

SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

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The First Italian Parish In Connecticut

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Weekday and Weekend Masses

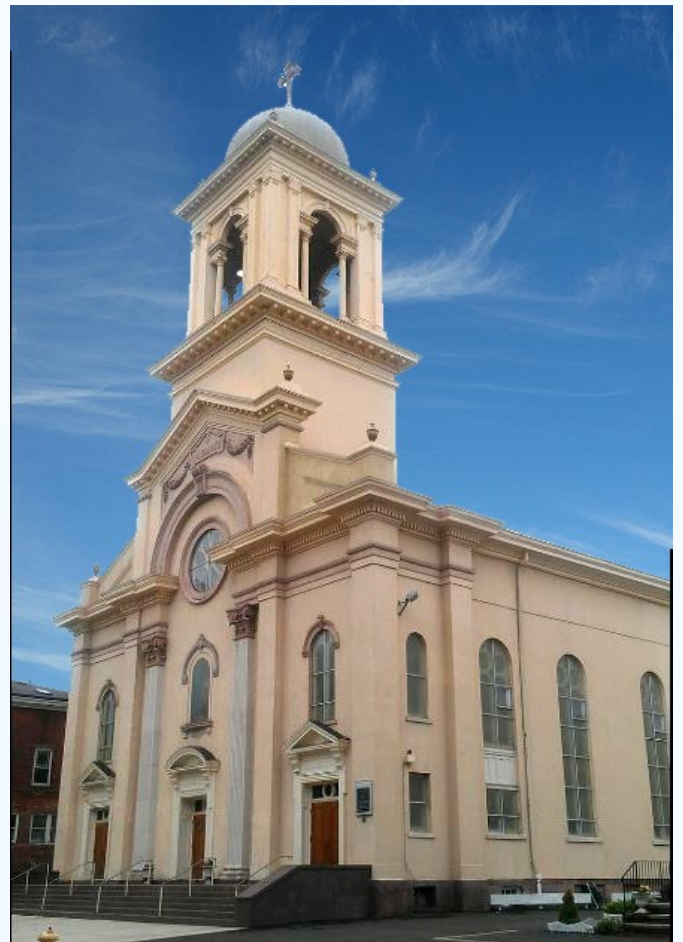
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00am

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



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who
believes in him might not
perish but might have
eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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

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.



THE CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL



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

4:00 p.m. - NO MASS

Sunday, June 7th, Most Holy Trinity

9:30 a.m. - NO MASS INTENTION

Monday, June 8th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - People of St. Michael Parish

Tuesday, June 9th, Saint Ephrem

8:00 a.m. -

Wednesday, June 10th, Weekday

12:10 p.m. - NO MASS

Thursday, June 11th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. -

Friday, June 12th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. -

Saturday, June 13, Vigil of the Lord's Day

4:00 p.m. - NO MASS

Sunday, June 14th, Most Holy Blood of Christ

9:30 a.m. - NO MASS

**In remembrance of those who died,
Peter Grossi, Tommasina Gambardella &
Louise Rose Cusano
May they rest in peace.**

Sanctuary Lamp

Sunday, June 7, 2020

*In Memory of
Trofimena & Fortunato Apicella*

Weekend of May 31, 2020

Weekly Collection \$1101.00

4:00 p.m. Mass Live

Watch the 4:00 p.m. mass live on our Facebook page: [St. Michael Church Wooster Square New Haven](#) or if you miss the mass you can watch it on our You Tube channel: [St. Michael Church Wooster Square](#).

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**.

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MOST HOLY TRINITY

JUNE 7, 2020

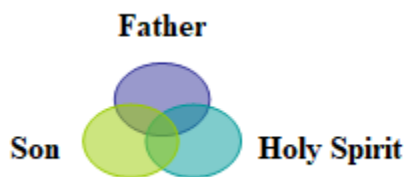
The First Reading, from the Book of Exodus, presents two important aspects of our Triune God: mercy and fidelity. Today's reading is best understood in the context of exodus 32, Israel's sin of infidelity in making the "gold calf" to replace God. In anger, Moses breaks the stone tablet upon which the Ten Commandments were written. When Israel atones for this sin, Moses receives from God a new set of stone tablets of the Ten Commandments. In response, Moses bows down in worship to God, who forgives his people for their idolatry. In being given a second chance at receiving the Ten Commandments, Moses recognizes God's mercy and fidelity to a sinful and "stiff-necked people."

For nearly twelve hundred years, from Moses to the Christ, Israel had God's law, written in stone, by which the people of Israel could measure themselves in relation to God and each other. In today's Gospel reading we learn that God fulfills his covenantal promise to Israel, no longer in stone, but now the flesh and blood of his son. It is not only God's mercy and fidelity to Israel that brings forth the Word made flesh; it is God's love: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."

In the Second Reading, from 2 Corinthians, we hear one of the clearest expressions of the Trinity in the New Testament: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." Written within twenty years after the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, Paul already saw the principal functions of the Trinity as grace, love and fellowship.

As we face this unprecedented worldwide pandemic, by practice social distancing, as a community of people and of faith, may we always keep in mind that we are all in this together and that we need to be there for one another and to support one another and it is no different with St. Michael's. We are here for you! We need to stay in touch and connected. The weekly bulletin along with other information is available on our web site, stmichaelwoostersquare.org, on our Facebook page (St. Michael Church Wooster Square New Haven, CT) or on You Tube (St. Michael Church Wooster Square). You can always contact us by phone at 203-562-7178 or via email smc1889@att.org

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's financially by mailing or dropping off your weekly envelopes.

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Today we celebrate a great belief and revelation of our Christian, Catholic Faith which is not only completely beyond our human comprehension, nor will we ever fully understand and yet it is a mystery which is at the same time so very close to us, so very near to us that it is at the base and heart of who and what we are as Christians in our Faith and in our relationship with God. It is a mystery of our faith that touches our daily lives. This mystery is none other than that of the Most Holy Trinity, One God in three divine persons or you could say Three Divine Persons in One God, The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit.

While St. Paul does tell us that with our own human intellect we could 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, but we could have never, in a million years, just with our natural human intellect have ever come up with the belief or the idea that in One God there are Three Divine Persons. That, in God, there exist a community of persons, in loving relation to each other, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit who live and act with and in such love, harmony, unity and reflect each other in such a dramatic way that they are One. It was only God himself who could and did reveal to us this mystery concerning this very intimate and personal life of who and what He is.

While this mystery is totally transcendent, beyond our complete human understanding, it does however touch the very fabric of our daily lives. Before Jesus when back to heaven, he commanded his disciples to “go and make disciples of all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” The reason why Jesus gave this command was in order that the same, very intimate life, which is found in God and, which the three persons of the Blessed Trinity share together, could be shared with and given to us.

In the words of baptism, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” we enter into and share in the very life and nature of God himself. Baptism not only establishes a distinctive, personal relationship between the person baptized and the Holy Trinity but also the sacrament of baptism and the other sacraments leads us back to the life and love of the Holy Trinity, the source and end of our being.

It is in this relationship that is formed between the Holy Trinity and us, as individuals, which becomes the fabric of our daily life as Christians. To put it simply, God created us, body and soul, to share His life and love with us and it is in and through our baptism that we enter into a living relationship with the persons of the Blessed Trinity, and it is by the living out, the practicing of our Catholic Faith wherein we respond to and live out that relationship with the Trinity thus causing our return to God from whom all things flow.

When we use the word mystery to describe certain aspects of our faith, we are not referring to something that has to be solved like a problem or an Agatha Christi murder mystery. Rather the word mystery refers to some aspect of our lives, which involves us personally, to be lived out, even though we do not fully understand its complete meaning.

That is why I have said that this mystery, the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, is at the base and heart of who and what we are as Christians because it is a mystery that touches our daily lives. It is a mystery, which we as Christians live out daily, the Holy Trinity dwelling in us. To keep us ever conscious of our participation in this great mystery, all our religious practices help to continually remind us that in and through our baptism we have been incorporated into this Trinitarian Life of God. We make the sign of the cross, we say the prayer the Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit... our prayers are addressed to the Father in the name of Jesus in union with the Holy Spirit. Our coming into church and the blessing of ourselves with holy water are all constant reminders that we share the life of God, the Holy Trinity, through baptism.

As Christians, the inner life of God and the sharing of this life should become the ultimate focus of our personal prayer because it is in this mystery of the Holy Trinity that we have been incorporated into in our baptism and it is in this mystery that we hope to share and dwell with for all eternity. Happy Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

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Archbishop's Annual Appeal Distributes \$321,000 in Emergency Grants

In response to the current health crisis and in recognizing the strain that it has placed on community-based organizations, the Archdiocese of Hartford has allocated an additional \$321,000 from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal to be distributed among 91 organizations that provide direct assistance to those lacking basic necessities through soup kitchens, food pantries, food banks, and shelters.

The groups receiving these grants had already received a contribution from the 2019 Appeal but according to Archbishop Blair, "the coronavirus has created a very challenging situation for many charitable community organizations. The Archdiocese needs to help as much as we can, and when I say 'archdiocese' I mean the generosity of the Catholic people."

Since its creation in 1997, the Appeal's *Vicariate Outreach Program (VOP)* has contributed over seventeen million dollars to local charities in the Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury, and Litchfield areas. Donations to the 2019 Appeal enabled the *VOP* to provide more than one million dollars, for the fourth consecutive year, to 226 local charities that help thousands of people in their local communities.

"This is such a great and generous opportunity," says Lisa Crew, Director of Human, Social and Leisure Services for the Town of Watertown, after receiving a grant from the VOP in 2019 for the Watertown Food Bank. "We are very fortunate that the Archbishop's Annual Appeal selected our mission by assisting us in our goal to help those in our community."

This appreciation for contributors to the Annual Appeal is shared by Archbishop Blair, who said, "I want to express my personal gratitude and, if I may, the gratitude of those helped by your prayers, sacrificial giving and reliable support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. In circumstances such as these, the Catholic community of faith will want to be remembered for assisting an array of people who did not choose to be lacking employment, housing, food or health."

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***From the Twitter Account of
Pope Francis***

We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form. At the same time, we have to recognize that violence is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Let us pray for reconciliation and peace.

Readings for the week of June 7, 2020

Sunday: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]; 2 Cor 13:11-13; John 3:16-18
Monday: 1 Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37

**ALL WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS
HAVE BEEN
RESCHEDULED FOR 2021**

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