

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH



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Ms. Cindy Tomkowicz

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Miss Marie Therrien

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Mrs. Beth Cavanaugh

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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:

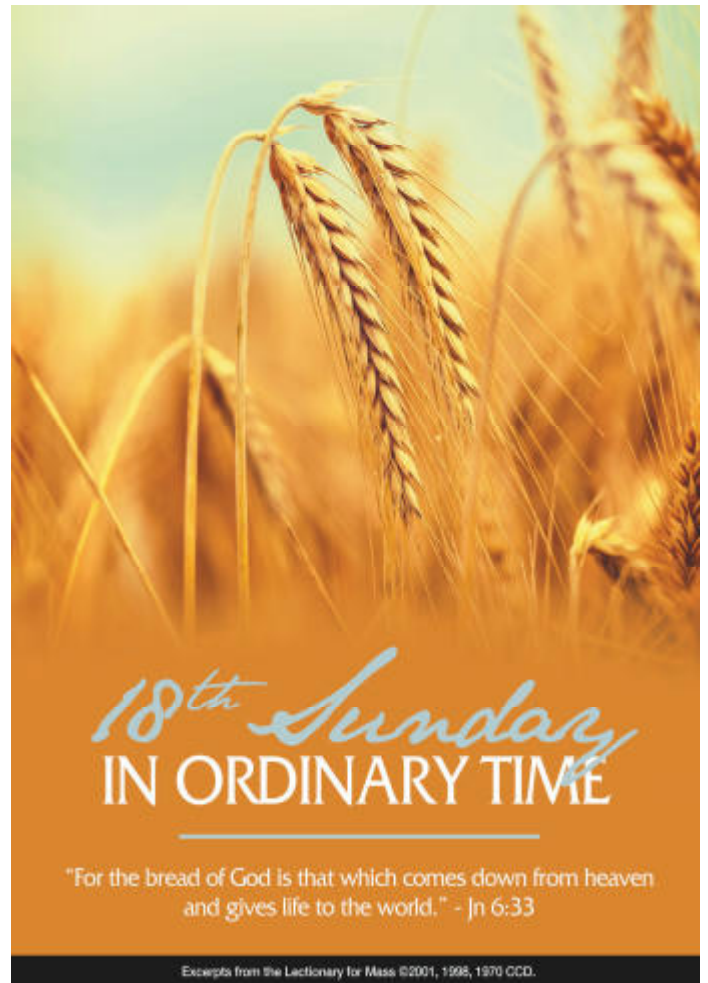
Baptisms are Sundays at 1:00 P.M.

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.



18th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:33

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Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
- Jn 6:32-33

Family Perspective

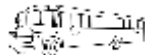
In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "Do not work for what perishes." Give your life to what endures such as the family history you are creating, the love and mutual respect which bonds you together, the memories you share and the forgiveness generously given. These are the true treasures that are worth working and dying for.

**Synod Closing Mass
Friday - August 13, 2021**



For all who have signed up for the Synod Closing Mass at the Oakdale Theatre we have a bus leaving from the parking lot at St. Michael Church at 4:30 pm. **Please be here by 4:15 pm to board the bus. Masks will be required at the Oakdale for the Mass.**

We will provide water and a snack for the bus trip.



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 August 14th**. All are welcome to attend."



Weekly Offertory Report

July 25, 2021.....\$2484.00
Mission Appeal.....\$291.00

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

Thank you for supporting your parish!

Acts 4 Ministry Seeking Donations Of School Uniforms and Supplies During Back-To-School Drive

Through August 23, Acts 4 Ministry Inc., a non-denominational non-profit charitable organization is seeking donations of school uniforms and supplies to be given free or at low costs to low-income children of all ages throughout the Greater Waterbury region during Acts 4 Ministry's annual Back To School "Swap and Shop" event in August.

Donations needed include new or gently worn uniform tops in white, black, gray, or any shade of blue, and bottoms in khaki, navy, black and gray. All sizes accepted, especially seek sizes 6, 7, 8, and above. Accessories needed include book bags, lunch bags, rulers, folders, and writing tools.

All donations can be brought to Acts 4 Ministry at 1713 Thomaston Avenue in Waterbury Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tax-deductible monetary donations can be U.S. Mailed to Acts 4 Ministry, Inc., PO Box 4524, Waterbury, CT 06704 with a memo "Back to School drive".

To learn more visit www.act4.org, contact Acts 4 at 203-574-2287, or email executive director Sarah Elizabeth Carabetta at executivedirector@acts4.org.



**St. Michael Church Ladies Guild
Next Meeting August 8th**



Our Ladies Guild will be meeting on **August 8th after the 9:00am Mass** in the Rectory Meeting Room. Come join us for refreshments. See what the St. Michael Ladies Guild is all about and how we help the Church and our community. All ladies are welcome to attend, we look forward to meeting and planning new events for our Church.



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.

Practicing Faith

The family is the most essential space for the formation of values and character. Practicing your faith as a family can happen both internally and externally. Consistent prayer together builds habits that can last a lifetime. With younger children, praying together as a family in the evening or at dinnertime could be fairly doable most nights. In the evening, select a few common prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, or Guardian Angel prayer. Ask each of your children to thank God for three things that day and include a time for children and adults alike to pray out loud for special needs in your family. This practice could be done with older children, committed to intentional efforts in the midst of increasingly busy schedules.

Look for other opportunities to practice the faith outside the home as well. Sunday Mass should already be part of your family's weekly routine. Consider setting other monthly goals as well. This could be a family service project in your city, attending the sacrament of Confession together, or hosting a hospitality night in your home. Get your children involved in the planning process. Ask them where they'd like to volunteer or who they think is having a hard time and might need a special night just for them. Rather than simply imposing new practices, your whole family can have a dynamic role understanding and integrating faith and life.



Bible Tidbits

In both the Old and New Testaments, we are taught that WORK not only has financial importance for us, but it also has moral and spiritual implications. We learn the importance of asking God to bless our work (Psalm 129, Ruth 2:4). There is even a beautiful poem about the wise hardworking woman (Proverbs 31:10-31). We also learn what can happen when we leave God completely out of our work and claim all the credit (Tower of Babel story Genesis 11). In the Gospels, Jesus honors workers by using images and examples of them and their work in his teachings and his parables. For those who can't find work, Jesus reminds us to put our faith in God to get by (Matthew 6:25-33). Paul teaches us that as Christians we should not neglect our work or burden others with it (1 Thessalonians 2:9-12). Finally, James teaches us that we must link our faith with hard work and good deeds to truly witness as Christians in this world (James 1:14-26). (Bible questions? Call or text Anita Rosa at 203-577-5888)



- Saturday 4:00PM** July 31 - **Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**
Daniel Mennillo Sr. by wife and family
- Sunday 9:00AM** August 1 - **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Mary Daddona by the Squillace family
- Monday 8:00 AM** August 2 - **Weekday**
Mass Available - call office to reserve
- Wednesday 8:00 AM** August 4 - **Saint John Vianney, Priest**
Mass Available - call office to reserve
- Friday 8:00AM** August 6 - **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
Mass Availble - call office to reserve
- Saturday 4:00 PM** August 7 - **Saint Sixtus II, Pope**
Lucia A. Paduano, Guisepppe & Elizabeth Riccio by the Paduano family
- Sunday 9:00 AM** August 8 - **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Vicki Orsillo by her daughter

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: August 15, 22

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Pope's Prayer Intention

August: The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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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