cooperate together as a group for the benefit of all. Even though the vineyard is situated on many acres of land and the whole vineyard is made up of different sections in which each person is responsible for, the reality is that one tenant's part of the vineyard is connected to and adjoined to another persons' part of the vineyard so that what one person does in their section of the vineyard affects others around them. As someone once wrote and said, "Since the workers in the vineyard are bound together by a common sharing of the land, the good or evil that a person does in their portion of the vineyard also affects others." In essence, "you can do neither good nor evil in your section of the vineyard without it doing the same for others. Without it affecting another's life."

What this all comes down to is that we have all been given a share in God's creation. God in a sense lending or leasing to each and every one of us a portion of his vineyard not only for our own good but also for the good of others. As sone one said, "But God also remind us that because there are no fences, no dividing lines or property markers, what we do with our portion of the vineyard also has an effect on the lives of others" around us.

There is a common human and spiritual bond a connectedness that we all share with every human being because each and every person is made in the image and likeness of God. God has given us all a share in his vineyard to work for good, especially the good of others. One way we can do this as a parish is though **"Forward with Faith."**

**"Forward with Faith" affords us to not only an opportunity to invest in the future of our own parish but also to invest in spiritual life and future of our Archdiocese as a whole, to build and invest for the future, both spiritually and materially, in order that we, as a people of faith, may better serve our communities."**

As we work together in God's vineyard, may we always work at producing good healthy vines that will produce good fruit that will benefit all? May we all work at spreading the good news of the Gospel, which will bear good and abundant fruit for all, fruit unto eternal life?

Fr. Roy

**Human Trafficking and COVID 19: A Dangerous Combination Thursday October 15, 2020, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

The novel coronavirus pandemic has impacted nearly every aspect of society. In particular, it has aided in the rise of sex trafficking on national and global levels. Victims are being exploited through the internet, gaming platforms, web cams, and chat rooms. What is happening in CT? What can be done to protect our children? Tammy M. Sneed, the Director of Connecticut’s Human Anti-trafficking Response Team for DCF, will share some insights on how the pandemic is affecting human trafficking in CT and the nation. Annmarie Boulay, co-founder of The Underground, will share some of the challenges faced by survivors and how the Underground is assisting them during this time. This event is co-sponsored by The Underground CT and The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford. Advanced Registration is required.

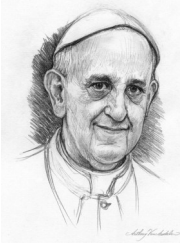
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After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar and reminders.

**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.**



*From the Twitter Account of Pope Francis*

*The journey of fraternity has a Mother. In the power of the risen Lord, she wants to give birth to a new world, where all of us are brothers and sisters, where there is room for all our societies discard, where justice and peace are resplendent.*

**VOCATION REFLECTIONS**

**Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

As the king continued to invite guests to the wedding feast until the hall was filled, Jesus continues to invite young men to join his banquet feast as priests or religious. Are you one of those special persons receiving this invitation? To learn more about discerning a vocation to priesthood or religious life, call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Tel. 860-761-7456, e-mail [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).

**MASS BOOK**

Registered parishioners may begin booking Masses on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> for 2021 Mass Intentions in the parish office from **9:30am – 12:00 noon**.

**Two weekend Masses per family are allowed until January 1, 2021 as per our custom.**

**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.**



**STEVE KARLEN,  
END OF CAMPAIGN VISIT**

***Thursday, October 29th***

40 Days for Life Campaign Director, Steve Karlen will be in New Haven on October 29, 2020 and speak at St. Joseph's church at 3 PM. This is an end of campaign speaking opportunity and is for our team, to local churches and will serve as an opportunity to inspire and encourage our pro life volunteers. Upon completion of Steve Karlen's presentation we plan to do a peaceful prayer walk to the 345 Whitney Av, New Haven (Planned Parenthood) location. For more information about the event contact Tim Virkler, 203-727-8414, [timandlanae@att.net](mailto:timandlanae@att.net)

**Address:** 129 Edwards St New Haven, CT 06511

**Time:** 3:00 PM

***“Forward with Faith”***

**What is The Hartford Bishops’ Foundation?**

Founded in 2016, The Hartford Bishops’ Foundation (HBF) is dedicated to engaging donors in helping the Archdiocese of Hartford carry out the mission of the Catholic Church. The independent Foundation is led by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the Archdiocese’s constituencies: parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations. For more information, please visit The Hartford Bishops Foundation's website; [www.hartfordbishopsfoundation.org](http://www.hartfordbishopsfoundation.org)

During the COVID-19 outbreak the HBF, changed their direction from the Forward with Faith Campaign, to focus on the challenge’s parishes were facing during the shut-down. As we all struggled to navigate in uncharted waters the HBF set up an Emergency Relief Fund on behalf of the parishes. Nearly \$600,000 was raised from donors throughout the archdiocese in approximately six weeks to help set up the fund. The Emergency Relief Fund gave parishes the opportunity to apply for relief funds based on the impact that they faced as a result of the pandemic.

Now that our parishes are beginning to return to active parish life following the events of this past spring, we wanted to share the mission of the Hartford Bishops Foundation in order to better understand their role in our archdiocese. As we return to regular parish life, we will share with you the upcoming Forward with Faith Campaign, and how it will benefit St. Michael Parish.