

# 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.

A graphic design featuring a red background. In the center, there is white text that reads "15<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME". Above the text, there are two water lilies: a white one on the left and a pink one on the right, both resting on green leaves. At the bottom, there is smaller text that reads "Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. - Mk 6:7".

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Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

**~~Family Perspective~~**

Jesus sent out His apostles without a lot of "things" because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our "things." Garage sales only transfer "things." We even ignore each other because we have "things" to do. What "things" are separating you from your family?

**Bible Tidbits**

Most of us have the general idea that when we join Jesus in the Kingdom of God, we will be happy and at peace. However, I have a suspicion that it might be rowdier than that. Did you know that Jesus promised us laughter in the Kingdom of God? Yes, laughter! Check it out in Luke 6:21; that is, the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 6, Verse 21. (Bible questions? Call or text Anita Rosa at 203-577-5888)

**Weekly Offertory Report**

July 4, 2021.....will be in next week

Parish Improvements.....will be in next week

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

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Thank you for your interest and support of the mission.  
God Bless

**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."

**Question of the Week?**

Can I recall a time when I was provided what I needed to bring God's blessings to others? Can I trust in God whenever I feel inadequate to the task?

**The Grotto Gift Shop**

The Grotto Gift Shop at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, 53 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield is now open Tuesday to Saturday 10:30 to 4:30 and Sunday from 12:30 to 4:30. New stock is arriving daily including Baptismal, First Communion and Confirmation gifts. For further information, call 860-567-0891 or visit our website, [www.shrinect.org](http://www.shrinect.org).

## Gospel Meditation 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the market-place. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 10 - Weekday</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	<i>Ann L. Patterson by her brother</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 11 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>9:00AM</b>	<i>Gene Schmidt by the Schmidt family</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 12 - Weekday</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<i>Mass available—call office to reserve</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 14 - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<i>Mass available - call office to reserve</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<i>Mass available - call office to reserve</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 17 - Weekday</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<i>Victoria Galasso 3rd Anniversary by her sons</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 18 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<i>Giuseppe, Nicola and Lucia Pasano by Maria Gugliotti</i>

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

## The Sanctuary Lamp

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*Gene Schmidt  
By the Schmidt family*

## 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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