

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH



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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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When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given

him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!"
- Mk 6:2

~~Family Perspective~~

Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary routines of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it.

Bible Tidbits



The Book of Wisdom is one of the most beautiful books of the Bible. It was once believed to have been written by David's son, King Solomon, who ruled between 970 and 931 B.C.E (Before the Common Era), when Hebrew was the written language of the time. It was actually written, centuries later, around 150 – 50 B.C.E., in Greek only, the official written language of the time. However, scholars believe this book was influenced by the reputed wisdom of Solomon and is very likely the last book written in the Old Testament. (Bible questions? Call or text Anita Rosa at 203-577-5888)



Weekly Offertory Report

June 27, 2021.....\$2475.00
Peter's Pence.....\$536.00

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

Thank you for supporting your parish!



Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed
Monday, July 5th
in honor of Independence Day.



St. Michael Church Ladies Guild Meeting July 11th



Our Ladies Guild will be meeting on **July 11th after the 9:00am Mass** in the Church Hall. We are back and will be planning for an upcoming Flea Market. All ladies are welcome to attend, we look forward to meeting and planning new events for our Church.



Acts 4 Ministry Seeking Volunteers

The non-denominational non-profit organization Acts 4 Ministry is seeking individuals to help clients shop the organization's boutique retail store, sort donations, and organize resources at 1713 Thomaston Avenue in Waterbury. Masks and social distancing are mandatory within the Acts 4 Ministry boutique store. Volunteers are also sought to help with the pick-up of furniture from donors throughout the greater Waterbury region; cleaning, preparing, and loading of furniture onto the non-profit's box trucks for delivery to area residents. To volunteer, contact executive director Sarah Elizabeth Carabetta at 203-574-2287 or email her at info@acts4.org.

Meditation for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.



- Saturday** **July 3 - Saint Thomas, Apostle**
- 4:00PM** *Jimmy & Julie Gaudiosi* by Gaudiosi family
- Sunday** **July 4 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Independence Day**
- 9:00AM** *Chuck Stauffer, husband & Michael Stauffer,*
- son - by wife & Mom, Joan*
- Monday** **July 5 - Saint Anthony Zaccaria**
- 8:00 AM** *Mass Available - call office to reserve*
- Wednesday** **July 7 - Weekday**
- 8:00 AM** *John V. & Elizabeth H. Conway*
- Friday** **July 9 - Saint Augustine Zhao Rong**
- 8:00AM** *Mass Available—call office to reserve*
- Saturday** **July 10 - Weekday**
- 4:00 PM** *Ann L. Patterson* by her brother
- Sunday** **July 11 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 9:00 AM** *Gene Schmidt* by the Schmidt family

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**Dates Available: July 4
August 1, 8, 15**

**Join the Knights of Columbus
For Recitation of the Rosary**

Please join 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 July 17th**. All are welcome to attend."

Pope's Prayer Intention

July: Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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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