

# SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

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*The First Italian Parish In Connecticut*

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

## Parish Office

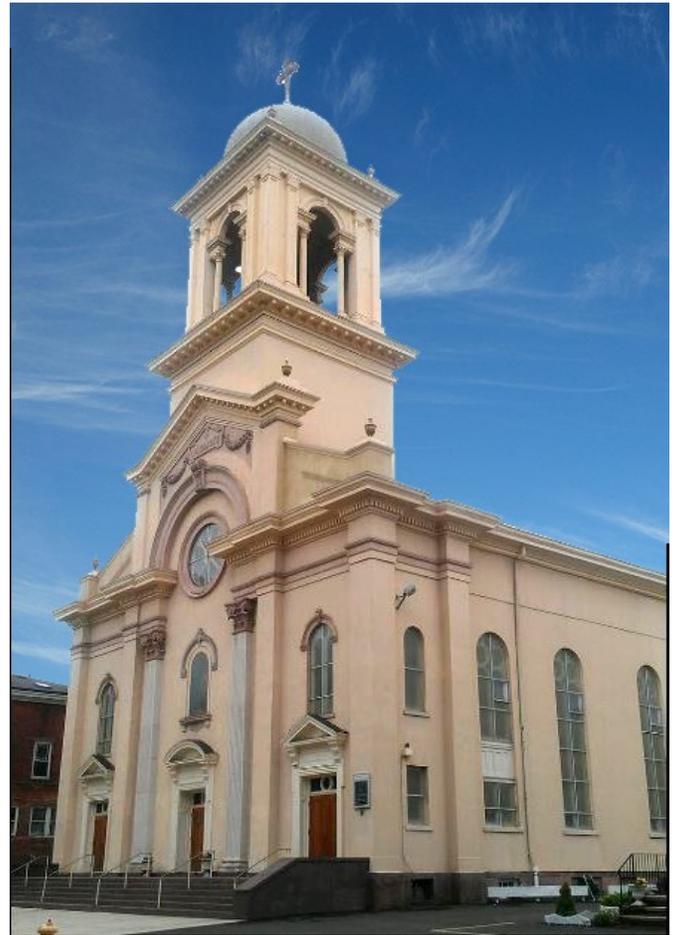
9:00am - 1:00pm Monday - Friday  
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## Weekday and Weekend Masses

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.

## *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**Saturday, January 15th, Vigil of the Lord's Day**

4:00 p.m.. - In Honor and Health of Janet Robinson,  
req. by Kate & Kerry Robinson

**Sunday, January 16th, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 a.m. - Deceased members of St. Catello Society

**Monday, January 17th, St. Anthony, Abbot**

8:00 a.m. - Joseph & Adrienne Scarpellino, req. by children

**Tuesday, January 18th, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. - Teresa Porto, 100 years old, req. by Porto family

**Wednesday, January 18th, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

**Thursday, January 20th, Sts. Fabian & Sebastian**

8:00 a.m. -

**Friday, January 21st, St. Agnes**

8:00 a.m. -

**Saturday, January 22nd, Vigil of the Lord's Day**

4:00 p.m.. - Alice & Andrew Ezold & Bob Santore,  
req. by Rich & Esther Ezold

**Sunday, January 23rd, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 a.m. - Linda Saracco, req. by Gioiosa family

***Sanctuary Lamp***  
**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

**In Memory of**  
**Alice & Andrew Ezold & Bob Santore**

**In remembrance of those who died,**  
**Eleanor DiMartino Earl &**  
**Patricia Jo. Esposito**  
**May they rest in peace.**

**Weekend of January 9, 2022**

**Weekly Collection \$ 1576.00**  
**Online Collection \$95.00**

**One Collection This Week**  
**Weekly Collection**

**Two Collections Next Week**  
**Weekly Collection**  
**Catholic High School**

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 16, 2022**

Today's readings speak eloquently about the theological mysteries of God's mercy. The first reading comes from an anonymous prophet, sometimes referred to as Third Isaiah, who lived in the sixth century BC. He joyfully announces the end of Israel's exile in Babylon. The exile had happened because the people broke their covenant with God. They did not follow God's laws, and they neglected worship. The covenant worked like a land lease. If the people kept it, they kept the land. If they broke the covenant, they could be evicted. But the Lord's mercy and love for the people is so great that it restores the bond between them. In this prophecy, God pronounces Israel fully vindicated; this nation, once despised, will now be honored again.

The Gospel today focuses on the mercy of the incarnation. In Ephesus, John's community knew many synagogues that said Jesus was a great prophet but not divine. They also knew the Docetists, who said Christ was only divine and not at all human. John attempts to show that Christ is both fully human and fully divine throughout his Gospel account. In this particular example, Jesus performs an incredible miracle to show his divine authority. But he acts at the behest of his mother in order to help relatives who would be embarrassed to run out of wine. What is more human than doing a favor for your mother?

Even the dialogue bespeaks an intimate parent-child relationship. Mary never orders Jesus—she states that there is a problem, implying that he should do something. When he demurs, she merely tells the staff to do whatever he says. John shows us Jesus, prompted by his mother, responding to a human need with divine mercy as he performs his first sign—an apt portrait of the incarnation.

**Readings for the week of January 16, 2022**

**Sunday:** Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11;  
John 2:1-11

**Monday:** 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51;  
Mark 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;  
Mark 3:20-21

## **PASTORAL REFLECTIONS**

### **JANUARY 16, 2022**

When a person is studying for the priesthood, one of the requirements before they study theology is that they need a certain number of courses and earn a certain amount of credits in philosophy, which is usually 36. And if you have ever taken any philosophy courses like epistemology, logic, metaphysics, ethics, etc. and/or studied and read the philosophies and philosophical writing of various philosophers including existentialism, Phenomenology or Thomism, to mention a few, one can find that some of these philosophical courses and writings can not only be very difficult to read, but also some of the concepts and ideas that are put forward can be very difficult to understand and comprehend. But what they challenge a person to do is to think, not just on a surface level, but to think deeply into many areas of life, living and existence to gain “wisdom” and insight as it were. After all, doesn’t the word “philosophy” mean “love of wisdom”?

The study of philosophy causes one to search higher and deeper into some of the most basic human questions and sometimes the most mind-boggling questions that we as human beings have ever asked and have asked for thousands of years. For example, metaphysics is that branch of philosophy which investigates the nature of first principles, first causes, and the question of ultimate reality. In these are also included ontology, which is the study of being, the existence of things; and cosmology, the structure of the universe. Metaphysics asks the very basic questions of “Why existence?” “Why does anything exist?” “Is it necessary that anything exist at all?” “And if they do exist, why do they exist and who or what was the cause of their existence?” As I said, these are some pretty heavy and mind-boggling questions that we as human beings have asked ourselves ever since we first stepped foot on earth.

And as we delve further and further into these questions, hopefully we come to the realization that we are not the authors of creation, we are not the creators of things that exist; nor are we the source of our own existence. We look outside of ourselves and even of creation for the source of our being, for the source of all that exists.

In our search for the deep mysteries of existence, even the great Philosopher Aristotle came to the conclusion that we can know that God exists by the things that are created. Many centuries later, in his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul would pretty much tell us the same thing when he stated that with our own human intellect, we can come to the conclusion that God exists, and that also we could come to some reflections about who and what God is by observing His creation.

After all that is said and done, it is precisely the observations of the human person and how the human body works and the magnificence and marvels of all of creation and how it works that is at the source and foundation of why I believe that God exists.

\*\*\*\*To Be Continued\*\*\*\*

Fr. Roy

**The ABCs of Annulment”  
Sponsored by the  
Metropolitan Tribunal Bloomfield**

“Father Philip Schulze, Pastor of Saint Margaret Parish, 24 Academy Street, Madison, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host “The ABCs of Annulment” on Saturday of January 22, 2022, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in the Church Hall at the address above.

Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, and Jim Tottenham.

Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday January 29<sup>th</sup>, and February 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Br. Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team, will be present for the Workshops.

The “ABCs of Annulment” event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com.



*From the Twitter Account  
of  
Pope Francis*  
*Sometimes, looking at our lives,  
we see only the things we lack  
and forget the talents we  
possess. Yet God gave them to  
us because He trusts us and  
asks us to make the most of the  
present moment, not yearning  
for the past, but waiting  
Industriously for His return.*

**The Parish office will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022 in observance of Martin Luther King Day**

**The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.**

**TO ALL PARISHIONERS**

The winter is upon us and the outcome for bad weather is unpredictable. For the safety and well being of our parishioners, St. Michael Church will be following the New Haven Public Schools delays and cancellations schedule.

**Mass will not be held when the New Haven Public Schools are on delay or closed.**

Please watch the news for closings and delays.

***Question of the Week***

How has the Holy Spirit, whom I received in baptism, influenced my outlook and my actions?

**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.**

**MASS BOOK**

**The Mass Book for 2022 is now open  
Masses can be booked from  
Jan 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2022.**

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.**

**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, StMichaelWoosterSquare.org, under the Parish Life tab.



The Catholic High School Collection, occurring in all parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of January 22-23, supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, marketing and much more. Please consider investing in the exceptional academics, faith formation, and spirit of service at our high schools by making a donation to this year's Catholic High School Collection. Thank you for your support.

## *Catholic High School Collection*

