

# 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:**

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:**

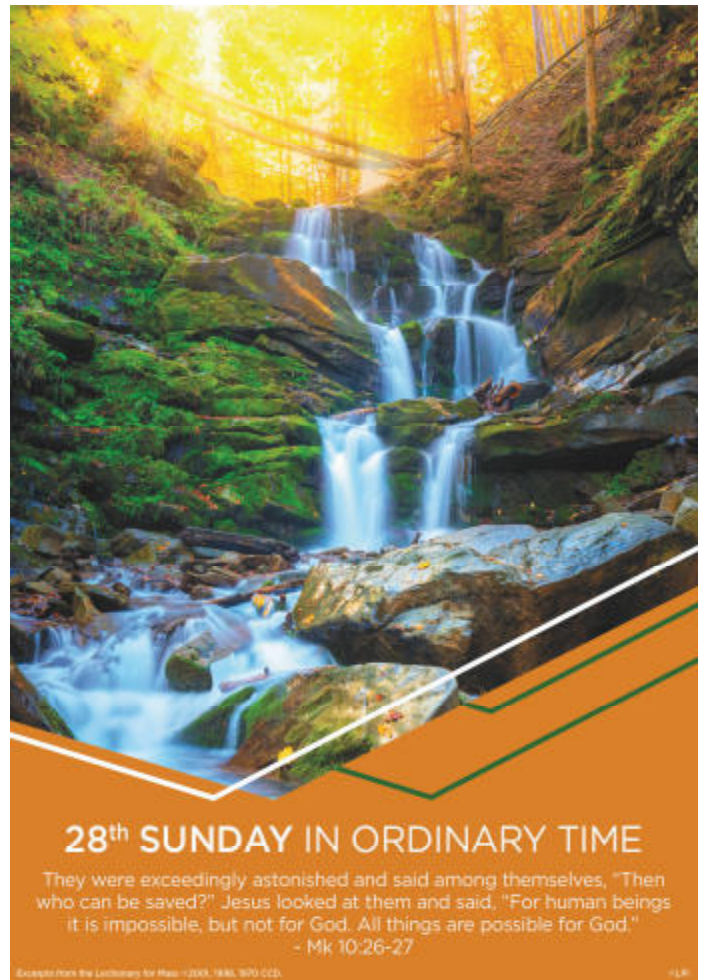
Baptisms are Sundays at 1:00 P.M.

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.



## 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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- Mk 10:26-27

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**~~Family Perspective~~**

Having possessions is an illusion. In today's gospel Jesus told the young man to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He couldn't let go! In families our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach and encourage, but we can't control anyone but ourselves.

**Annual Collection Announcement**

We are very grateful to those who have made a pledge to our Annual Collection. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated. Thank you for your care and concern for St. Michael's Parish.

**Forward With Faith**

**Commitment Weekend October 16th - 17th**

*Forward with Faith* is a capital campaign to help move our Catholic community toward a future of vibrancy and renewed evangelization. Since the campaign began in 2018, more than 100 parishes schools, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford have received financial support through grants and rebates.

We need your support to receive a grant to fix our roof here at **St. Michael Church**. Please prayerfully consider making a commitment. As always **thank you for your continuing support.**



**Weekly Offertory Report**

October 3, 2021.....\$2463.00  
Parish Improvements.....\$666.00

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

**Thank you for supporting your parish!**

**Holy Cross High school**

It's never too early to start planning your high school experience! Meet Holy Cross event on Tuesday, **October 12, at 6:30 pm** for 7th and 8th grade as well as transfer student families. This small group event will give your family an opportunity to meet some of our teachers, administrators and students to learn about all that Holy Cross has to offer and go on a student guided campus tour. Masks will be mandatory for these events and they will be held in our Auditorium to allow us to social distance. We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Open House on Sunday, **November 7 at 2:00 pm**. Individual tours can also be scheduled. 8th Graders are required to take our Placement Test on Saturday, **October 16 or Saturday, November 20 at 8:30 am**. Cost for the Exam is \$25.00. Applications and financial aid applications are due on December 1. For more information contact Terri Ann Parks at 203-757-9248 or tparks@holycross-ct.com.

**Bible Tidbits**

The Prologue of the Gospel of John (John 1:1-18) is considered one of the most magnificent pieces of scripture in the entire Bible. We immediately realize that this Gospel will be different from the other three. This transcendent poetry speaks to the divinity of Christ; he is the Word and this very Word we are reading is God Himself. The Word is the source of all life and holds humanity in existence. Only thru the Word can we have light to drive away the darkness. I recommend reading this passage slowly and savoring every "word." (Bible questions? Call or text Anita Rosa at 203-577-5888)

**St. Teresa of Avila Feast Day October 15**

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.



The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. William Efrece** have been nominated and will receive the Saint Joseph Archdiocesan Medal of Appreciation. They have done so much to support St. Michael Church through many ministries and volunteering at many parish events. Archbishop Blair will present the Saint Joseph Medals at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford, on *Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.* The ceremony will include the celebration of Mass.



- Saturday 4:00PM**      **October 9 - Weekday**  
*65th Wedding Anniversary for Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Jurzyk*
- Sunday**            **October 10 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 9:00AM**            *Maria Magdalena Nhu Le Vo* by her family
- Monday 8:00 AM**    **October 11 - Weekday**  
*Mass Available - call office to reserve*
- Wednesday 8:00 AM**    **October 13 - Weekday**  
*Mass Available - call office to reserve*
- Friday 8:00AM**      **October 15 - Saint Teresa of Jesus**  
*Mass Available - call office to reserve*
- Saturday 4:00 PM**    **October 16 - Saint Hedwig**  
*Felisa Calderon* by Dina and John Andres & family
- Sunday 9:00 AM**      **October 17 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Philomena and Joseph Diogostine Sr. and son, Michael* by their children



**~ Winter Clothing Drive ~**  
**Saturday, October 30th - 9:30-12 noon**  
**in the church hall**

Fall & Winter apparel (especially coats) in good clean condition. **NO summer items** will be accepted. New or gently used blankets can also be donated. If you have any questions call:  
**Marie** ..... 203-441-6400  
**Bernie** ..... 203-510-1228

**Lourdes Shrine**

A **GIANT TAG SALE** will be held at the Lourdes in Litchfield Shrine, 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield, from Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am to 4:00pm and on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am (after Mass) to 2:00pm. Donations may be dropped off on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 5:00pm.  
**PLEASE NOTE:** NO upholstered furniture, box springs & mattresses, computers, monitors or paint will be accepted. All donated items must be in good condition and all electronic items must be in working order.



**St. Michael Church Ladies Guild**  
**Bake Sale**

Our 1st **Bake Sale** will be held on **October 23rd and 24th** before and after masses. Come enjoy goodies made by our Ladies Guild. Some Halloween treats too...  
 Something for everyone!




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: October 10, 17, 24**

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Daily recitation of the Rosary is a powerful way to obtain peace for the world, avoid sin, and grow in holiness. It helps us meditate on the life, death, and glory of Jesus and His mother. By commemorating these events in our salvation history, we are reminded to thank and praise God for them.



**Pope's Prayer Intention**

**October: Missionary Disciples**  
 We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor 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:

**Parish Office** ..... 203-753-0689  
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