

Saint Michael Church
29 Wooster Place, New Haven, Connecticut 06511
Est. 1889

Our Dearly Beloved Dead

October 29, 2020—October 31, 2021

In Memory of

Louis Maresca
Deborah Ann James
Beatrice LaBoy Arroyo
Salvatore Staiano
John Martino
Vincent Imperati
Angela Hurlburt
Evelyn Lenzi Severino
Antoinette DePaolo
Salvatore Mauriello
Victor Mase
Marie DiLello
Frank Punzo
Cynthia Roberts
John Fraenza
Vincent Cirillo
Ann Polio
Louise Fortin
Philomena Esposito
Sarah Vollano
Frank DeFelice
Michael Bertier
Ann Marie Maresca
Bernard Somers
Norma Bailey
Charlotte Gambardella
Lucy Sasso
Rosalyn Gargano
Louis Wordie
Mario Minutillo

Anthony Criscuolo
Dennis LeClaire
Ann Buglione
David D'Argento
Henry Gigantino
Joseph Perrelli
Angelina Gambardella
Alice Hawley
Marilyn White
Nancy Ianuzzi
Christopher D'Angelo
Phyllis Barnabei
Gary Bimonte
Margaret Montano
Michael Novella
Fred Quartiano
Eugene Christador
Josephine Murgo
Marie Giaimo
Stephen Iovanna
Michael Massimino
Alfonse Marsico
Richard Lynch
Biagio Ferraro
Mary Kawie
Domenic Twohill
Shari May Cavaliere
Frank Lettiero
Joseph Mastriano
Susan LaFontain

James Farley
Ronald Iadarola
James Cretella
Dolores Hawley
Louise Ann Ortoleva
Lori Ann Simon
Rene Edith Romero
Rose DeLieto
Elvera Criscuolo
Kristen Sullivan
Ludwig Angeloni
Dolph Santello
Frances C. Rodriguez
Ivonne Montone
Ann Cucurello
Michael Golia
Lisa Capone
Harold Proto
Frank Panzo
Marie Fucci
Michael Esposito
Nicholas Laucella
Elizabeth Bosco
Remo Pacelli
Terance Dinnean
John Silva
Dolores Gambardella
Madeline Spencer



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 31, 2021**

Saturday, October 30th, Vigil of the Lord's Day

4:00 p.m. - Lucy Sasso, req. by Rosalind & Andrew Proto

Sunday, October 31st, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of Carrano Family, req. by Mel & Joyce

Monday, November 1st, All Saints

8:00 a.m. - Linda Marcella DeMartino, req. by Bella Gargano

Tuesday, November 2nd, All Souls

8:00 a.m. - Deceased members of St. Michael Parish

Wednesday, November 3rd, St. Martin de Porres

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

Thursday, November 4th, St. Charles Borromeo

8:00 a.m. - Ann Marie Colello Lane, req. by Marie Notarino

Friday, November 5th, Weekday

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 6th, Vigil of the Lord's Day

4:00 p.m. - Beatrice Boylan, req. by Beverly McClure

Sunday, November 7th, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. - Community Mass

“Love God and love your neighbor” captures the essence of Jesus’ message. Today’s First Reading contains a passage known as the Shema Israel (“Hear, O Israel,” Deuteronomy 6:4), the central statement of belief of the Jewish people. A high point in the synagogue service still today is the recitation of these words. There is only one God, and God alone is Israel’s God. This belief calls forth a total dedication to God with our heart, your soul, and your strength—God must be loved with our entire being.

A scribe (someone well trained in interpreting the Jewish Law) comes to Jesus in today’s Gospel with a question: “Which is the first of all the commandments?”

This was a much discussed question in Israel at that time, with two main schools of thought: Rabbi Shammai was very strict, while Rabbi Hillel was more pastoral and taught that the whole law is summed up in the words “What you hate for yourself, do not do to your neighbor.” Against this background the scribe wishes to see where Jesus stands. Jesus quotes the words of the Shema Israel, but goes even farther by adding a second part: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” By bringing together these two commandments, Jesus makes an important point. While he upholds the Old Testament, he also offers a clear way of interpreting the numerous laws—through the lens of love: Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus offers us today a path to follow in life: Love of God and love of neighbor should direct every action. When faced with the decisions in life, in our first question must always be: How does the law of love of God and neighbor influence his situation?

Sanctuary Lamp
Sunday, October 31, 2021

Deceased Members of St. Michael Parish

**In remembrance of those who died,
Dolores Gambardella & Madeline Spencer
May they rest in peace.**

Question of the Week

Do I think Jesus would tell me that I am “not far from the kingdom of God?” What should I do to become closer?

Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34

Monday: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40a

Wednesday: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33

Thursday: Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10

Friday: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8

Saturday: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15

Weekend of October 24, 2021

Weekly Collection \$1472.00

Online Collection \$110.00

Mission Sunday \$806.00

**One Collection This Week
Weekly Collection**

**Two Collections Next Week
Weekly Collection
Monthly Collection**

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

As we approach and enter in the last month of the Church's Liturgical Calendar Year, which is November, we are reminded that one day we shall all go home to the Lord. As St. Paul reminds us in his Second Letter to the Corinthians, "For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, (reward or punishment) according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."

Because of this "appearance before the judgment seat of Christ," the Church sets aside this special month of the year, the month of November, wherein we take time to remember and pray for our departed brothers and sisters "those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith." So, this Monday, November 1st, we begin this special month of remembrance and prayer for our beloved deceased with the Feast of All Saints followed by the Commemoration of the Feast of All Souls which is this Tuesday, November 2nd.

Because the Feast of All Saints falls on a Monday, it is not a Holy Day of obligation

While there is certainly a sense of sadness and loss that we all experience and feel at the passing of a loved one which no words can express or describe, our faith filled remembrance of our dearly departed loves ones also reminds us that while our loved ones have gone from our physical sight, we are still spiritually connected to them and with them in and through Jesus Christ who is our head and of which we are members of His Body the Church. It is precisely because of this bond of love and our spiritual connectedness that we share with one another that allows us to help them with our prayers and sacrifices to attain the eternal rewards of heaven, and they can help us now in many ways by praying for us, interceding for us in a special way that they could not have done while they were physically with us on earth.

For as we pray in our wake service, "we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection that knits us throughout of lives does not unravel at death." We are not only united and physically bound to one another in our common humanity that we share with one another in this life, but also it is in and through our baptism into Christ Jesus our head that we have not only become children of God but also, we have become spiritually united, spiritually bonded, connected with one another as brothers and sisters in the Lord. A spiritual bond that exists and traverses all time and space; a spiritual bond that can never be broken; a spiritual bond formed in love which has its source in God who is love.

And it is because of our spiritual union in the Lord that impels us as Christians to continually pray for one another, whether we are still on our earthly pilgrimage or if we have gone home to the Lord.

For along with our baptism, there comes to each and every one of us a responsibility to grow in the Lord. As St. Paul tells us in his Letter to the Romans, "...If we have grown into union with him [Jesus] through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection." Now when St. Paul talks about "growing in union with Christ through a death like his", he isn't saying that in order for us to receive the promise of the resurrection that we need to be physically crucified as Jesus was. Rather it was Jesus' love for the will of the Father in his life and his love for us that led him to lay down his life for us and because of our baptism we are called to put on and imitate that same love of Christ within our own lives as expressed in the Two Greatest Commandments to love God and our neighbor as ourselves.

But in order for us to be able to respond to God's love freely, as shown to us and given to us in Jesus, and in order for us to be able to love one another freely as God asks, to grow in union with the Lord, God gave each and every person the gift of free will in which we can choose to embrace that love with our whole heart and soul or to reject it. It is in this sense that we remember and pray for our departed brothers and sisters. Because if we are truly honest with ourselves, we know that there are times when we do not always love fully or completely as the Lord asks us, or do not always choose wisely, so our prayers and sacrifices can help our loved ones to make up for these infractions of love, these imperfections of love which our departed loved ones have missed in their lives while they were on earth and for which they can no longer do or make atonement for themselves.

To be continued.

ALL SAINTS DAY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021, IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



Next weekend we are distributing grocery bags with a list of items to be returned the next two weekends for our annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive**.

Following the 9:30 Mass Sunday, November 22nd, we will need volunteers to sort the food and prepare the baskets.

**All Souls Mass
November 2, 2021**

Please Join Archbishop Blair for a Memorial Mass offered for our dearly Departed loved ones on All Souls Day, Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the Mausoleum located at All Saints Cemetery in North Haven at 700 Middletown Avenue. Questions? Please contact our Outreach Coordinator, Barbara Gode (203) 780-8418 office or email her at bgode@ccacem.org

**"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 29th, and February 12th and 19th, 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

"Jesus, have mercy on me!" Let us make this prayer our own today. Let us repeat it. We must ask Jesus, who can do everything, for everything. He cannot wait to pour out his grace and joy into our hearts.

**Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 31, 2021**

The beatitudes describe the mindset and prioritize the activities of those who are destined for eternal life in the kingdom of heaven – all the baptized who are called to be saints. Is the Lord calling you to show mercy or to be a peacemaker? If He is calling you to a vocation as priest or religious, contact **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 in the parish office from 9:30am – 12:00 noon, Monday thru Friday.

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.

Please mail me/us a registration form for Saint Michael Church

Name _____

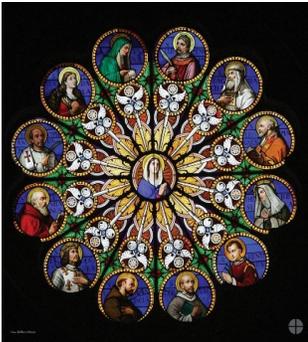
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**Send this request to:
Saint Michael Church Office:
29 Wooster Place
New Haven, CT 06511
Or place in offertory basket.**

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 31, 2021

All Saints' Day
November 1st



All Hallows' Day, the Solemnity of All Saints, or All Saints' Day is a celebration of all Catholic saints held on November 1st each year. "On this solemnity, we recall the holy men and women who, having completed their earthly journeys, now live forever with God. These saints, though not canonized, offer us models of abiding faith and love of God and neighbor" (Essential Guide to Seasons and Saints, 109).

In the Catholic Church, we are called to imitate and venerate saints because of their heroically virtuous lives, martyrdom, or their offering of life for others. But, what does veneration mean and why do we pray to the saints?

Veneration of the saints fosters our faith in God and does not detract from it. Rather, our faith in God is strengthened by our relationship with our brothers and sisters in the faith who are in heaven. The Church teaches that by imitating the virtues lived by the saints, the saints brings us closer to Christ. When we ask the saints to pray for us, we ask them to join their wills with the will of God and intercede for us here on earth. This is the Communion of Saints which we profess every Sunday in the Creed.

Prayer for the Dead

The Commemoration of All Faithful Departed falls on November 2 each year. Say a prayer for the dead in your family and community.

In your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.
In this life you embraced them with your tender
love; deliver them now from every evil
and bid them eternal rest.
The old order has passed away:
welcome them into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or
pain, but fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit
forever and ever.
R/. Amen.