

SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

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The First Italian Parish In Connecticut

Pastor: Rev. Robert P. Roy

Deacon: Norman Singer

Parish Office

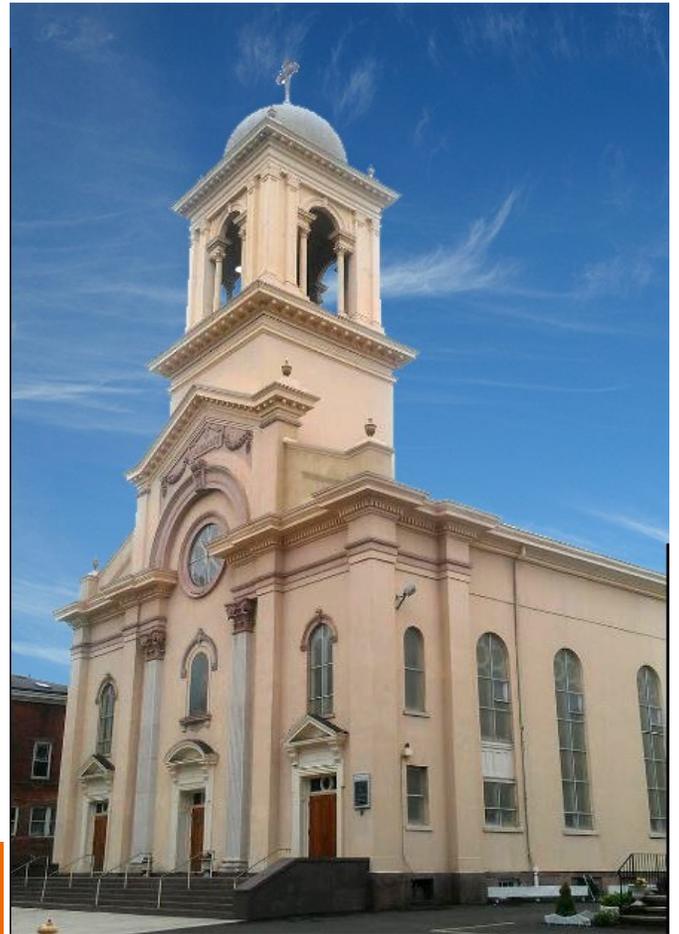
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Weekday and Weekend Masses

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



28th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus looked at them and said,
"For human beings it is
impossible, but not for God.
All things are possible for
God." - Mk 10:27

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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.





**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 10, 2021**

Legend connects the book of Wisdom with Solomon, who succeeded his father, King David, on the throne of Israel. In the story of Solomon, the young king prays to God, not for riches or power, but for an understanding heart to govern the people. God grants his request and also rewards him with riches and glory beyond compare. In the passage from Wisdom, we hear the narrator tell how he prayed for wisdom, desiring her more than any earthly treasure. The author writes in the style of much of the wisdom literature. Unlike the prophets who got their message from visions or the voice of God, the lessons in wisdom literature are drawn from life experience.

Wisdom was paired with understanding and discernment. Wisdom is feminine; she is depicted as the reflection of God and image of God's goodness. She is also God's master crafter and the first of God's acts. In wisdom 10, she is cast as God in the retelling of stories from Genesis and Exodus. Some scholars have called her the feminine face of God. Whatever her identity, ancient writers saw great beauty and treasure in Wisdom. They considered her a pathway to God. Thus wisdom literature is full of prayers for wisdom.

The Wisdom reading provides a nice counterpoint to the Gospel, where Jesus discusses the price of discipleship. "Riches" in the Gospel means everything related to worldly wealth, possessions, and relationships. None of these can stand in the way of the service of God. When the disciples look at the implication of the word "rich" and realize there are many ways of being rich, they cry out in frustration: "Then who can be saved?" For Jesus, the answer is not in doubt. Rich or poor, God must be the center of life, but the rich must work especially hard to overcome attachments to their worldly goods. He might have recited Wisdom's prayer for them.

Saturday, October 9th, Vigil of the Lord's Day

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

Sunday, October 10th, 28th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

9:30 a.m. - Norma Bailey, req. by Nick & Therese

Monday, October 11th, St. John XXII

8:00 a.m. - Gilda Vissicchio, req. by Pat & Cathy

Tuesday, October 12th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Norma Bailey, req. by Thomas J.

Aquaro & family

Wednesday, October 13th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

Thursday, October 14th, St. Callistus

8:00 a.m. - Frank & Margaret Abatello, req. by grandsons Frank & Michel

Friday, October 15th, St. Teresa of Jesus

8:00 a.m. - John Iovene, req. by Bernadette & Ronald Abbott

Saturday, October 16th, Vigil of the Lord's Day

4:00 p.m. - Norma Bailey, req. by Louise, Ernest & Gabriel Scrivani

Sunday, October 17th, 29th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

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

**Sanctuary Lamp
Sunday, October 10, 2021**

Alfonse Bonito

In remembrance of those who died,

May they rest in peace.

Weekend of October 3, 2021

Weekly Collection \$1595.00

Online Collection \$110.00

Monthly Collection \$951.00

**One Collections This Week
Weekly Collection**

**One Collection Next Week
Weekly Collection**

Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

Sunday: Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13;
Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday: Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46

Thursday: Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54

Friday: Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7

Saturday: Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

What's the difference between normal conflict and domestic violence? Conflict is part of every intimate relationship—that's why conflict resolution skills are important. Domestic violence, however, has no place in a healthy relationship, whether the couple is dating, cohabiting, engaged, or married.

What is domestic violence?

Domestic violence is any kind of behavior that a person uses, or threatens to use, to control an intimate partner. The two key elements are threat and control. Domestic violence can take various forms:

Physical – Violent actions such as hitting, beating, pushing, and kicking. In many cases physical abuse becomes more frequent and severe over time.

Sexual – Includes any sexual acts that are forced on one partner by the other.

Psychological – Includes a wide range of behaviors such as intimidation, isolating the victim from friends and family, controlling where the victim goes, making the victim feel guilty or crazy, and making unreasonable demands.

Emotional – Undermining an individual's self-esteem, constant criticism, insults, put-downs, and name-calling.

Economic – Examples include limiting the victim's access to family income, preventing the victim from working or forcing the victim to work, destroying the victim's property, and making all the financial decisions.

Both women *and* men can be victims of domestic abuse. According to [the National Domestic Violence Hotline statistics](#), approximately 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men over the age of 18 have been the victim of physical domestic violence, and almost 50% of both sexes have experienced some form of domestic psychological aggression.

Characteristics of victims

Female, although men can also experience domestic violence

Younger, often in their 20's and 30's

More likely to be dating or cohabiting than married

Nearly half live in households with children

What the Catholic Church teaches about domestic violence

The U.S. Catholic Bishops have made clear that “violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified. Violence in any form- physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal is sinful; often it is a crime as well.” ([When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women](#)).

Domestic violence and the permanence of marriage

Some abused women believe that Catholic Church teaching on the permanence of marriage requires them to stay in an abusive relationship. They may hesitate to seek a separation or divorce. They may fear that they cannot re-marry in the Catholic Church.

In [When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women](#), the Catholic bishops emphasize that “no person is expected to stay in an abusive marriage.” Violence and abuse, not divorce, break up a marriage. The abuser has already broken the marriage covenant through his or her abusive behavior. Abused persons who have divorced may want to investigate the possibility of seeking an annulment.

What the Bible says

Abusive men may take a text from the Bible and distort it to support their right to batter. They often use Ephesians 5:22 (“Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord”) to justify their behavior. This passage (v. 21-33), however, refers to the mutual submission of husband and wife out of love for Christ. It means that husbands should love their wives as they love their own body, as Christ loves the Church.

The Catholic bishops condemn the use of the Bible to support abusive behavior in any form. Men and women are created in God's image. They are to treat each other with dignity and respect.

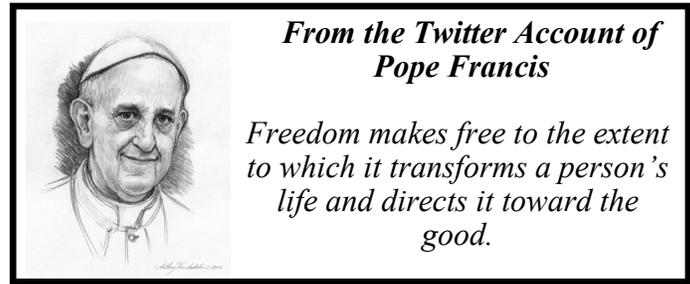
Forgiveness

Men who batter also cite the Bible to insist that their victims forgive them (see, for example, Matthew 6:9-15). A victim then feels guilty if she cannot do so. Forgiveness, however, does not mean forgetting the abuse or pretending that it didn't happen. Neither is possible.

Forgiveness is not permission to repeat the abuse. Rather, forgiveness means that the victim decides to let go of the experience, to move on with life and not to tolerate abuse of any kind again.

2021 Marriage Anniversary Celebration

Today, **October 10, 2021, at 2:00 PM**, the annual Archdiocesan Mass will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford for the observance of special wedding anniversaries celebrated in either 2020 or 2021. Registration, both for couples who would like to participate in the event and for priests who would like to concelebrate, will need to be done online at bit.ly/aohmarriagemass by Friday, October 1 in order to ensure proper inclusion within the Mass program. Parishes are reminded that they can assist parishioners in completing the online registration if needed.



**Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 10, 2021**

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 or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

MASS BOOK

Registered parishioners may begin booking Mass Intentions on Thursday, October 28th for 2022 in the parish office from 9:30am – 12:00 noon.

MASSES ARE BOOKED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.

Two weekend Masses per family are allowed until January 1, 2022 as per our custom.

All Masses must be paid in full at the time of booking.

Question of the Week

What am I willing to leave behind in order to follow Jesus more fully?

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. Michael'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.

FOOD BANK – Each week there is a box in the rectory entrance to receive donations of non-perishable foods that are brought to various non-profit agencies and families in need in the New Haven area. **(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**.

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 9:00am – 12:30 p.m. 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.**

**October is Respect Life Month!
October 10, 2021**



Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, help is available.

Call the 24/7 National Domestic Violence Hotline:
1-800-799-7233

**You and your family
deserve to be safe and
loved in your home.**

Sometimes bad things happen in good families. Yelling, hitting, shoving, insults, not sharing income.

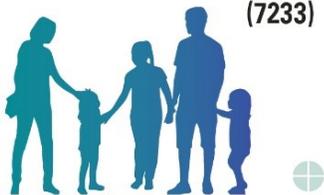
If you are experiencing or using these behaviors at home or living in fear, change is possible. You can be safe and bring peace to your family.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

– Matthew 11:28

**24/7 NATIONAL DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE HOTLINE:**

**1-800-799-SAFE
(7233)**



**FOR YOUR
MARRIAGE** 
www.foryourmarriage.org/domestic-violence

Local help is available: