

# SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

EST. 1889

*The First Italian Parish In Connecticut*

**Pastor:** Rev. Robert P. Roy

**Deacon:** Norman Singer

## Parish Office

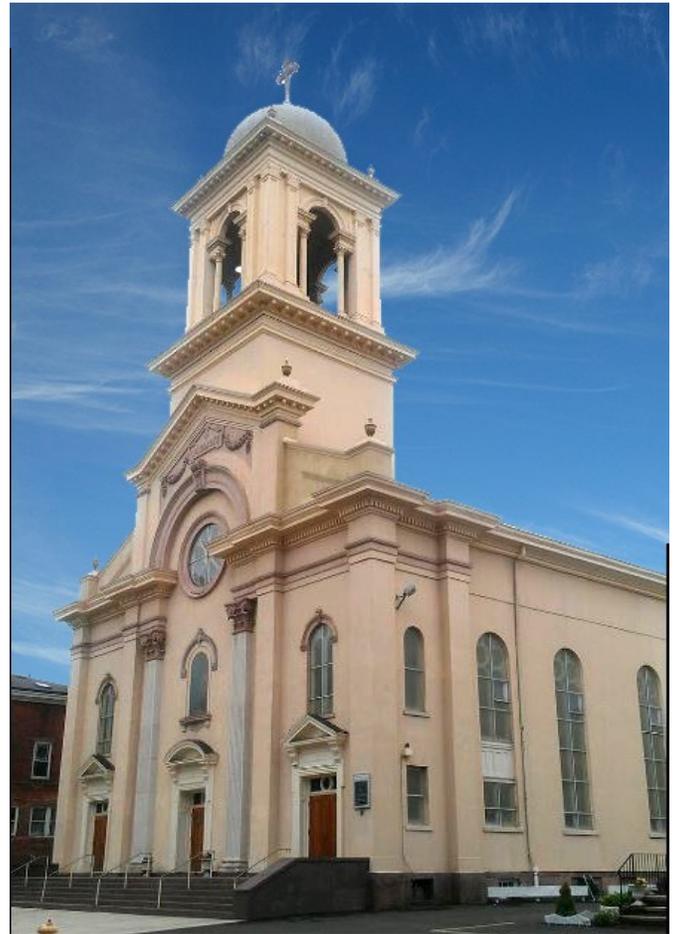
9:00am - 1:00pm Monday - Friday  
203-562-7178  
203-752-0157 fax  
smc1889@att.net  
stmichaelwoostersquare.org

## 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

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."  
- Mt 28:18-19

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

## *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.





**Saturday, May 29th, Vigil of the Lord's Day**

4:00 p.m. - Grace Bonito, req. by son

**Sunday, May 30th, Most Holy Trinity**

9:30 a.m. - San Antonio Abate Society, req. by Devotees

**Monday, May 31st, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 a.m. - Julie D'Urso, req. by cousin Shelley

**Tuesday, June 1st, St. Justin**

8:00 a.m. -

**Wednesday, June 2nd, Sts. Marcellinus & Peter**

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

**Thursday, June 3rd, St. Charles Lwanga**

8:00 a.m. - Alice Hamel, req. by Knights of Columbus #65

**Friday, June 4th, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. - Thanks & praise Father, Son & Holy Spirit, req. by Anastasio family

**Saturday, June 5th, Vigil of the Lord's Day**

4:00 p.m. - James DiMaggio, req. by wife Anne, son Joseph & daughter-in-law Diana

**Sunday, June 6th, Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

9:30 a.m. - Community Mass

**Most Holy Trinity**

**May 30, 2021**

Scripture contains no philosophically mature doctrine of the Trinity; the word itself never appears. The reality of the Trinity lies deeply embedded in the New Testament and emerged over time. Painstakingly, the Church discerned and taught from Scripture the only doctrine adequate to the witness of Testaments: that the one God of biblical Israel at the heart of creation and redemption is a reality of three persons. It is the mind of the Church interpreting Scripture, and not Scripture alone, that leads us to the truth of salvation.

Still, the best way to begin to learn about the Trinity is to go to Scripture. Who God *is* in heaven above (the deep mystery of God's being) can always be seen in what God *does* on earth below (God's relentless divine activity in the world for the sake of salvation).

In this week's Roman passage, Paul seems to presume three separate, self-aware divine persons in the Holy: Father-God, Christ-Son, and Spirit of God. Those who are led by God's Spirit are God's children, having lost servile fear of God when the Spirit bestows the consciousness of being God's beloved child. This "spirit of adoption" puts our relationship with God on an intimate basis; the Spirit inscribes it reality in our hearts. Paul also suggests that the Spirit's work infuses in us Jesus' own beloved-child relationship to God.

*Sanctuary Lamp*  
**Sunday, May 30, 2021**  
*In Memory of*  
**Grace Bonito**

**The Parish office will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2021, in observance of Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, June 1st.**

**In remembrance of those who died,**  
**Biagio Ferraro, Mary Kawie &**  
**Domenic Twohill**  
**May they rest in peace.**

**Weekend of May 23, 2021**

**Weekly Collection \$ 1345.00**  
**Online Collection \$65.00**

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

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

**Readings for the week of May 30, 2021**

**Sunday:** Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

**Monday:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]; Luke 1:39-56

**Tuesday:** Tobias 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17

**Wednesday:** Tobias 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12:18-27

**Thursday:** Tobias 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mark 12:28-34

**Friday:** Tobias 11:5-17; Mark 12:35-37

**Saturday:** Tobias 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tobias 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]; Mark 12:38-44

**PASTORAL REFLECTIONS**

This weekend, specifically, this Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, we observe Memorial Day. Unfortunately, with all of our secularism and commercialism, for some people, this “special day of remembrance” has lost its true meaning and that is a “day to remember.” For the very word “Memorial” means “to remember,” means “to call to mind” and that is why we gather in public parks, public squares and in cemeteries, especially in the veterans’ section, on this “special day” not only “to remember” and “to call to mind” the great sacrifice that these brave men and women have made on our behalf for our country throughout these many years but also to express our sincere gratitude to them and to pray for them, commending their souls to the love and mercy of God.

On this Memorial Day and Weekend, we pray for and remember all the many brave men and women, our family members, our loved ones, our friends and even strangers whom we do not know who have given and sacrificed their lives in the name of freedom not only for us as Americans but also for peoples and countries all over the world. Jesus tells us that “there is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for another person.” Certainly, in the fight and cause for freedom that is exactly what these brave men and women have done and because of their great sacrifice we honor them, on This Memorial Day. We pay tribute to those many men and women who gave of their lives in the service of their country, in the service of our country, in the service of their brothers and sisters throughout the world giving of their lives, laying down their lives for us that we might live free.

Unfortunately, even as we pause on this Memorial Day and Weekend “to remember” and to pray for all the deceased members of our armed forces, we remember and pray for the many countries and people around the world who are still steeped in struggle and conflict. As followers of Jesus, the presence of war in our world should always remind us that we, even more than ever, need to be a people of peace, to work for peace, especially the peace that only Jesus can and does give.

On this Memorial Day/Weekend as we say, “thank you” and pay tribute and respect to those brave men and women who have given their lives for our freedom, may we also not forget those who have given their lives in our fight against the Coronavirus, those brave men and women who have sacrificed their lives in this different fight for freedom. Because of heroism and dedication, I think that it is also most appropriate for us to show and extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all those brave men and women who were and are still on the front lines combating this disease, especially doctors, nurses, health care providers, first responders, scientist, volunteers and many, many other people who are putting their life on the line, sacrificing their lives during this pandemic for the safety, wellbeing and security of others. Because of their brave efforts and dedication, during this pandemic, we are starting to see “light at the end of the tunnel.” My God Bless America!

Fr. Roy



**Archbishop’s Annual Appeal**

*The Vicariate Outreach Program*

**“Reaching Out, Healing Together”**

In the spirit of stewardship – Sharing God’s Gifts – The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal initiated the Vicariate Outreach Program in 1997. The Program offers support to local organizations that, by their efforts, are a meaningful extension of the mission of the Catholic Church and teachings.

The Archdiocese and the 2021 Appeal - **Reaching Out, Healing Together**, has received broad acclaim for sharing more than \$18 million over the previous 23 years of this effort. With the support of all parish households, we remain enthusiastic about continuing and improving this vital outreach Program this year as well.

The Vicariate Outreach Nominations for St. Michael Church are: St. Gianna Pregnancy Center, Christian Community Action Agency, Leeway Inc., Apostle Immigrant Services.

If you wish to suggest a worthy local charity for possible future funding by the Vicariate Outreach Program, please contact the parish office. Please be sure to include as much information on the program as possible.

**Thank you for your concern and generosity.**

**FOOD BANK** – Each week there is a box in the rectory entrance to receive donations of non-perishable foods that are brought to various non-profit agencies in the New Haven area. **(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 Holy Spirit is the Gift of God who helps us to be free people, people who want and know how to love, people who understand that life is a mission to proclaim the wonders that the Lord accomplishes in those who trust in him.*

**Question of the Week**

When have I noticed the Spirit’s presence in my life? How can I become more aware of the Spirit’s effect on me?

**VOCATION REFLECTIONS**

**Most Holy Trinity  
May 30, 2021**

*Come along in our company.* Welcome the Trinity – Father, Son and Spirit – to guide you on your journey. Listen to these companions on the way. If your journey is leading toward priesthood or religious life, call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, 860-761-7456, e-mail [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.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.**

# The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 30, 2021

## The Mystery of the Holy Trinity



**“The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity leads us to contemplate the mystery of God who unceasingly creates, redeems and sanctifies, always with love and through love.”—Pope Francis, May 27, 2018**

The mystery of the Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and life. God reveals himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity includes three truths of faith.

First, the Trinity is One. We do not speak of three gods but of one God. Each of the Persons is fully God. They are a unity of Persons in one divine nature.

Second, the Divine Persons are distinct from each other. Father, Son, and Spirit are not three appearances or modes of God, but three identifiable persons, each fully God in a way distinct from the others.

Third, the Divine Persons are in relation to each other. The distinction of each is understood only in reference to the others. The Father cannot be the Father without the Son, nor can the Son be the Son without the Father. The Holy Spirit is related to the Father and the Son who both send him forth.

All Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Trinity illumines all the other mysteries of faith.

## The Feast of the Visitation of Mary Monday, May 31, 2021



This feast commemorates the three-month visit of Mary with her elderly cousin Elizabeth during Mary's pregnancy with Jesus and Elizabeth's with John the Baptist. The story appears in the first chapter of Luke's Gospel. It recounts Elizabeth's Spirit-filled greeting, acknowledging Mary as "the mother of my Lord," and Mary's beautiful response, the Magnificat, which begins, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." Introduced by the Franciscans in 1263, the feast became universal in the 16th century.

*Copyright © 2021, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.*

Quote from Pope Francis, copyright © 2018, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Vatican City State. All rights reserved. Used with permission. This article is an excerpt from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults.