

SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

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The First Italian Parish In Connecticut

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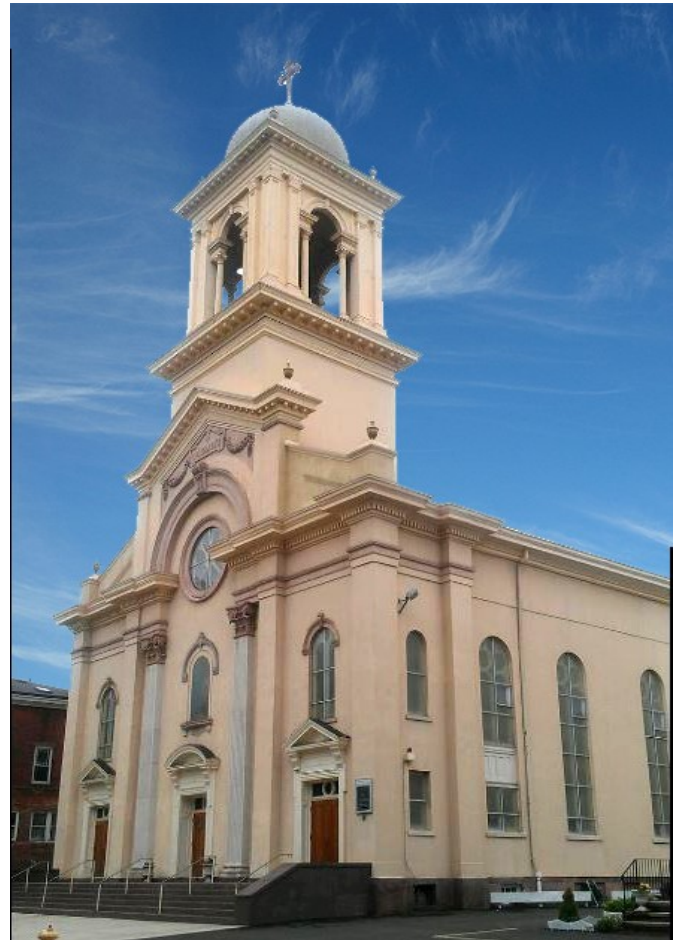
Parish Office

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



2nd Sunday
OF EASTER

“Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have
not seen and have believed.”
- Jn 20:29BC

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

A graphic for the 2nd Sunday of Easter. It features a close-up of purple crocuses on the left. The text is set against a green background. The title "2nd Sunday OF EASTER" is written in a mix of script and bold sans-serif fonts. A quote from the Gospel of John is centered below the title, followed by the reference "- Jn 20:29BC". At the bottom, there is a small line of text: "Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD."

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.





Divine Mercy Sunday
2nd Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2021

- Saturday, April 10th, Vigil of the Lord's Day**
 4:00 p.m. - Vincent D'Urso, req. by Nick & Therese Incarnato
- Sunday, April 11th, 2nd Divine Mercy Sunday**
 9:30 a.m. - Andrew & Josephine Gargano, req. by Frank Gargano
- Monday, April 12th, Easter Weekday**
 8:00 a.m. -
- Tuesday, April 13th, Easter Weekday**
 8:00 a.m. - Repose of souls Borelli family, req. by Anastasio family
- Wednesday, April 14th, Easter Weekday**
 8:00 a.m. - NO MASS
- Thursday, April 15th, Easter Weekday**
 8:00 a.m.-
- Friday, April 16th, Easter Weekday**
 8:00 a.m. - Madeline Barbato Aiello, req. by son Jackie & Gina
- Saturday, April 17th, Vigil of the Lord's Day**
 4:00 p.m. - Michael & Gabriella DeLillo, req. by family
- Sunday, April 18th, 3rd Sunday of Easter**
 9:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of St. Ann Society & Pat Johnson

John 20:31 says the Gospel was written to nurture the act of committing oneself to the Son of God. For this act, John constantly uses the verb "believe" (*pisteuo*, ninety-eight times). It takes time and prayer to learn the spiritually powerful meaning of the word "believe" in John's account of the gospel. Believing does not mean merely acting as if something is real. Believing means developing the spiritual faculty to perceive the invisible reality at the heart of all things, analogous to the ability to see and hear the physical world. Two levels of seeing operate in John. Physical seeing leads to the embryonic form of faith (see 6:30, What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?), which remains tied to earthly forms of existence (3:6). But true believing enables one to see beyond physical sight.

For the early Christian communities, Apostles were those who had had the honor of being an eyewitness to the Risen Christ. The community of the Beloved Disciple that produces John's account accepted that tradition. "What we have seen with our eyes...and touched with our hands ... we proclaim now to you." But in a crucial sense, the Gospel subordinates apostleship to the task of ordinary Christians to *believe*. For John, believing in Jesus is the important step. Apostles might see Jesus risen, but they too must learn to believe. Thomas moves in one instant from earthly to spiritual believing. Jesus teaches that anyone who knows him through believing is equal to the Apostles, who know him by sight.

The power of believing in Jesus to transform human existence is evident in Luke's vignettes of the early Jerusalem community. "Those who believed" throbbed with Paschal life, conquered deeply rooted human habits, and became "one heart and soul."

Sanctuary Lamp
Sunday, April 11, 2021
In Memory of
Catherine Santore

In remembrance of those who died,
Christopher D'Angelo, Phyllis Barnabei &
Pasquale Suppe
May they rest in peace.

Weekend of April 4, 2021

Weekly Collection \$ 2197.00
Monthly Collection \$448.00
Easter Gift to Parish \$595.00

One Collection This Week
Weekly Collection

One Collection Next Week
Weekly Collection

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-3
Monday: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

Pastoral Reflections

As Catholics, the church has always taught and believed that after the last apostle died; there can be no more, no new public revelation that there can be nothing new added to the deposit of faith because all that is needed for our salvation has been revealed to us through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who entrusted it to the apostles to go out to all the world and proclaim the good news of salvation. As we read in the Letter to the Hebrews, "...but in these last days, [God] has spoken to us through His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe." Heb. 1:2ff

As Catholics, we might ask ourselves a question, "If this teaching concerning 'public revelations' is true, then, what about 'private revelations'?" Where do "Private revelations" such as that of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary, or Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bernadette or even the Divine Mercy as manifested to St. Faustina how do these 'private revelations' fit in to the whole scheme of our faith? To answer this question is that what happens in most cases of "private revelations" is not that they add anything new or different to our faith, to what we already believe and practice, but rather what they do is to usually reemphasize a particular doctrine and or dogma of our faith that we already believe and or practice as Catholics. Certainly, this is true concerning the mercy of God.

Some people believe that the revelations given to St. Faustina, in the 1930's regarding God's Divine Mercy is something new and different. But as St. Peter in his first letter tells us, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in **his great mercy** gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..."

To get the full meaning of this revelation concerning God's great mercy, it is necessary that we go back to the beginning when God first created Adam and Eve. In the act of creation, God created us to share His life and love with us, especially eternal life. But when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, in the original sin, which not only severed, broke our relationship with God also with one another, but immediately God makes the promise to send the redeemer. By the promise to send us a redeemer, God, in **his great mercy**, "steps in to do what we could not do for ourselves, to destroy sin and death and restore our divine relationship as sons and daughters of God."

Thus, **God's great mercy** is revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ. It is in Jesus that we see and experience the love and mercy of God in and to its fullest extent.

Throughout his public ministry, Jesus makes the theme of God's mercy one of the principal topics of His preaching and teaching. Parables of the Good Shepherd who goes out in search of his lost sheep; the parable of the Prodigal Son, who after squandering his father's money, finally comes to his senses and returns to his father asking for forgiveness. The parable of the official, who owed his master such a large sum of money and since he had no way of paying it back, he pleaded with his master to be patient and merciful with him. In the end the master forgave the debt.

Jesus also tells his disciples to "love your enemies and to pray for those who persecute you, to forgive one another as the Father has forgiven you". After all, do we not implore God's mercy and forgiveness for ourselves and say that we will give mercy and forgiveness to others every time we say the Our Father when we ask the Father "to forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have trespassed against us". All this can be summed up in one sentence uttered by Jesus, "It is not sacrifice that I desire but mercy."

Jesus not only revealed the mercy of God in what he said but more so in what he did. The fullness of the Father's mercy is revealed to us by Jesus' suffering, death on the cross and his rising to new life. "Yet while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

When we look at the picture of the Divine Mercy, it is the presence of the resurrected Christ that we see. It is the presence of one who clearly bears the marks of suffering and death but also one who stands in triumph. "I have overcome the world."

What all this leads us to conclude is that the idea of a special celebration of God's mercy is not a new or radical idea stemming simply from the private revelations of St. Faustina, but rather it is very much rooted in and steeped in the very mystery of our faith and in revelation itself.

We certainly know that within the last eighty-five, ever since the revelations of Divine Mercy to St. Faustina in the 30's our world has seen and experienced many changes, some certainly for the good. But also, we have seen and experienced a dramatic increase in hatred, violence, and war coupled with a moral decline.

As we still continue to struggle with the spread and threat of the Coronavirus, within our world, our country and in our state, perhaps the reemphasizing of this great mystery, of God's divine mercy within recent years, through the revelations of St. Faustina, is God's way of telling us and letting us know that in this day and age we need his mercy more than ever, that possibly our only hope for peace, and salvation is to throw ourselves with confidence into the arms of God's mercy.

In these days wherein our world and country are in the throes of an unrepresented pandemic, may we all turn with greater confidence to the mercy of God. As St. Paul tells us, "Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and favor and to find help in the time of need."

Fr. Roy



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MASS BOOK

The Mass Book is now 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.

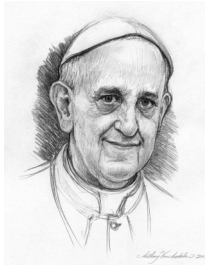
All Masses must be paid in full at the time of booking.

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.**

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.

*From the Twitter Account of
Pope Francis*



The first way to pray for someone is to speak to God about him or her. If we do this frequently, each day, our hearts are not closed, but open to our brothers and sisters. To pray for others is the first way to love them and it moves us toward concretely drawing near.

Question of the Week

To whom do I need to offer mercy?

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

Sunday, April 11, Divine Mercy Sunday

Jesus did not want Thomas to persist in his unbelief. He wants us all to believe! Are you being called to proclaim the Good News as a priest? Come and see. Contact Father Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, 860-761-7456, email vocations@aohct.org, or visit the web at hartfordpriest.com.

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.**



Easter Flowers

In Memory

Alphonse Bonito; Grace Bonito; John Bonito; Eunice Buckmiller; Coloso Family; Michael DeLillo; Gabriella DeLillo; Jennie DeLoughery; Mr. & Mrs. Alfred DiNapoli; Frank Florenzano; Mr. & Mrs. George Forlano; Gioiosa, Campenelli, D'Agnelli & Ciarlone family; Davide, Angelina, Luciana & Marisa Incarnato; Tim Laffin; James, Lena & Eleanor Lambert; Adeline LaTorraca; Ms. Francis B. Laura; Iva Lucarelli; Robin Lucarelli; Deceased Members of the Ludington Family; Salvatore & Anna Maiorano; Bernard R. Moore; Frank Niro; Vincenza & Nicholas Onofrio; Natividad Otero; Harold Potenziani, Sr.; Anthony & Laura Proto; Frank, Anna & Anthony F. Proto; Pasquale & Rose Proto; Manuel Rey; Vincent Rosarbo Jr.; Florence "Flossie" Rosarbo; Lucy Sasso; Dominic Savo, Sr.; Lucy Savo; Gilda & Joseph Vissicchio.

In Thanksgiving

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Agnellino; Gina Aiello; Jack Aiello; Annmarie Anastasio; Francesca Anastasio; Nicole Anastasio; Anthony A. Argento; Michael Argento; Mrs. Barbara Barberi; Mr. Andrew Bonito; Ms. Barbara Buckmiller; Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Ciaburro; Ms. Judy Cummings; Marilyn Curcio; Ms. Marianne DeLillo; Mr. & Mrs. Harry DiAdamo; Ms. Ann Donarumo; Mr. & Mrs. F. Ferrie; Carl & Ann Flemmig; Mrs. Frank Florenzano; Gina Forlano; Gina A. Forlano; Carmelina Gallogly; Mr. & Mrs. Francis Gargano; Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Gioiosa; Ms. Giuliana Gioiosa; Mary Lou Horan; Mr. Nicholas Incarnato; Therese Incarnato; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Johnson; Vincent Lucibello; Mrs. John Maluk; Mr. Frank Marino; Ms. Rosalie Moore; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Naclerio; Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Onofrio, Jr.; Jack & Gail Parillo; George Pisani; Roxanne Pisani; Mr. & Mrs. Soveria Plano; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Ponzio; Anne Potenziani; Mr. Frank R. Proto; Mrs. Rosalind Proto; Jean Quartiano; Mrs. Angela Rodriguez; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Salvo; Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Sanseverino; Joseph & Carmela Savo; Teresa Scarpellino; Mr. & Mrs. Louis Scoppetto; Ms. Roberta Seipold; Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Vissicchio; Ms. Mary Ellen Vollano; Joann Young; Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Zimbardi.