

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

Our Dearly Beloved Dead
October 24 2019—October 28, 2020
In Memory of

Rev. Ralph Michael Colicchio
July 28, 1940—July 8, 2020

Mary Vogel
Anna Bozzi
Lucy Santucci Bunnell
Walter Goodwin
Nicholas Pizzorusso
Mary Cimino
Lucy Maturo
Mildred Mendillo
Angela Razzano
Juan Rodriguez
Amelia Iovanne
Eleanor Pellegrino
Steven Esposito
Barbara McConnell
Maria Santacroce
Joseph Iuteri
William Della Silva
Robert Della Camera
Rosa Scalo
Josephine Knapp
Patricia DePalma
Anthony DeLucia
Rocco Candela
Laurel Billings
Eleanor DeNeutte
Irma Masucci
Peter Gambardella
Msgr. Anthony LaFemina
Maureen Anicelli
Connie Casillo
Marguerite Fiore
Peter Seipold
Carlene Carrano
Thomas Nelson

Edward V. Greco
Michael Novella
Theresa Montesano
Anita DePino
Barbara Gambardella
Lenore Mandato
Filomena DiBuccio
Margaret Bigio
Andrea "Andrew" Colavolpe
Eugenia Lamberti
Ralph Raymond Carrano
Ellen Coppola
Anne Amatruđa
Theresa Argento
Josephine Lawrence
Josephine Rosselli
Theresa Penna
Annmarie Marcella
Phyllis Bertini
Lawrence Pisani
Josephine Guidone
Carmel Petonito
Joseph Amatruđa
Anna Harapyo
Carmela Lembo
Cosmo Williams
Frank Fraulo
Edith Alfano
Germanus McDermott
Peter Grossi
Rosanne Fezza
Edwin Bates
Vincent Malerba
Evelyn Smith

Ralph Gambardella
Tommasina Gambardella
Ronald Celotto
Theodora Savo
Louise Rose Cusano
Ralph M. Colicchio
Margaret Mirto
Louis Altieri
Daniela Amorotti
Kenneth Carl Dingus
Anthony Ascenzia
Carol Austin
Filippa Cacioppo
Carmine Cammarotta
John DePaolo
Dina Marie Rabuano
Victor Mesquita
Richard DePaola
Shirley Persico
Angelina Gambardella
Madeline Luciano
Linda Saracco
Lorraine Cirillo
Robert Zirlis
Salvatore DePino
Anthony Vitale
Ann Louise Lesandrine
Louis J. Celentano
Marie Mannacchio
Rose Fraenza
Louis Maresca
Dr. Andrew Anastasio



Saturday, October 31st, Vigil of the Lord's Day

4:00 p.m. - Dominick Onofrio, req. by Andrew & Rosalind Proto

Sunday, November 1st, Solemnity of All Saints

9:30 a.m. - Community Mass

Monday, November 2nd, All Souls

8:00 a.m. - Maria Diotaiuto, req. by Marie Notarino

Tuesday, November 3rd, St. Martin de Porres

8:00 a.m. - Thomas & Olga Geoffino, req. by son Thomas

Wednesday, November 4th, St. Charles Borromeo

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

Thursday, November 5th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Nancy Valente, req. by niece Ann Donarumo

Friday, November 6th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Frank Florenzano, req. by wife Mary & daughters Lori and Ann

Saturday, November 7th, Vigil of the Lord's Day

4:00 p.m. - Ronald Simone, req. by Michael & Toni Salvo

Sunday, November 8th 32nd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

9:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of St. Trofimana Society

Sanctuary Lamp

Sunday, November 1, 2020

In Memory of

Deceased Members of St. Michael Parish

In remembrance of those who died,

**Louis Maresca & Andrew Anastasio
May they rest in peace.**

Question of the Week

Besides myself, who do I know that is in need of God's mercy? What can I do so that it flows through me to those in need?

Weekend of October 25, 2020

Weekly Collection \$1675.00

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

**One Collection Next Week
Weekly Collection**

ALL SAINTS

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

We pause today and tomorrow to remember those members of our broad faith community who have run the race, who have endured to the end and now share the promises of heaven. We think of the well-known holy ones whose stories inspire us; we think also of the saints from our own lives, real people with faults and failings as well as plenty of love and laughter, people whose lives we recall with pain and joy. We trust that these beloved children of God do indeed see him in truth, for to them have been revealed the truths that we know only in part.

In Revelation we read of a vision of the heavenly scene, a vision of salvation for members of the tribes of Israel and for multitudes from every nation. The inclusiveness of this vision results from the nature of the lives led by these holy ones; they are all those whose clothing has been washed by the blood of the Lamb. They have trusted in the saving power of Jesus' death and Resurrection, even to the point of dying during persecution for the sake of their faith. To such as these and to us are addressed Matthew's Beatitudes, words of encouragement and comfort despite the difficulties of life.

The Beatitudes of the Gospel do not have economic and social concerns as their central characteristics, as do the Beatitudes in Luke. Here the message is personal, the concerns spiritual. A person's disposition is all-important in determining who receives these blessings. They are directed at the humble ones, the "poor in spirit" and the "meek"; those loath to make demands will be recipient of both heaven and earth. Likewise, the innocent, the "pure in heart," will enjoy the splendor of God's presence. Those who bestow mercy will be reciprocated. The sense of aching that comes with sorrow and mourning will be eased. And finally, those persecuted for their faith can rejoice in heavenly reward.

As we reflect on the lives of the saints, we take comfort in knowing that they enjoy peace and have truly been blessed with the fulfillment of these promises for which we yet hope. We draw inspiration from their lives of faith and love, as we ourselves continue to struggle to be faithful and loving members of the Christian family.

Readings for the week of November 1, 2020

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

Monday: Wisdom of Ben Sira 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40

Tuesday: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday: Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33

Thursday: Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10

Friday: Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8

Saturday: Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15

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."

So, we begin the month of November with the Feast of All Saints, which is this Sunday, November 1st followed by the Commemoration of All Souls which is this Monday, November 2nd, the Church sets aside this special month of the year wherein we take time to remember and pray for our departed brothers and sisters.

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 home to the Lord and 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 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 through 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 the common humanity that we share with one another in this life, but also it is in and through our baptism into Christ 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's 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 and with each other, 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 time 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.

Fr. Roy



Frequently Asked Questions

What is *Forward with Faith*?

Forward with Faith (FWF) is a fundraising campaign to build a vibrant community of faith in the parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations. This vision will help to fulfill the mission of our Church in Hartford: to be living signs of communion with God and to be his instruments for redemption in the world.

What are the objectives of *Forward with Faith*?

Forward with Faith seeks to raise a minimum of \$60 million 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 facilities 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.

What is The Hartford Bishops' Foundation? Founded in 2016, The Hartford Bishops' Foundation (HBF) is dedicated to engaging donors in helping the Archdiocese of Hartford carry out the mission of the Catholic Church. The independent Foundation is led by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the Archdiocese's constituencies: parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations. For more information, please visit [The Hartford Bishops Foundation's website](#).

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

What is not expressed in love of neighbor is not true love of God; and, likewise, what is not drawn from one's relationship with God is not true love of neighbor.

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

Nov. 1st – All Saints Day

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.

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, 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.

THANK YOU

We at St. Michael Church would like to Thank the Diglio Family, for the donations of the Fall flowers that are now planted in and around our beautiful Church. And also to Jean Quartiano and Margaret Mary Cummings for planting the flowers and decorating our church.



Women's Conference: Going Virtual!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Archdiocesan Women's Conference, originally scheduled for November 7, 2020, has been postponed in-person.

However, the experience of the Women's Conference will take place in an extended virtual format, running from November 2020 to May 2021.

A chance to "attend" a workshop and prayer experience will be available monthly. These virtual events will take place on **the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.**

Attendees will register in advance for the virtual event and are welcome to come as they are - yoga pants or sweatshirt or stilettos, glass of wine or cup of tea - to partake in spiritual nourishment and time in community as a taste of the experience of the Women's Conference (a workshop and prayer experience) in this socially distant time.... and of course, it will be free of charge!

Visit www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org to register for these monthly events!

MASS BOOK

The Mass Book is now open for all registered parishioners for 2021. Weekend, weekday masses and Sanctuary candles 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.

Two weekend Masses per family are allowed until January 1, 2021 as per our custom.

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