

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH



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Reverend Nathaniel C. Labarda

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Miss Marie Therrien

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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:

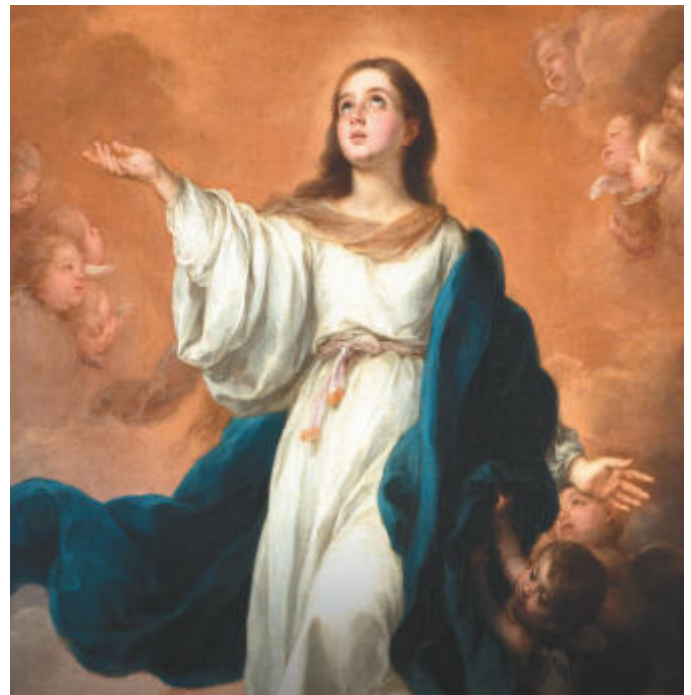
Baptisms are Sundays at 1:00 P.M.

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.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly."

- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:56-57

~~Family Perspective~~

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of eating his flesh and blood. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel devoured by all the demands of family life. This is unavoidable for children grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.

Religious Education News

Class for grades *kindergarten to 8th begin Sunday, September 19th from 10:00 - 10:50am* in Church hall. *Grades 9th & 10th will begin Sunday, October 17th from 10:00 - 10:50am* in Church hall.

Anyone attending a Catholic high school, must attend these classes to receive Confirmation.

Please call for more information or to register your child(ren) if you are new to the Parish.

Marie Therrien DRE
203-441-6400.



Weekly Offertory Report

August 8, 2021.....\$2669.00

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

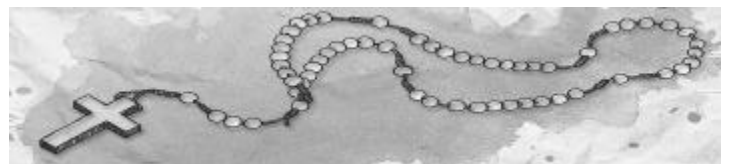
No Tickets will be sold on August 28/29

Call Marie 203-441-6400 if you have any questions regarding the picnic or tickets..



Bible Tidbits

When we see rainbows, we end up stopping and thinking about the beauty of God's creation. But we learn from Scripture, that rainbows have a greater symbolism than this. The sign of God's renewed covenant with Noah and his descendants was sealed with a rainbow after the disastrous flood. Many, many years later when the people and their leaders were again straying from their covenant with God, God called several prophets who He sent to His people to plead with them to renew their covenant of love with God. One of those prophets was Ezekiel who received his call in the form of a vision in which God appeared in all His glory and majesty surrounded by a rainbow (Ezekiel 1:26-28). (Bible questions? Call or text Anita Rosa at 203-577-5888)



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.



One glance at a daily newspaper or a television news show will tell you that some people do not value human life. But this is not news. During the Holocaust of World War II, millions of people were tortured and killed. This terrible tragedy led many people to wonder about human life. How valuable is a single human life? How valuable are the lives of the elderly, the unborn, the terminally ill? Are their lives worth as much as those of people who are healthy and active, working, and raising families?

God creates human life and gives it value. And Jesus gave his life on the cross to redeem each individual human person. By doing this, Jesus said, "Your life is worth my dying to save you." Through his own Resurrection, Jesus showed us the glory of our resurrection and of our living in the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that the body and soul of a person, separated at death, will be joined together again in glory at the Last Judgment. The person will be whole for all eternity.

The feast of Mary's Assumption is a preview of what our lives will be. At the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed, or taken up, into heaven body and soul. She did not have to wait for the end of the world, as we do. God granted her this special privilege because of her sinlessness and her fullness of grace.

The Church has always believed in Mary's assumption into heaven. But on November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII focused the attention of the whole world on the Assumption of Mary as a dogma and mystery of our faith. This mystery shows us that God wants every human person, body and soul, to be in glory forever, just as Mary is now. This dogma shows how important every single human life is. Pope Plus XII hoped that by thinking about Mary's Assumption, people all over the world would develop a deeper respect for their own lives and their own bodies. He also hoped that people would grow in respect for the lives of others.

Have Faith ...

Question of the Week?

What would I choose to include in my own Magnificat? For what great things would I praise God?



- Saturday 4:00PM** **August 14 - Saint Maximilian Kolbe**
Richard Rinaldi "8th Anniversary" by Mom, Dad, & Brother Alex
- Sunday 9:00AM** **August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Frank Mecca & JoAnn Mecca Adam by Peter
- Monday 8:00 AM** **August 16 - Saint Stephen of Hungary**
Domenic DelGobbo 18th Anniversary by wife
- Wednesday 8:00 AM** **August 18 - Weekday**
In Honor of St. Anne by Helen Jurzyk
- Friday 8:00AM** **August 20 - Saint Bernard**
Mass Available - call office to reserve
- Saturday 4:00 PM** **August 21 - Saint Pius X, Pope**
Mass Available - call office to reserve
- Sunday 9:00 AM** **August 22 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Loreta Bisnar "40th Day Remembrance", Eugenio Bisnar & Jessie Bisnar by Yolanda & Harry Pittre & family

The Sanctuary Lamp signals the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the tabernacle and burns for 7 days. You may have the Sanctuary Lamp memorialized for a sick person, a deceased love one, or a special intention, for a weekly donation of \$25.00.



2021 Upcoming available Sanctuary Lamp Dates
~~ August 15, 22, 29 ~~

"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world." – Our Lady of Fatima
Needed now more than ever!



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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