



BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY PARISH

2025 FALL FUNDRAISER



Sunday, November 9, 2025 | 1-5PM | The New Haven Lawn Club

Dear Parishioners,

“Complete the good work begun in you...” so the ordained (and all the baptized) are admonished to persevere in what has been entrusted to them. Since being assigned your Pastor this summer, I have seen the many good works that goes on in the life of the faithful in New Haven, a continuation of the rich inheritance of those who proceeded you in the faith.

Visitors often remark at the beauty of our churches by noting that “you couldn’t build this today.” Well, I disagree, because that is exactly what we are doing, with God’s grace and a deep appreciation for the treasure of belief given to us. Our sacred spaces continue to elevate the soul and nourish the poor in spirit. The beauty of our churches is an attempt to approximate the splendor of Heaven, so it is a worthwhile effort to offer a place of contemplation, transcendence and reflection to a world that sorely needs God’s grace.

I am proud to report that we have continued this sacred duty of maintaining our buildings across the city. Since arriving here this summer, we have invested in multiple projects across our eight churches. We contracted with landscape architect Towers Golde to reimagine the grounds on each property so that they enhance the beauty of each church building. We did an inventory of all of our vestments, altarware, and sacramental books across the parish, deciding which to keep or restore. We installed new church signs at each location that include our parish name, and are in the process of installing digital displays in each vestibule to aid in our welcoming atmosphere and standardize our communications. We are restoring and repairing the wooden doors, railings, and pews at St. Mary, and have renovated the rectory at St. Martin de Porres. We cleaned the church basement at St. Anthony and also plan to renovate and repurpose the church basement at St. Stanislaus, as well as repair the accessibility ramp at St. Joseph. Lastly, we are continuing to move forward with the installation of air conditioning in St. Francis, where over 1,000 people attend the 11AM Spanish Mass every Sunday, as well as with the restoration of the historic pipe organ at St. Mary.

To this end, I invite you to prayerfully discern how your family can participate in our annual **Fall Fundraiser and Annual Collection**, which play a critical role in funding these capital improvements across the parish, as well as covering any budget shortfalls in our normal operating expenses.

All are invited to purchase tickets for the Fall Fundraiser, which will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at the New Haven Lawn Club. The afternoon will begin with cocktail hour (open bar) and hors d’oeuvres, followed by a delicious four-course meal. One dinner and raffle ticket is \$175, with additional dinner tickets at \$125 per person. In addition to the dinner, we will have a cash raffle for \$50 per ticket, with the drawing held at 4:00 PM. Since the winner need not be present, participating in the raffle is a great way of supporting the fundraiser if you cannot attend the dinner.

Throughout the afternoon, there will be many items available for bidding in a silent auction. We are looking for items to be donated by our parishioners and local community: businesses, restaurants, artisans, and friends of our parish. I encourage everyone to reach out to businesses you frequently patronize to ask them if they might be able to provide an auction item. You are encouraged to get creative! If you know of an individual or business that might be willing to donate, and you would prefer the committee to follow up with them, contact info@newhavencatholic.org.

Forms to purchase Dinner and Raffle Tickets, Ad Book Sponsorships, and to donate Silent Auction items can be found in the church vestibules, on the parish website at www.newhavencatholic.org/fall-fundraiser, or by contacting the parish offices at 203-562-6193. Space is limited, so we encourage you to purchase your tickets as soon as possible.

In tandem with the Fall Fundraiser, our Annual Collection will be taken up the weekend of November 1/2 at all churches. This is another important way to support our parish if you cannot attend the dinner. Annual Collection envelopes will be available in each vestibule from now until the end of the year, and can be returned in the offertory basket or dropped off or mailed to any of the church offices. Online donations can also be made at www.osvhub.com/blessedmichaelmcgivney/giving/funds/annual-collection.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity as we continue to serve the Body of Christ in New Haven.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Michael J. Dolan

Pastor in Solidum & Moderator

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