

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH



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Pastor:

Reverend Nathaniel C. Labarda

Trustees:

Mr. Michael Fappiano

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:

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:

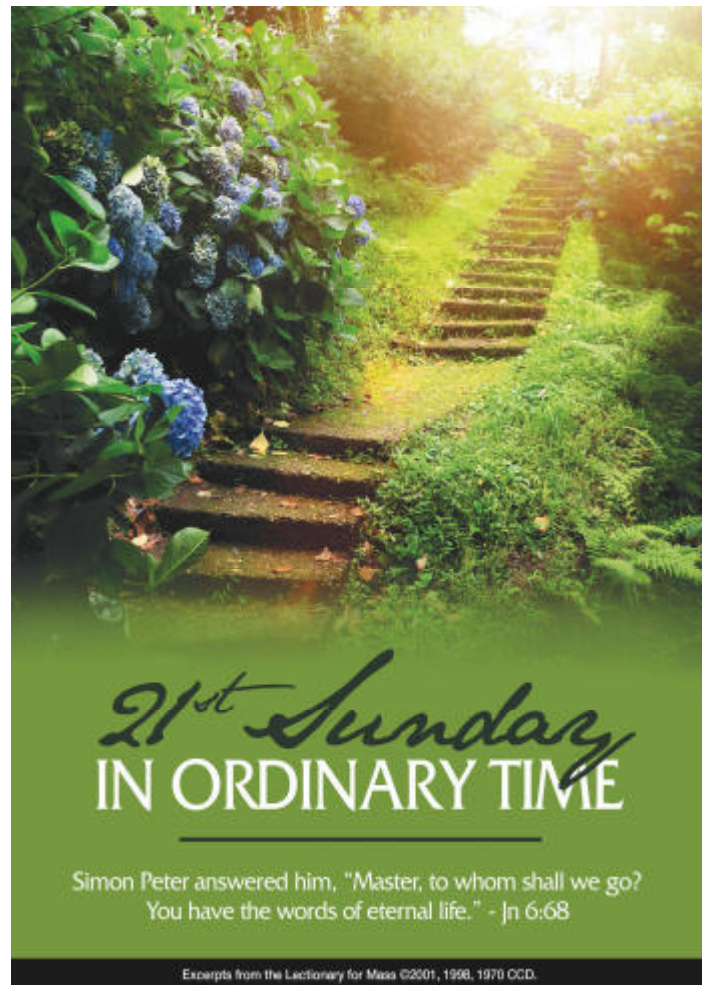
Baptisms are Sundays at 1:00 P.M.

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.



21st Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life." - Jn 6:68

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Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."
- Jn 6:67-69

~~ Family Perspective ~~

Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult", He did not back down. In our families it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

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 15, 2021.....\$2321.00
Air Conditioning.....\$733.00

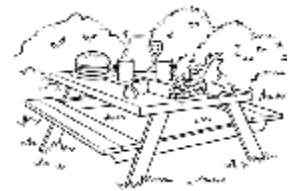
Please prayerfully consider giving just \$2 or \$3 more so we can bridge the gap in our budget.

Thank you for supporting your parish!

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

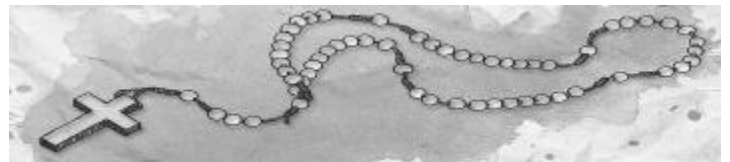
\$8 per person (ages 9 & under free)
Hot dogs, Hamburgers, chicken, salads, coffee, soda, water, and dessert
Join us for fellowship, food, & fun
Tickets will be sold at the main entrance
August 21/22

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

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

✠ We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy. That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything? To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other. ~~~~~

"The ABCs of Annulment"

Father Thomas Walsh, Pastor of Saint Augustine Parish, 10 Campbell Ave, Hartford, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host "The ABCs of Annulment" on **Saturday of September 18th**, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in the Church Hall at the address above.

Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC in English, while Deacon Ramon Rosado will deliver the presentation in Spanish.

Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday September 25th and October 2nd and 9th, from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Deacon George Frederick and Jim Tottenham, members of the Annulment Team, will join Br. Larry and Deacon Rosado for the Workshops.

The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com.



Saturday	August 21 - Saint Pius X, Pope
4:00PM	<i>Mass Available - call office to reserve</i>
Sunday	August 22 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00AM	<i>Loreta Bisnar "40th Day Remembrance", Eugenio Bisnar & Jessie Bisnar by Yolanda & Harry Pittre & family</i>
Monday	August 23 - Saint Rose of Lima
8:00 AM	<i>Mass Available - call office to reserve</i>
Wednesday	August 25 - Saint Loius; Saint Joseph Calasanz
8:00 AM	<i>Mass Available - call office to reserve</i>
Friday	August 27 - Saint Monica
8:00AM	<i>Mass Available - call office to reserve</i>
Saturday	August 28 - Saint Augustine
4:00 PM	<i>Mass Available—call office to reserve</i>
Sunday	August 29 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	<i>Leonard & Madeline Francis 50th Wedding Anniversary by children & family</i>

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



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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