

# ST. MICHAEL CHURCH



**Pastor:**

Reverend Nathaniel C. Labarda

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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.



## THE HOLY FAMILY

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**~ A Family Perspective ~**

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**Paper Goods Drive**

The Ladies Guild is sponsoring a paper goods drive. With all the various activities and fund raisers our church family has, we are constantly purchasing paper goods. This has become very costly. We are asking everyone to help stock our shelves. If you are able to donate any of the following items, boxes will be located at all the entrances.

- \* Paper Towels
- \* Cake Plates
- \* Dinner Plates
- \* Napkins
- \* Foam 8 oz. Hot Cups & plastic cups
- \* **No Toilet Paper please**



Thank you for your continued support! ~ Ladies Guild

**~ 2nd Collection Next Week ~**

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



**Weekly Offertory Report**

December 12, 2021.....\$2352.00  
 Retired Religious Fund.....\$471.00  
 December 19, 2021 .....Will be in next week  
 Fuel.....Will be in next week

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

**Thank you for supporting your parish!**



*May the New Year bring you blessings in abundance of love, joy, health, peace and prosperity, and may our Good Lord bless you and guide you along the path to Holy Love.*

*Fr. Nathan and the staff of St. Michael Church wish you a very Happy New Year!*



**Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone that made the **St. Michael's Christmas Bazaar** a success. Also a big thank you to all the volunteers for all your hard work setting up the hall, that also made the Christmas Bazaar special. The kitchen help did a great job as did all the volunteers that work the tables. **Joe Giannantoni won the 50/50 drawing and donated it back to St. Michael's Church.** Everyone did a great job cleaning up after, we were all tired but we got it done. Thank you to **Mike Caruso** for all the years of his hard work before and after the Christmas Bazaar, you will be missed, enjoy your upcoming retirement.

**Retired Religious Fund**

Thank you to everyone one who donated to the Retirement Fund for Religious. It is appreciated so much and every donation makes a difference. You help support elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

**Annual Collection Announcement**

We are grateful for those who have made a gift to our Annual Collection. Thank you for your care and concern for our parish. If you chose the payment plan, all payments must be made by the end of December to be included in your tax statement for 2021.

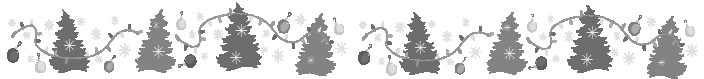
**December 26, 2021**



**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses.

Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe. In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness. Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.



**~ PRAY FOR PEACE ~**

Throughout your Christmas celebrations, please pray that all nations will come together in peace. We all must bend in order to come together as one in Christ Jesus.



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord</b>
<b>9:00AM</b>	<i>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael Church</i>
<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>No Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 26 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>
<b>9:00AM</b>	<i>Daniel Mennillo Sr. "Birthday Remembrance" by wife &amp; family</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 27 - Saint John</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<i>For the Forgotten Souls in Purgatory</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 29 - St. Thomas Beckett</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<i>John Granatowski "Birthday Remembrance" by his son, John Grant</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 31 - Saint Sylvester</b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<i>Living &amp; deceased Members of the Nu Le &amp; Le Families</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<i>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael Church</i>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<i>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael Church</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 2 - Epiphany of the Lord</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<i>Francisca Colon &amp; Angel Rodriguez by their daughter &amp; family</i>

*The Sanctuary Lamp*  
burns this week for the intentions of:  
*The Living & Deceased Members of  
The Nu Le & Le Families*

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: Jan 9, 16, 23, 30**

**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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