

# ST. MICHAEL CHURCH



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**Pastor:**

Reverend Nathaniel C. Labarda

**Trustees:**

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Miss Marie Therrien

**Parish Secretary:**

Ms. Cindy Tomkowicz

**Director of Religious Education:**

Miss Marie Therrien

**Music Ministers:**

Mr. Ralph Proulx, Director of Music & Choir

Mrs. Geraldine Reardon, Cantor

**Business Manager:**

Mrs. Beth Cavanaugh

**Director of Buildings & Maintenance:**

Mr. Michael Caruso

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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:**

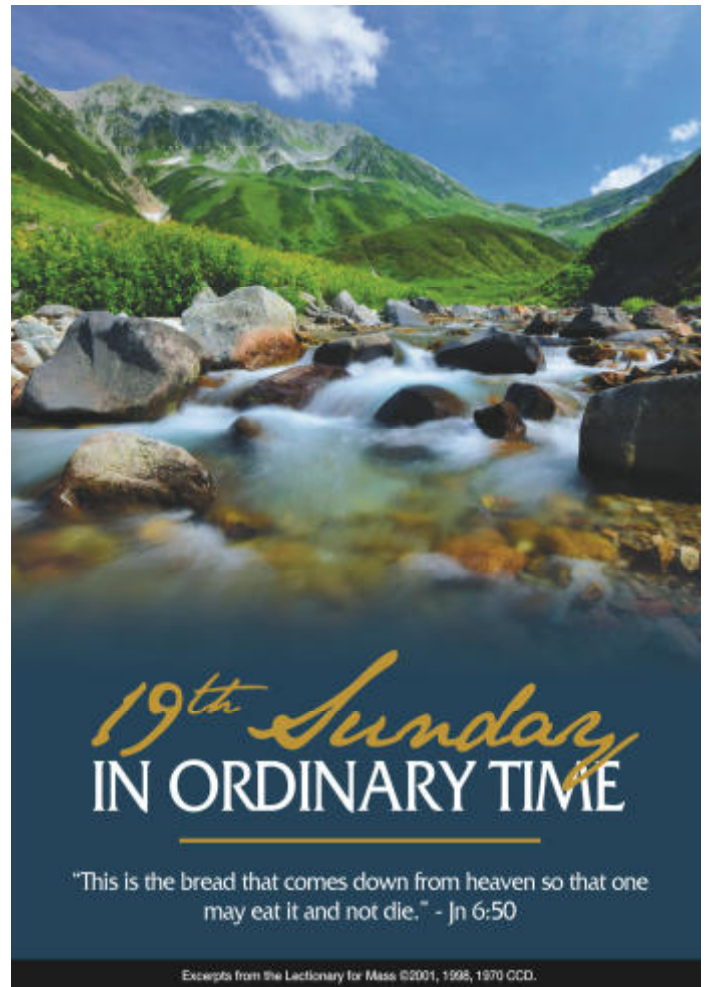
Baptisms are Sundays at 1:00 P.M.

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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Office hours: Monday to Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
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"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:48-50

**~ Family Perspective ~**

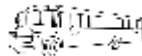
"Stop murmuring" Jesus told the disciples in today's gospel. Complaining is a dead-end and constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don't make them personal attacks.

**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**

August 1, 2021.....\$2313.00  
Parish Improvement.....\$762.00

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

**Thank you for supporting your parish!**

**St. Michael Family Picnic  
Sunday August 29th 12- 3pm  
(Rain or Shine)**

\$8 per person (ages 9 & under free)  
Hot dogs, Hamburgers, chicken, salads, coffee, soda, water, and dessert  
Join us for fellowship, food, & fun  
Tickets will be sold at the main entrance  
August 7/8, 14/15 & 21/22

**No Tickets will be sold on August 28/29**  
Call Marie 203-441-6400 if you have any questions regarding the picnic or tickets..



**Bible Tidbits**

When we read the Gospels, we notice that many of those who followed Jesus found it a confusing, challenging, even frightful prospect. This is sometimes true for us today. But we can take heart in the words that Jesus frequently spoke to them: "Do Not Be Afraid." You can count fifteen (15) times the Gospel evangelists documented Jesus saying this to his followers, which means he most likely said it even more than that. Isn't it wonderful that we know we can take Jesus at his word? (Bible questions? Call or text Anita Rosa at 203-577-5888)



**~ 2nd Collection Next Week ~**

There will be a 2nd collection next week for **Air Conditioning**

**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.shrinct.org](http://www.shrinct.org).

**Gospel Meditation**

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

*Have Faith*



**Question of the Week?**

How does receiving Jesus in the Eucharist strengthen me on my journey? When have I needed a second nudge to go on?



- Saturday 4:00PM** August 7 - Saint Sixtus II, Pope  
*Lucia A. Paduano, Guiseppa & Elizabeth Riccio* by the Paduano family
- Sunday 9:00AM** August 8 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*Vicki Orsillo* by her daughter
- Monday 8:00 AM** August 9 - Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
*Mass Available* - call office to reserve
- Wednesday 8:00 AM** August 11 - Saint Clare  
*John V. & Elizabeth H. Conway*
- Friday 8:00AM** August 13 - Weekday  
*Mass Available* - call office to reserve
- Saturday 4:00 PM** August 14 - Saint Maximilian Kolbe  
*Richard Rinaldi "8th Anniversary"* by Mom, Dad, & Brother Alex
- Sunday 9:00 AM** August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
*Frank Mecca & JoAnn Mecca Adam* by Peter

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**

*The Sanctuary Lamp*  
burns this week for the intentions of:  
*Madeline and Leonard Francis*  
*50th Anniversary*  
*By Children & family*

**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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