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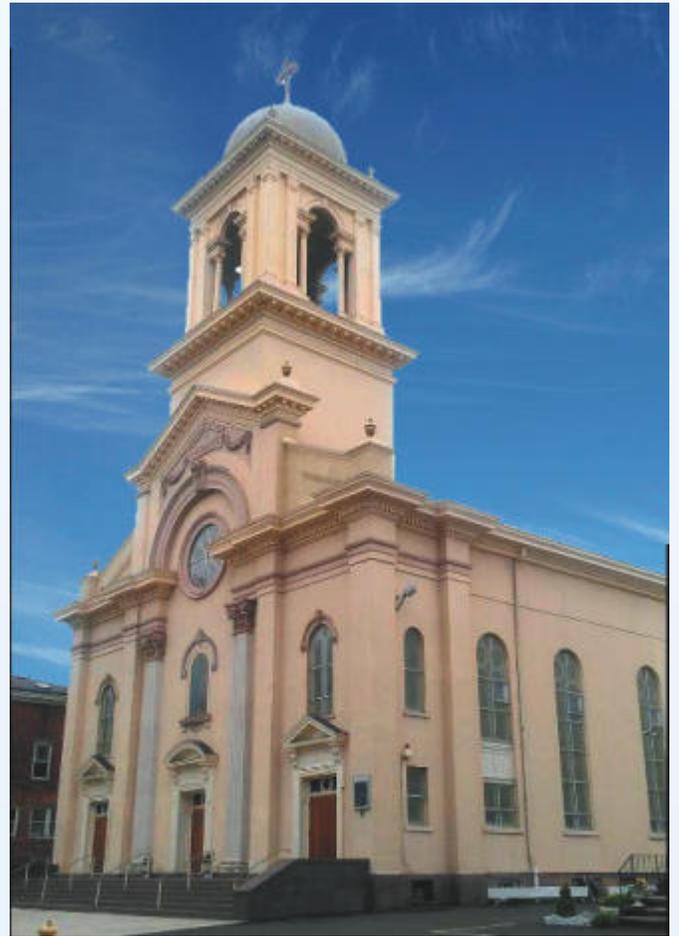
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## Weekday and Weekend Masses

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.





**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

**Saturday, November 28th, Vigil of the Lord's Day**

4:00 p.m. - Stella & William Jr Candela, req. by family

**Sunday, November 29th, 1st Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. - In honor of deceased members of St. Andrews Men's and Ladies Society

**Monday, November 30th St. Andrew the Apostle**

8:00 a.m. - St. Andrew's Men's Society

**Tuesday, December 1st, Advent Weekday**

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

**Wednesday, December 2nd, Advent Weekday**

8:00 a.m. - NO MASS

**Thursday, December 3rd, St. Francis Xavier**

8:00 a.m. - Peter Gambardella, req. by sister Betty Campagnuolo

**Friday, December 4th, St. John Damascene**

8:00 a.m. - Louis Celentano, req. by Moore family

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

4:00 p.m. - Pasqua, Giuseppe & Michael D'Agnelli, req. by Gioiosa family

***Sanctuary Lamp***

***Sunday, November 29, 2020***

***In Memory of***

***Deceased Members of St. Michael Parish***

**In remembrance of those who died,**

**Vincent Imperati & Angela Hurlburt**

**May they rest in peace.**

**Weekend of November 22, 2020**

**Weekly Collection \$**

**Two Collections This Week**

**Weekly Collection  
Catholic Campaign**

**One Collection Next Week**

**Weekly Collection**

Isaiah 63 from a time after the honeymoon period that followed the return from exile. The people are beginning to face the harsh difficulties of reestablishing their spiritual identity as God's people, caught in the crush between soaring hopes and paltry performance. They question and recall glories that the Lord once performed for the nation. They repent. They surrender themselves anew and, despite the possibility of rejection, plead longingly for God to appear.

Paul writes to a Church that needs that perspective. Considering itself ready for the Lord's coming, the Corinthian Church will learn in this letter how woefully unprepared the apostle thinks it is: theological errors, unethical practices, misplace priorities, forgetting the poor, constant infighting, interest in self-advancement. But at the letter's beginning, Paul celebrates the fact that for all their faults the Corinthians are nevertheless a true Christian community. He reminds them that God alone keeps them faithful.

Mark's account of the Gospel stresses the need for constant watchfulness among the disciple-servants who must account for their actions. A subtle move by the evangelist should not be missed. Note how Mark deliberately juxtaposes these words of Jesus on the Mount of Olives with the disciples' failure in the Garden of Gethsemane in the very next chapter (14:26-41). On the mount Jesus suddenly turns to the reader directly and says "Keep awake!" (13:37); in the garden Jesus again warns the disciples, "Keep awake" (14:34). On the mount he warns the disciples let the Lord come and find them sleeping; in the garden he returns after prayer and finds them asleep (14:36-41)3 On the mount they do not know the time that the Lord "will come" (13:35); in the garden he declares "the hour has come" (14:41). Mark portrays these sorrowful events as a warning to disciples of every generation.

***Question of the Week***

How can I give control over to God?

**Readings for the week of November 29, 2020**

**Sunday:** Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;

1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

**Monday:** Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

## PASTORAL REFLECTION

Stress! Stress! Stress! After nine months of dealing with the ups and downs of Covid-19 and its ever-present uncertainties that it has caused and continues to cause in our daily lives, I could not help but think, “How appropriate is the Jerry Herman’s Broadway song from the 1966 production of ‘Mame’ “We Need a Little Christmas.”

When we listen to the words of the song, they talk about how the things associated with Christmas and the joy of Christmas lifts our fallen spirits. Its lyrics sing about “put up the tree before my spirit falls again ... Turn on the brightest string of lights I’ve ever seen...” The song points out that with the passage of time “I’ve [we] grown a little older...” and how...I [we] need a little angel sitting my [our] shoulder...” “For we need a little music, Need a little laughter, Need a little singing, ringing through the rafter, And we need a little snappy, Happy ever after, Need a little Christmas now.” Certainly, in these difficult and uncertain times we do “Need a little Christmas now.”

Today, we, as Christians, celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. With this First Sunday, we start our spiritual journey and preparation toward the Feast of Christmas. With all the stress and uncertainties that we continue to experience in our world, the Church reminds us of the importance of Advent, this very prayerful and meditative time as we prepare for the commemoration and celebration of not only the biggest event that ever happened in human history but also one which changed us and the world forever and that is the Incarnation and the Birth of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the birth of God’s only Son, Jesus Christ on Christmas Day.

The word “Advent” means coming. In Mark’s Gospel, John the Baptist cries out, “Prepare the way of the Lord.” For us as Christians, this “preparation of the way of the Lord” focuses our attention on two realities and mysteries of our faith. The first one is what we are preparing to celebrate and commemorate that is the first coming of Jesus Christ into the world on Christmas Day as one of us. As we read in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." Jesus has come among us as Lord and Savior.

The second “advent” which we now live in, is our preparation for the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time; when he will come in power and glory with salvation for His people.

Thus, the Advent Season, in a salvation and spiritual way, echoes the angel’s glorious news to the shepherds, “Behold, I come to proclaim good news to you, tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people. This day, in David’s city a savior has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord. Let this be a sign to you; in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes.” Luke 2:10-12 As Linus told Charlie Brown “that is what Christmas is all about.”

Christmas 2020 and its preparations and celebration will certainly be different, but it does not take away or diminish the great mystery of our faith and salvation that we are preparing to celebrate. Through the reading of and prayerful meditation on the scriptures, especially those passages concerning the coming of the Messiah, we can spiritually draw closer to the mysteries of Christ and salvation. Another way to prepare the way of the Lord is through the reception of the Sacraments especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. In our busy world, this is one of the sacraments that have fallen into neglect. We keep saying, “I need, I want to go to confession but we just don’t seem to have the time or make/take the time, or we just forget. As we approach the Christmas Season with its many preparations, let us put the Sacrament of Confession on our to-do-list.

P.S. In our politically correct society, it is ok to wish me “A Merry Christmas!”

Fr. Roy

**Archbishop’s Annual Appeal**

This past May the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal, through the Vicariate Outreach Program, sent \$322,000 to 91 food pantries, homeless shelters and soup kitchens across the Archdiocese. Earlier this month an additional \$787,620 was disbursed and sent to 219 worthy charitable organizations for a total of \$1,089,620. This is only possible because of the generous donors to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. During this very difficult time of Covid-19, so many of our neighbors, some for the first time ever, are finding themselves in the need of assistance. This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.

To the extent that you are not adversely affected financially by the pandemic, please respond to the 2020 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal as best you can. Any gift, no matter the size, is truly appreciated and can make a significant difference. This weekend is Commitment Weekend, please give prayerful consideration to a gift to this year’s Appeal, which extends through December 31, 2020.

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.

Web address for the video is:  
<https://appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org/donations>

**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.**

**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 kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart” (Lk 2:19). Everything that happens to her ends up in her heart so that it might pass through the sieve of prayer and be transfigured by it.*

**VOCATION REFLECTIONS**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 29, 2020**

*If two of you join your voices on earth to pray for anything whatever, it shall be granted you by my Father in heaven. Where only a few come together in Christ’s name on earth, Christ is present with them. Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. To discern a vocation, call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Tel. 860-761-7456, e-mail [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://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. 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, [StMichael-WoosterSquare.org](http://StMichael-WoosterSquare.org), under the Parish Life tab.

**Please mail me/us a registration form for Saint Michael Church**

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**Saint Michael Church Office:**  
**29 Wooster Place**  
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## ‘Giving Tree’ 2020

Our annual Advent Giving Tree is will be ready November 29th. We will be collecting gifts cards of no more than \$25.00 for the residents of Leeway.

We ask that you return your gifts cards with the person’s name on each gift card and place them with the ‘ornament’. This will enable easy distribution. All gifts cards need to be dropped off at the church on the weekend of Saturday, December 19 & Sunday, December 20.

If you have any questions please contact the rectory at 203-562-7178.



## COVID-19 Guidelines Update

As was announced by Governor Lamont, the state of Connecticut on Friday, November 6, 2020, will revert back to more rigorous restrictions, implementing “Phase 2.1,” to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Within these new mandatory changes, religious gatherings have been effected, and the following change will be required: **attendance at Mass and other liturgies for all churches in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be restricted to 50% of capacity or 100 persons, whichever is less.** In addition, as other meetings at venues have been reduced to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors, any upcoming non-liturgical events, meetings, or gatherings held at parishes will need to follow those limits.

Please ensure that your parish is in compliance with this directive and that all proactive measures such as social distancing and sanitizing of facilities continue to be carried out.

Additionally, if you have not do so previously, we ask that you notify your parishioners that in light of the recent increase in coronavirus cases within the state of Connecticut and continued uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the coronavirus in the state and throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, Archbishop Blair has now extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for all the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford through Tuesday, February 16, 2021, which is the eve of Ash Wednesday.

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<i>St. Mary Cemetery - 1141 Stanley St.</i>	<i>New Britain, CT</i>
<i>All Saints Cemetery - 700 Middletown Ave.</i>	<i>North Haven, CT</i>
<i>Mt. Olivet Cemetery - 669 Platt Rd.</i>	<i>Watertown, CT</i>

#### Saturday October 31, 2020

<i>Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery - 1 Cottage Grove Rd.</i>	<i>Bloomfield, CT</i>
<i>St. Francis Cemetery - 863 South Main St.</i>	<i>Torrington, CT</i>
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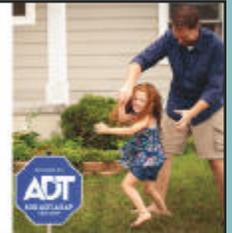


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