

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH



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Pastor:

Reverend Nathaniel C. Labarda

Trustees:

Mr. Michael Fappiano

Miss Marie Therrien

Parish Secretary:

Ms. Cindy Tomkowicz

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Miss Marie Therrien

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Mr. Ralph Proulx, Director of Music & Choir

Mrs. Geraldine Reardon, Cantor

Business Manager:

Mrs. Beth Cavanaugh

Director of Buildings & Maintenance:

Mr. Michael Caruso

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00a.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8:00a.m.

Holy Days 10:00a.m., 5:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS:

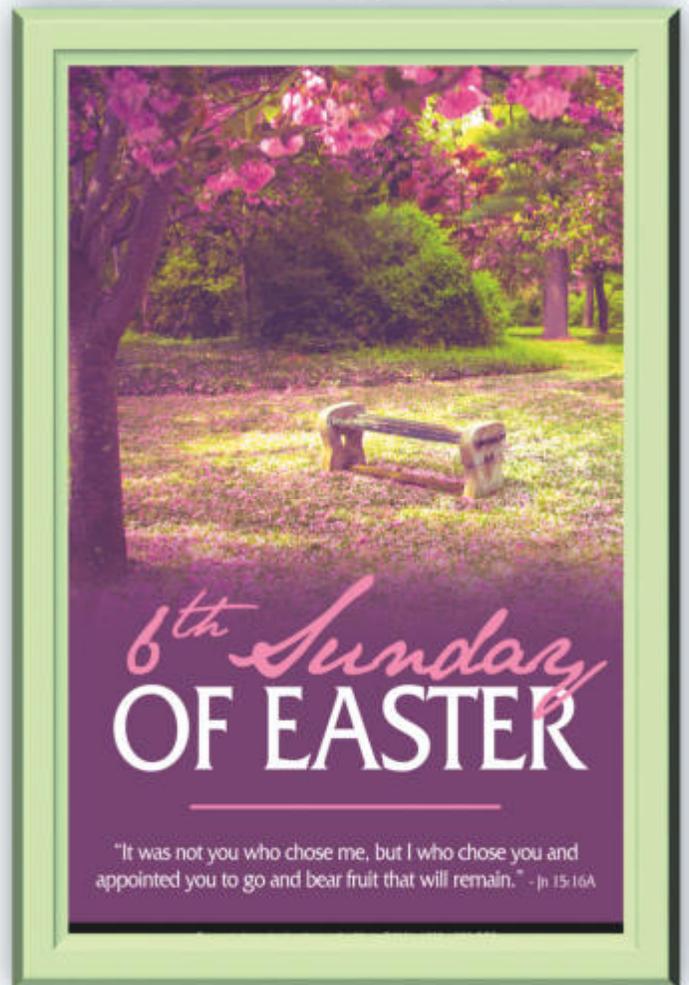
Baptisms are Sundays at 1:00 P.M.

Please contact the Parish Secretary weekday mornings.

Parents' Baptismal instructions are required before the baptism.

MARRIAGE:

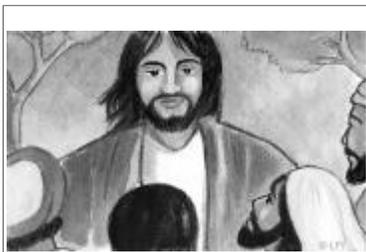
Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the desired date to make the necessary arrangements.



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In the name of Jesus Christ, we lift up all Mothers today. We thank them for their sacrifices so that we can have a life of contentment. Grant them favour, Lord and may they have a wonderful place in existence in Your heart of Grace.



"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete." - Jn 15:10-11

~ A Family Perspective ~

Today's gospel challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus is our model and he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

~ 2nd Collection Next Week ~

There will be a 2nd collection next week for Catholic Communications



Weekly Offertory Report

May 2, 2021.....\$1925.00
Parish Improvements..... \$693.00

Please prayerfully consider giving just \$2 or \$3 more so we can bridge the gap in our budget.

Thank you for supporting your parish!



2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you so much to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found on the website https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

This years kickoff video is available to watch on our website and Facebook Page. Also can make a donation to the Annual Appeal with the link on our website.

Recitation of the Rosary May 22nd

"Celebrate Blessed Mother Mary's month of May with Members of the Knights of the Columbus Sheridan Council 24, who will be hosting a recitation of Rosary at St Michael Church at 3:15pm in the main church on Saturday May 22nd. All are welcome to attend. Social distancing will be followed."



Acts 4 Ministry Fundraising Virtual Trivia May 15, 6 to 8 PM

The non-denominational non-profit Acts 4 Ministry will benefit from Virtual Trivia Fundraiser on Saturday, May 15, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The fundraiser is being hosted by GYEO: Get Your Entertainment On and sponsored by Thomaston Savings Bank. The cost is \$20/player. To register, visit www.acts4.org and click on the "Purchase Trivia Tickets" button on the homepage. All tickets are tax-deductible. Donations can be made year-round by checks made payable to Acts 4 Ministry, Inc. and U.S. Mailed to PO Box 4524, Waterbury, CT 06704.

Gospel Meditation - 6th Sunday of Easter

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

Faith, Hope, Love



- Saturday 4:00PM** **May 8 - Easter Weekday**
Gloria & Caesar Caldarone by Lucille Carlozzi & family
- Sunday 9:00AM** **May 9 - Sixth Sunday of Easter**
All Mothers
- Monday 8:00 AM** **May 10 - Easter Weekday**
Maria Teresa & Domenic Rosa
“Anniversary” by their daughter & family
- Wednesday 8:00 AM** **May 12 - Easter Weekday**
Robert & Lillian Fusco Sr. by Michael & Gail Mandino
- Friday 8:00AM** **May 14 - Saint Matthias**
Maria & Nicola Baratta “Anniversary”
by their son & family
- Saturday 4:00 PM** **May 15 - Easter Weekday**
Anthony “Tony” Mirto & Frank Mirto
by family
- Sunday 9:00 AM** **May 16 - The Ascension of the Lord**
Sean Needham by the Schmidt family

The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week for the intentions of:
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You may have the Sanctuary Lamp memorialized for a sick person, deceased love one, or a special intention, for a weekly donation of \$25.00.



Dates Available: May 23, June 6

Pope’s Prayer Intention

May: The World of Finance
Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Prayer Chain & Hospital Visits

If you need prayers, a hospital visit or if you would like to join our prayer chain, please call or email:

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