

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH



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Reverend Nathaniel C. Labarda

Trustees:

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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:

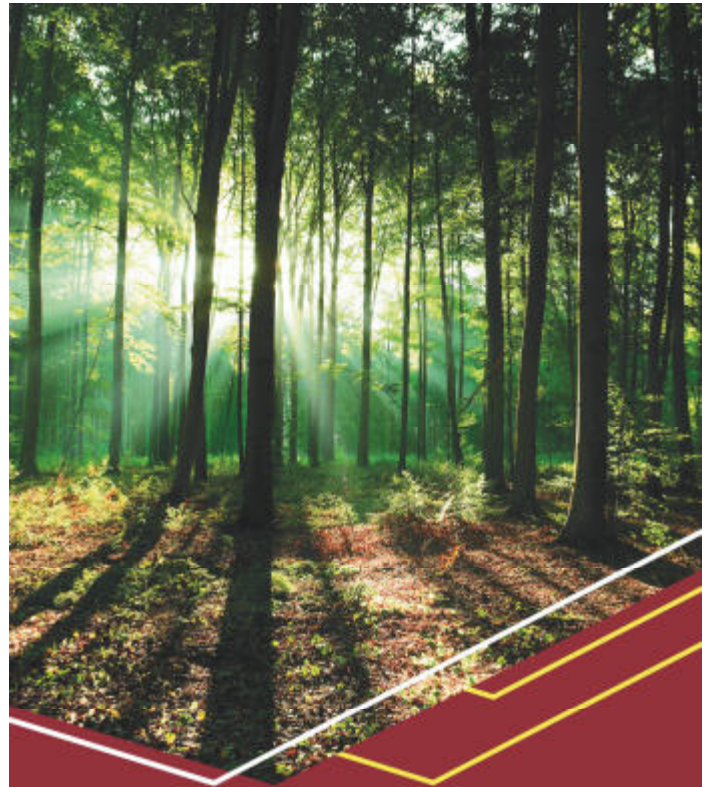
Baptisms are Sundays at 1:00 P.M.

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.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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~~ Family Perspective ~~

In today's gospel Jesus warns "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a life time are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That's the good news! That can also be the bad news!

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.



Second Collection This Weekend

A special collection for the people of Haiti hit with a major earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace. These events led to many deaths, injuries, and devastation. Please help if you can. **Thank You!**

~ 2nd Collection Next Week ~

There will be a 2nd collection next week for Parish Improvements

Weekly Offertory Report

August 22, 2021.....\$2212.00

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

Thank you for supporting your parish!



Make a difference in the lives of countless individuals by joining your fellow parishioners with a pledge or gift to this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/> No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Bible Tidbits

Ruth is a book of the Old Testament about a beautiful loving relationship between a foreign daughter-in-law and her widowed Israelite mother-in-law. The story shows the welcoming love between the Israelites and this foreign woman. It's also a heartwarming story of God's providence. But did you realize that Ruth is mentioned in the New Testament in the Gospel of Matthew? In Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus (Matthew 1:5), she is listed as an ancestor of King David and Saint Joseph. This immigrant woman was such a loving example of God's grace that He granted her a prominent position in the earthly patriarchal lineage of our Savior. (Bible questions? Call or text Anita Rosa at 203-577-5888)



**2021 Marriage Anniversary Celebration
Archdiocese of Hartford**

On **Sunday, October 10, 2021, at 2:00 PM**, the annual Archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford for married couples who have observed or will be observing **25th, 50th, 60th**, and other special wedding anniversaries in 2020 or 2021. While typically only those celebrating special anniversaries in a given year are invited to this celebration, couples who had special anniversaries in 2020 are also invited this year in hopes of recognizing those who could not be celebrated last year when the pandemic led to cancellation of this annual Mass. Therefore all married couples from parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford who are celebrating such anniversaries either in 2020 or 2021 are invited to participate. Registration to be done online at bit.ly/aohmarriagemass.

Sharing Your Faith

My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

Answer:

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you!

Have Faith ...

33 Day Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Our Archdiocesan Consecration begins this upcoming **Saturday, September 4th!** Join Archbishop Blair and other Shepherds throughout the Archdiocese in making a Consecration to Jesus through Mary from **September 4 - October 7**. We will be using the book *Child Consecration: To Jesus through Mary—Following in the Spirit of St. Therese, the Little Flower*. The book approaches the Consecration through the spirituality of St. Therese and is ideal for adults and children (for parents whose children and grandchildren cannot participate in the Consecration journey consider naming them to be included in your Consecration journey). Each day of the Consecration participants may follow along with the book and with a nightly premiered video recording of an Archdiocesan Shepherd leading us in reading, prayer and reflection. Tune into videos each night at 8 pm via www.childconsecration.com to participate in the Consecration journey. Books are available to purchase through EWTN Religious Catalogue or St. Anthony Bookstore in Orange, CT. To learn more about the Consecration journey and for the link to watch the daily Consecration videos visit www.childconsecration.com.



Saturday	August 28 - Saint Augustine
4:00PM	<i>Mass Available</i> —call office to reserve
Sunday	August 29 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00AM	<i>Leonard & Madeline Francis 50th Wedding Anniversary</i> by children & family
Monday	August 30 - Weekday
8:00 AM	<i>Mass Available</i> - call office to reserve
Wednesday	September 1 - Weekday
8:00 AM	<i>Mass Available</i> - call office to reserve
Friday	September 3 - Saint Gregory the Great
8:00AM	<i>Mass Available</i> - call office to reserve
Saturday	September 4 - Weekday
4:00 PM	<i>Gloria Caldarone 1st Anniversary</i> by her family
Sunday	September 5 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	<i>Jennie Kolo & Nina Kolo, Joseph & Maria Kolodziejczyk</i> by William Kolo & family

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2021 Upcoming available Sanctuary Lamp Dates
Sept 5 , 19

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By Wife & Mother

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