

SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

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The First Italian Parish In Connecticut

Pastor: Rev. Robert P. Roy

Deacon: Norman Singer

Parish Office

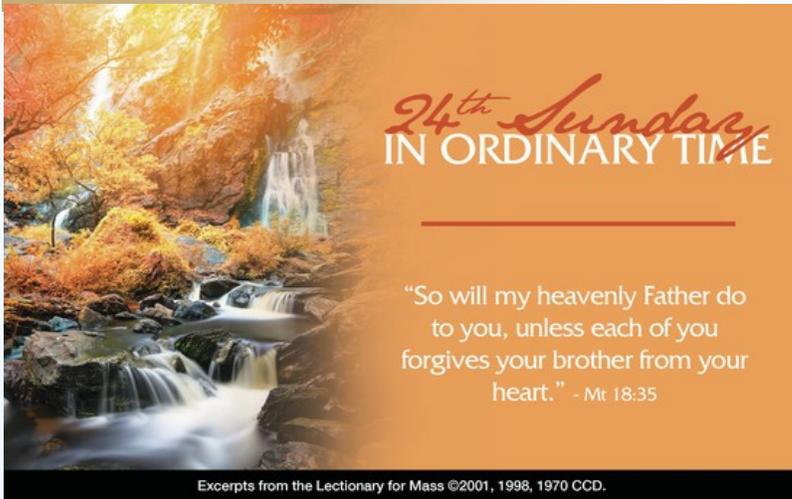
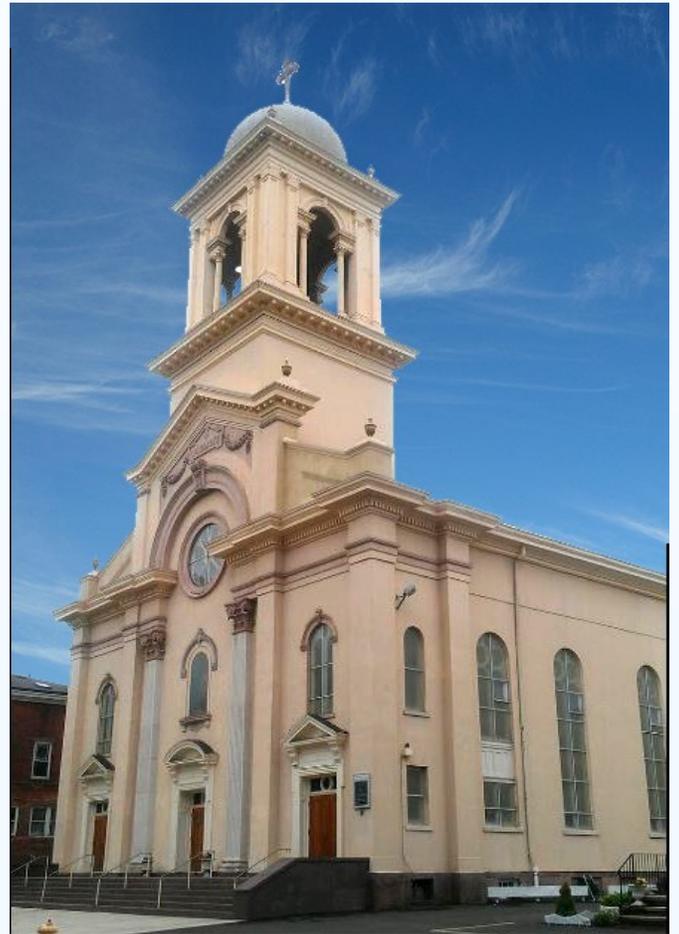
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Weekday and Weekend Masses

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



24th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.” - Mt 18:35

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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.





24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Earlier in the Gospel according to Matthew, when Jesus taught the Our Father, he emphasized forgiveness, saying “If you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.” These are strong words, which imply that our won forgiveness is dependent on our willingness to forgive others.

Today's parable of the unmerciful servant illustrates this point with a story of someone who refused to forgive, and his forgiveness was taken away. Clearly this is an analogy in which the master represents God, and the servants represent people like us, who are supposed to treat each other the way God treat us us— with forgiveness. The First Reading put it well: “Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing form the Lord? God has forgiven us of so much, and God is willing to keep for giving us— but if we will not forgive others we ar throwing God’s gift of forgiveness back in his face. The refusal to forgive is itself a sin that needs forgiveness. When we refuse to forgive, we cut ourselves off from God’s forgiveness.

We are hurt by someone, we may need a little time to take sock of our feelings, but ultimately it is most helpful to take a position of humility—a position that refuses to judge, refuses to adopt a self-righteous attitude, and refuses to hold a grudge. A grudge is like toxic waste; it only hurts the one who holds it. So how many times should we forgive the person wo wrongs us? When Jesus says seventy-seven times, he really means stop counting. Forgive as many times as it takes.

Saturday, September 12th, Vigil of the Lord’s Day

4:00 p.m. - Frank, Anna & Anthony F. Proto, req. by Rosalind & Andrew Proto

Sunday, September 13th, 24th Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. - Deceased members of Candelora & Candelori family, req. by family

Monday, September 14th, Exaltation of the Holy

Cross

8:00 a.m. - Alice Ezold, req. by Rich & Esther Ezold

Tuesday, September 15th, Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 a.m. -

Wednesday, September 16th, St. Cornelius

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

Thursday, September 17th, St. Robert Bellarmine

8:00 a.m. - Peter & Charlotte Gambardella 60 years of Marriage

Friday, September 18th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. -

Saturday, September 19th, Vigil of the Lord’s Day

4:00 p.m. - Nicholas & Vincenza Onofrio, req. by Nick & Lena Onofrio

Sunday, September 20th, 25th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

9:30 a.m. - Davide, Angelina, Luciana & Marisa Incarnato, req. by son Nichola & Therese

Sanctuary Lamp

Sunday, September 13, 2020

*In Honor of
Peter & Charlotte Gambardella
60 Years of Marriage*

In remembrance of those who died,

Linda Saracco & Lorraine Cirillo

May they rest in peace.

Weekend of September 6, 2020

Weekly Collection \$1654.00

Monthly Collection \$294.00

**One Collection This Week
Weekly Collection**

**Two Collections Next Week
Weekly Collection
Catholic Elementary Schools (Hopes)**

Question of the Week

How can I keep a consistent forgiving attitude that assuages my anger? What leads me to forgive one who hurt me?

Readings for the week of September 13, 2020

Sunday: Wisdom of Ben Sira 27:30—28:7;

Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Monday: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11;

John 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; John

19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13; Luke

7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15



Important Notice for September 19, 2020 **No doubt, it's Divine Providence**

We're moving the conference to New Britain Stadium!

Prayers to Saint Joseph uncovered this opportunity!

Outdoor venue with up to 1,500 capacity,
in full compliance with Social Distancing precautions.

Indoor bathrooms and handicap ramps

Seating with cup holders rather than folding chairs

Easy access off the highway right in the middle of Connecticut

Plentiful parking

Going onto the field to receive Eucharist!

Adoration on the roof top!

NOW including lunch with the same ticket price.

We're excited that Holy Land USA may be our location next year.

For the men of the Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference Committee, it seemed as though the pandemic would dash all hopes of a gathering this year. But thanks to the fortitude and ingenuity of these faithful servants, we now have an Outdoor Conference!

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Saint Joseph being proclaimed the Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on 8 December 1870, this year's theme is SAINT JOSEPH: OUR PATRON. In addition, the Mass this year will be dedicated to the soon-to-be blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus. And Fr. Jeffrey Romans, former priest-secretary for the Archbishop of Hartford and a former CCMC member, will be the principal celebrant at the outdoor Mass.

The speakers for the event include: Father James Sullivan, the current conference chaplain, who will speak on the life of Father McGivney; David Craig, conference co-founder, and founder of "Adoration for Vocations"; Aaron Joseph, conference co-director, and founder of SAINT JOSEPH: OUT PATRON, a lay apostolate founded to promote Saint Joseph's universal patronage; and Walter Finneran, conference committee member, who will be giving a testimony on The Brian O'Connell Homeless Project that he co-founded. These men will be tying together the theme of the day in a way that will drive home the overarching goal of every conference: to connect Catholic men to Christ and one another, and prompt each man to seek out a personal apostolate where he can serve the Kingdom of God and help other Catholic men to become the best of who they can be.

There will be all the familiar elements the men have come to expect from the conference: great speakers, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fellowship, and an uplifting message of encouragement for the men. This event will truly reach new levels for those who will participate. The CCMC Committee requests those who wish to attend to purchase their tickets before September 1st by going to www.ctcatholicmen.org. We hope to see you there!

Extension of Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation

On March 13, 2020, each and every Catholic in the Archdiocese of Hartford was dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair due to the potential danger of the coronavirus pandemic. This dispensation was most recently extended on May 27, 2020, with the release of the document 'Opening Churches for Public Worship in the Archdiocese of Hartford,' which stated, "As for Sunday Mass, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation previously granted to all Catholics of the archdiocese by the Archbishop has now been extended through Sunday, September 6, 2020."

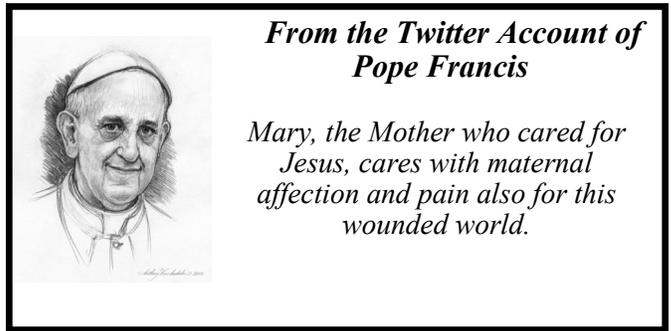
In light of continued uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the coronavirus in the state of Connecticut and throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, Archbishop Blair has now extended this dispensation from the Sunday obligation through Saturday, November 28, 2020, which is the last day of the current liturgical year.

The Archdiocese of Hartford continues to monitor the severity of the situation surrounding the pandemic and will provide updates regarding decisions reached for the archdiocese as they are made.

VOCATION REFLECTIONS Sept. 13th – Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Jesus tells Peter "Decide to forgive always." Are you being called to act in the place of Christ to forgive sins? 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.

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*

*Mary, the Mother who cared for
Jesus, cares with maternal
affection and pain also for this
wounded world.*

Help Our Parish Elementary Schools HOPES Collection

The **HOPES** Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing schools with individual **HOPES Grants**. Last year's HOPES Grants funded advances in technology, safety and the marketing and promotion of Catholic schools through branding and social media. Please help us provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by giving to the 2020 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection on the weekend of **September 19 -20, 2020**.

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.**



Archdiocese of Hartford 2020 Traveling Rosary Congress The Archdiocese of Hartford is hosting a Traveling Rosary Congress during October, the month of the Most Holy Rosary, from Saturday, October 3 through Friday, October 9.

A Traveling Rosary Congress is seven days of around-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration and Hourly Rosary, with each day hosted at a different parish in the archdiocese, in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration and prayer. It is offered in a spirit of reparation to restore the sanctity of life, to pray for vocations, to establish peace in our cities, nation, and world, and to console the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

During this 7-day period of the Traveling Rosary Congress, the host parishes will offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed aloud at the beginning of each hour, followed by silent prayer for the remainder of the hour.

An Opening Mass for the Rosary Congress will be held on Saturday, October 3 at 4:15 pm at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury CT. The Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair will celebrate a Closing Mass for the Rosary Congress on Friday, October 9 at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

Please consider participating in this special event as we pray in reparation for our families, our archdiocese, our country, and our world. For more information, go to www.rosarycongressusa.org and click on "Hartford, CT" to see a complete listing of the Traveling Rosary Congress locations in the Archdiocese of Hartford and to schedule an hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

Face Masks

St. Michael Church received a donation of cloth face masks in packs of 5 for our parishioners and for those who need them.

The masks are located inside the front of the Church and in the chapel.

Do not take just one mask, take the whole pack. Please help yourselves to the masks.