

# SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

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*The First Italian Parish In Connecticut*

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## Parish Office

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## Weekday and Weekend Masses

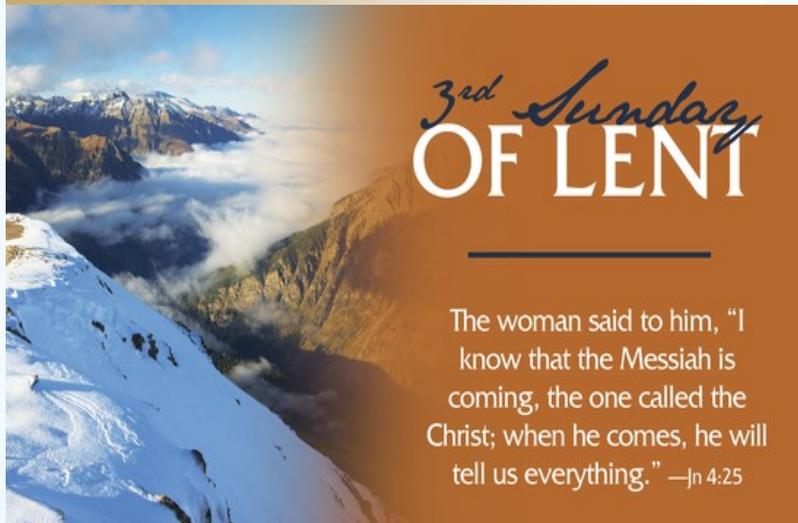
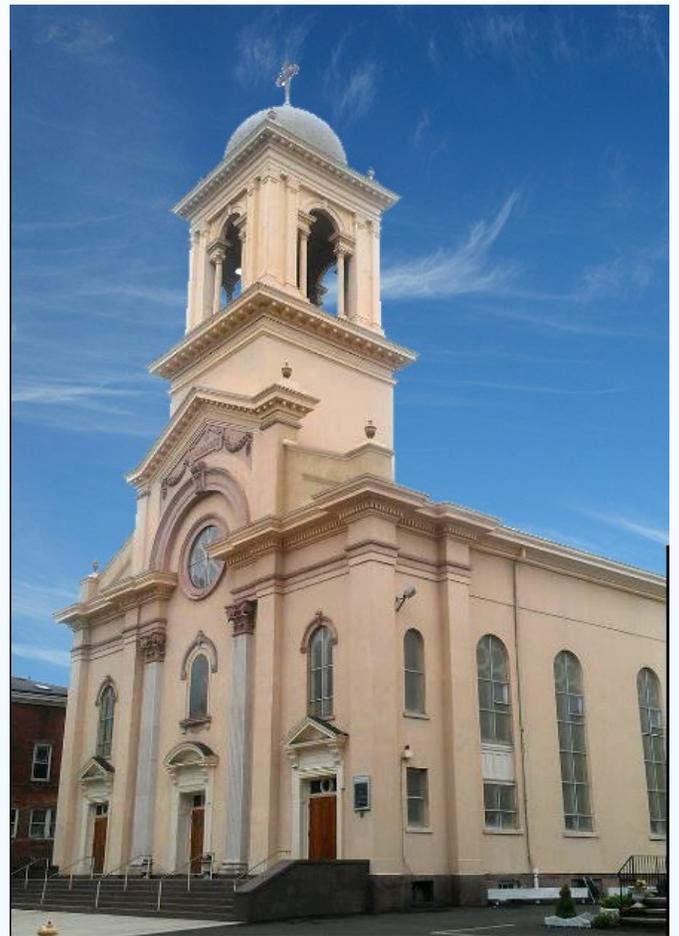
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00am

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



## 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.





**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 15, 2020**

Today's readings pose two questions that bring our Lenten Journey into focus: "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" and "What are you looking for?"

The First Reading comes from Exodus 17, the early stages of Israel's forty-year journey in the desert. The Israelites had begun quarreling among themselves and grumbling against Moses, complaining about the lack of food and water. They even tested God, asking whether he was even in midst. Moses pleads to God for intervention, and God responds by empowering Moses to draw water from the rock for the people to drink. Even though the Lord was indeed in the midst of the community during the desert journey, the Israelites' fears, intensified by their grumbling and complaining, blinded them to the Lord's presence.

In today's Gospel reading from John, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at a well. With the simple request for her to give him a drink, Jesus initiates a dialogue that intrigues and transforms her. Just as she has come to believe in Jesus, the disciples return from their errand to a nearby town. John tells us in an aside that on seeing the woman, they fail to ask her what she is looking for—the very question Jesus had asked the first disciples, the question that initiated their conversion. In the Gospel according to John, true discipleship involves first and foremost bringing others to Christ. The distracted disciples fail to evangelize—in contrast to the Samaritan woman, who, once she believes that Jesus is the Christ, hurries to her town to bring others to him.

As we continue through our Lenten journey, we are challenged to overcome fears and distractions, to find the Lord in our midst, and to bring others to him.

***Question of the Week***

What do I thirst for spiritually? Can I find sustenance in the life-giving water I have received? How can I share this living water with those around me?

**Readings for the week of March 15, 2020**

**Sunday:** Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
**Monday:** 2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30  
**Tuesday:** Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35  
**Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a  
**Friday:** Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34  
**Saturday:** Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

**Saturday, March 14th Vigil of the Lord's Day**

4:00 p.m. - Vincent D'Urso, req. by cousin Andrew (Butchie) and Rosalind Proto

**Sunday, March 15th, 3rd Sunday of Lent**

9:30 a.m. - Rosa Scalo, req by Lori Bosticco

**Monday, March 16th, Lenten Weekday**

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

**Tuesday, March 17th, St. Patrick**

8:00 a.m. -

**Wednesday, March 18th, St. Cyril**

12:10 p.m. - Frank & Pasqualina Cinque, req. by children

**Thursday, March 19th, St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary**

8:00 a.m. -

**Friday, March 20th, Lenten Weekday**

8:00 a.m. - Alphonse Florenzano, req. by Andrew & Rosalind

**Saturday, March 21st, Vigil of the Lord's Day**

4:00 p.m. - Louis Amendola, req. by Mary Florenzano

**Sunday, March 22nd, 4th Sunday of Lent**

9:30 a.m. - Judy Minichino, req. by husband & family

**In remembrance of those who died,**

***Barbara Gambardella,  
Filomena DiBuccio & Robert Palumbo***

Whose funerals were celebrated at  
St. Michael Church recently.  
May they rest in peace.

***Sanctuary Lamp***

***Sunday, March 15, 2020  
In Memory of  
Mary Donarumo***

**Weekend of March 8, 2020**

**Weekly Collection \$1292.00**

**One collection this weekend  
Weekly Collection**

**One Collection Next Week  
Weekly Collection**

**LENT 2020**

“Return to the Lord with all your heart”  
(Joel 2:12)

**Lenten Daily Mass**

8:00 AM on  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
12:10 PM Mass on Wednesday.

**Confession**

Monday’s during Lent  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction**

Friday’s – 7:00 PM

**Archbishop’s Annual Appeal**

The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided by the Archdiocese. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community, and Growing in Faith, Giving in Love, by sharing your blessings.

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.

**Saint Ann Society**

Saint Ann Society is conducting its annual membership drive.

Current members have received a renewal notice in the mail and are asked to renew their membership as soon as possible.

The Saint Ann Society is an integral part of Saint Michael Church. Over its long history it has contributed to the spiritual and material vitality of the parish through its activities such as the Saint Ann Novena, the annual harvest dinner, participation in the Cherry Blossom Festival and its support of the parish with an annual financial contribution.

We invite all women of Saint Michael Parish to join the Saint Ann Society.

Information forms will be located in the main entrance of the Church and in the Saint Andrew Chapel.

Dues are \$15.00 this year. Thank you for your Cooperation.

*From the Twitter Account of  
Pope Francis*



*We are called to rediscover what truly matters, what we really need, what helps us to live well and, at the same time, to identify what is secondary and that which we can easily do without.*

**VOCATION REFLECTIONS**

**March 15th – Third Sunday in Lent**

No bucket and the cistern is deep. The gifts of the living water of the spirit are yours! “Whoever drinks the water I shall give shall never thirst”. Jesus is the living water. Drink from that deep well; hear the good news of salvation. If you feel a calling to fulfill God’s love as a priest or religious, contact **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, phone 860-761-7456, e-mail [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://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**.

**MASS BOOK**

The Mass Book is open for all registered and non registered parishioners for 2020. 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.

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

**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.**

## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

As human beings, our bodies are designed with various sensations and feelings that let us know when we are in need of something or that something is wrong all for the benefit of our body to maintain its good health and to sustain our life. For instance, when our stomach starts to growl, we know that we need to eat something in order to provide us with the nutrients that will supply us with the energy that we need to keep our bodies functioning and going. When we start to yawn and our eyes start to get heavy, that is the body's way of telling us we need to get some rest, or that it is time for us to go to sleep in order that we might refresh and rejuvenate ourselves. When our bodily fluids start to run low, the sensation of thirst takes over, prompting us to drink water in order to quench our thirst, thus restoring the hydration that our bodies need for proper functioning. Because of these and other sensations, a lot of our time and energy go into satisfying and providing for our bodies' needs. Because our bodies are more prevalent to us, we spend more time, money and energy on the things concerning maintenance of the body than on the care and maintenance of our souls.

Because we, as human beings, are so concerned with things of the body, we have a tendency to forget that when God created us, He not only formed us out of the clay of the earth and blew the breath of life into our nostrils, but He also made us in His image and likeness, in the Divine Image He created us male and female. As human beings, we not only have a physical body which is in constant need of our attention, but we also have a spiritual soul which is equally in constant need of our attention. The soul, too, has sensations that need to be fulfilled and taken care of lest in a spiritual sense it withers and dies.

In today's gospel, the Samaritan woman goes to the well in order that she might draw water and to drink to quench her thirst. In her physical thirst, the body is telling her that she is in need of something very essential in order for her to maintain her health and vitality, and that is water. But Jesus sees in her a different kind of thirst, one that she greatly has and yet she herself is not aware of, and that is a spiritual thirst. In her sordid, questionable lifestyle, she thought that she was quenching her inner spiritual thirst by seeking physical happiness, "looking for love in all the wrong places" but Jesus knew that she really was searching and thirsting for something that was more and deeper to satisfy her heart's longing desire. Through her conversation with Jesus, the woman saw the reality of her spiritual thirst; her **"eyes were opened."**

When were her "eyes were opened?" They were opened as she was in conversation with Jesus. One might call this dialogue between Jesus and the woman a prayer. It was when she was sitting and listening to Jesus that her spiritual thirst was quenched, that she realized spiritually what she truly was searching for and needed. So, it is the same with us. During this time of Lent, let us take time out of our busyness to spend some time with the Lord in order that we may listen to his voice and let him quench our spiritual thirst.

On a different note, I would like to personally congratulate our 2020 St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation recipient Mr. Ronald F. Abbott. The Saint Joseph Archdiocesan Medal of Appreciation, which will be present to Ronald, at the Cathedral in Hartford, on Sunday, March 22 at 3:00p.m., is a means of recognizing the dedicated laity of our parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford. It is parishioners like Ronald, giving of his time and talent, who continue to spread and to build up the Kingdom of God not only in the City of New Haven but also especially in St. Michael's Church. Thank you, Ron, and God Bless.

Fr. Roy



## K of C – Russell Council News

### St. Patrick and St. Joseph Dinner - March 28<sup>th</sup> Church Hall - POSTPONED

In order to help protect our families and friends from the COVID-19 virus and minimize some undue risk, the previously scheduled dinner to be held on March 28<sup>th</sup> is postponed until further notice. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but please understand that the health and welfare of our community is most important at this time. We will let you know when a new date is decided in the meantime please wash your hands often and sanitize the surfaces around you.

**We hope to see you at the next K of C event.**

### Palm Cross Order Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity		Subtotals
_____ Small	@ \$ 5	_____
_____ Medium	@ \$ 8	_____
_____ Large	@ \$ 10	_____

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_