

SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

EST. 1889

The First Italian Parish In Connecticut

Pastor: Rev. Robert P. Roy

Deacon: Norman Singer

Parish Office

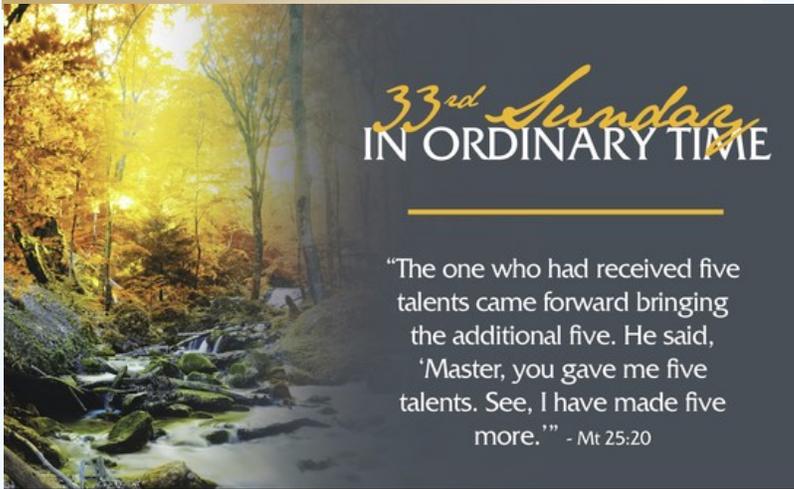
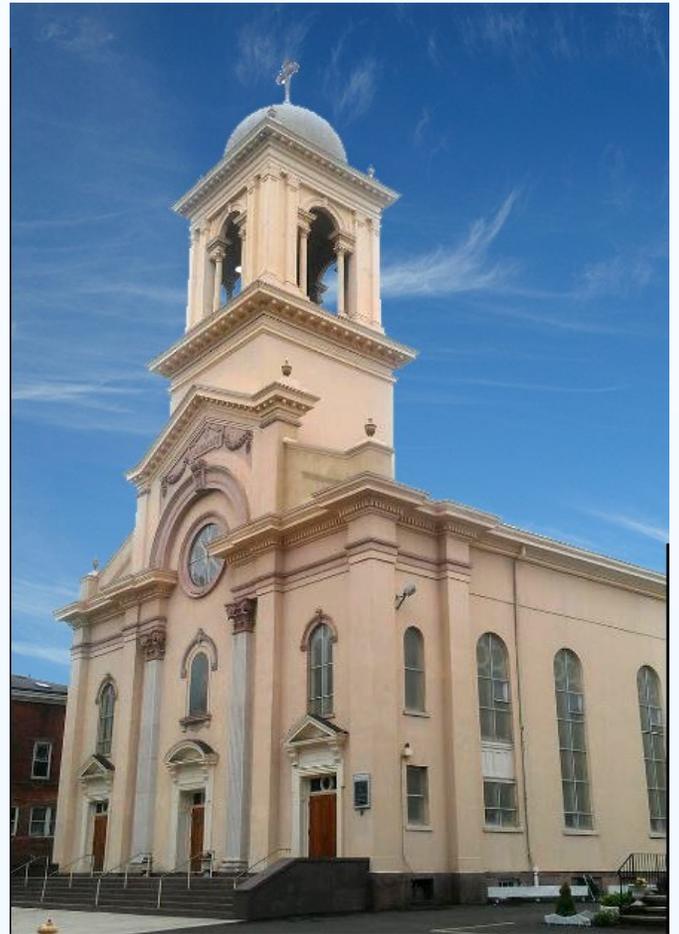
9:00am - 1:00pm Monday - Friday
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Weekday and Weekend Masses

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



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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.





**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

Saturday, November 14th, Vigil of the Lord's Day
4:00 p.m. - Dominick Onofrio, req. by Therese & Nick Incarnato

Sunday, November 15th, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. - Jeffery Ponzio, req. by Renee & Chris Ponzio

Monday, November 16th, St. Margaret of Scotland
8:00 a.m. - John Connelly, req. by Scoppetto family

Tuesday, November 17th, St. Elizabeth of Hungary
8:00 a.m. - Mary Ann Ezold, req. by Rich & Esther Ezold

Wednesday, November 18th, Weekday
8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

Thursday, November 19th, Weekday
8:00 a.m. - Deceased members of Borelli & Anastasio families, req. by Anastasio family

Friday, November 20th, Weekday
8:00 a.m. - Rita Rascati, req. by loving family

Saturday, November 21st, Vigil of the Lord's Day
4:00 p.m. - Peter Seipold, req. by Mary, Rosalind & Therese

Sunday, November 22nd, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
9:30 a.m. - Deceased members of Amuro family, req. by Sanseverino family

The "talent" in today's Gospel was a huge sum of money back in Jesus' day. The numbers 1, 2, and 5 can be misleading, as if the risk was not the great, but even one talent was more like a mortgage than like petty cash. These servants were being asked to invest more money than they would see in a lifetime. Therefore, we might sympathize with the fear of losing a sum so large that could never be paid back. But the point of the parable is that failure to invest is worse than risking the investment.

Like many of Jesus' parables, the analogy is transparent. The master represents God, and the servants represent different types of responses to God. Specifically, in this parable, the three servants respond differently to the resources that their master (God) gave them. Notice that they were not all given the same resources. Presumably, they were given resources according to their ability, which means that we don't all get the same gifts from God, but we are given what is appropriate to our personalities and our individual vocations, or as Saint Paul said, "different gifts, one Spirit." But God gives us gifts to be used, not to be kept to ourselves. Therefore (like the master in the parable), God would have us try and fail, and keep trying, rather than just give up and "bury" our gifts.

If we are sincerely trying to use our gifts, God is not disappointed with failure. That's because as long as we don't give up, failure is learning. God is disappointed with giving up, refusal to use the gift is a refusal of the gift—which is also a rejection of the giver (God).

Sanctuary Lamp

Sunday, November 15, 2020
In Memory of
Deceased Members of St. Michael Parish

Question of the Week

Do I have a gift that maybe I've kept to myself out of fear or apprehension that I could develop and share?

In remembrance of those who died,

Beatriz LaBoy-Arroyo

May he rest in peace.

Readings for the week of November 15, 2020

Sunday: Revelations 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: Revelations 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday: Revelations 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday: Revelations 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28

Thursday: Revelations 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44

Friday: Revelations 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48

Saturday: Revelations 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40

Weekend of November 8, 2020

Weekly Collection \$1665.00

One Collection This Week
Weekly Collection

Two Collections Next Week
Weekly Collection

Campaign for Human Development

PASTORAL REFLECTION

We all know that a building or a structure is only as good, sturdy, and solid as the foundation that it is built upon. A good solid foundation, a good sturdy base support, can make or break a structure. It can be the difference between a building's endurance or lack thereof for the long haul. The necessity of a good, sturdy, solid foundation not only applies to buildings we build but it is also applies to and is necessary for our faith and our church. Not only for our church as an individual local parish but also for the larger church of the Archdiocese of Hartford of which we are a part of.

Whether we are talking about the local church or the larger church of the Archdiocese, one thing that we all have in common and share is our faith in Jesus Christ. For us as Catholic Christians, Jesus is our rock, for He is the "stone which was rejected by the builders that has become the corner stone." "Through Jesus, the whole structure, the church, is fitted together as one." In Peter's profession of faith proclaiming that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God" Jesus responds to Peter that "he is rock and upon this rock Jesus will build his church...and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

While our faith in Jesus, as "the Christ", the Messiah, the Chosen One, the Redeemer "the Son of the living God" is at the heart, center and foundation of our faith, the "solid rock, the solid and secure foundation of which our church and faith are built upon but the reality is that in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity that is the Son of God become one like us in the flesh clearly shows that our faith and the kingdom of God has a physical, earthly dimension to it. Physical and earthly in the sense that the church also needs to secure a sure and solid foundation in order that it may continue the mission entrusted to her by Jesus. This is where the "Forward with Faith" campaign comes in.

"Forward with Faith" is a fundraising campaign, started by the Hartford Bishops' Foundation, to build a vibrant community of faith in the parishes, schools, and Catholic organization of the Archdiocese of Hartford." Its goal it to provide a financial foundation which will help us to fulfill our mission as church in the Archdiocese of Hartford. "Forward with Faith" seeks to raise a minimum of \$60 million dollars to support:

Vibrant Parishes: half of all funds raised will help the parishes meet their needs;

Educating to Re-ignite the Faith: by expanding and strengthening learning for students, administrators, teachers, clergy and the faithful;

Champions in Service: by helping Catholic Charities with better and new programs; and,

Innovation and Emerging Opportunities that promote long-lasting change, strengthen our schools and parishes, and meet the evolving needs of the community.

The "Forward with Faith" campaign seeks to establish that financial foundation by raising significant funds for parishes themselves, and for the Foundation and its funding of grants, across the Archdiocese, to promote more vibrant parish life, Catholic education and lifelong learning, Catholic Charities and future innovation project for the good of the Church and the wider community.

To Be Continued.....

Fr. Roy



Webinar: Responsible Consumption

On Nov. 19, 7:00 PM, The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will present “Responsible Consumption” as part of their webinar series: Examining the Teachings in Pope Francis’ Encyclical “On Care for our Common Home”. As Christians, we have an obligation to participate in society and to influence public policy, law, economics and politics to foster the well-being of all people, especially the poor and vulnerable, while being responsible stewards of creation. Presenter: Jennifer Schloat, Lead Teacher, St. Gabriel School, Windsor, CT For more information visit www.catholicsocialjustice.org

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Helping People Help Themselves “The Church’s love for the poor. . . is a part of her constant tradition” (Catechism, 2444). Next week’s Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your support. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities locally and nationwide.

Archbishop’s Annual Appeal

To the extent that you are not adversely affected financially by the pandemic, please respond to the 2020 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal as best you can. Any gift, no matter the size, is truly appreciated and can make a significant difference. This weekend is Commitment Weekend, please give prayerful consideration to a gift to this year’s Appeal, which extends through December 31, 2020.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/> *No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.*

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 one who prays is never alone. In fact, Jesus welcomes us in His prayer so that we might pray in Him and through Him. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel invites us to pray to the Father in Jesus’s name.

VOCATION REFLECTIONS
Nov. 15th – Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

To those who have, much will be given. Count your blessings. Give them away. To give service as a priest or religious, 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.

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.

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.



Stocking Tree for Cub Scout Pack 633

Pack 633, a Catholic Cub Scouting Pack, is working with our friends at St. Michaels Parish. The scouts of Pack 633, with your support, want to care for the needy in New Haven. Starting Saturday 11/7 and ending on Sunday 11/29 there will be a tree set up in front of the church to collect socks. Please place new, unwrapped socks upon this tree. Needed are: Children's, Women's, Men's and unisex socks too. These socks will be distributed during the month of December to keep warm the toes and hearts of needy families in New Haven. Any Questions, please contact cub master Crystal Bailey-Loffredo (St. Michael parishioner) 203-645-9390.

Many thanks in advance for your loving support.

Prayers for Many Blessings, the Scouts and Families of Pack 633

COVID-19 Guidelines Update

As was announced by Governor Lamont, the state of Connecticut on Friday, November 6, 2020, will revert back to more rigorous restrictions, implementing "Phase 2.1," to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Within these new mandatory changes, religious gatherings have been effected, and the following change will be required: **attendance at Mass and other liturgies for all churches in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be restricted to 50% of capacity or 100 persons, whichever is less.** In addition, as other meetings at venues have been reduced to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors, any upcoming non-liturgical events, meetings, or gatherings held at parishes will need to follow those limits.

Please ensure that your parish is in compliance with this directive and that all proactive measures such as social distancing and sanitizing of facilities continue to be carried out.

Additionally, if you have not do so previously, we ask that you notify your parishioners that in light of the recent increase in coronavirus cases within the state of Connecticut and continued uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the coronavirus in the state and throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, Archbishop Blair has now extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for all the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford through Tuesday, February 16, 2021, which is the eve of Ash Wednesday.