

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH



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Pastor:

Reverend Nathaniel C. Labarda

Trustees:

Mr. Michael Fappiano

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Parish Secretary:

Ms. Cindy Tomkowicz

Director of Religious Education:

Miss Marie Therrien

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Mr. Ralph Proulx, Director of Music & Choir

Mrs. Geraldine Reardon, Cantor

Business Manager:

Mrs. Beth Cavanaugh

Director of Buildings & Maintenance:

Mr. Michael Caruso

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:

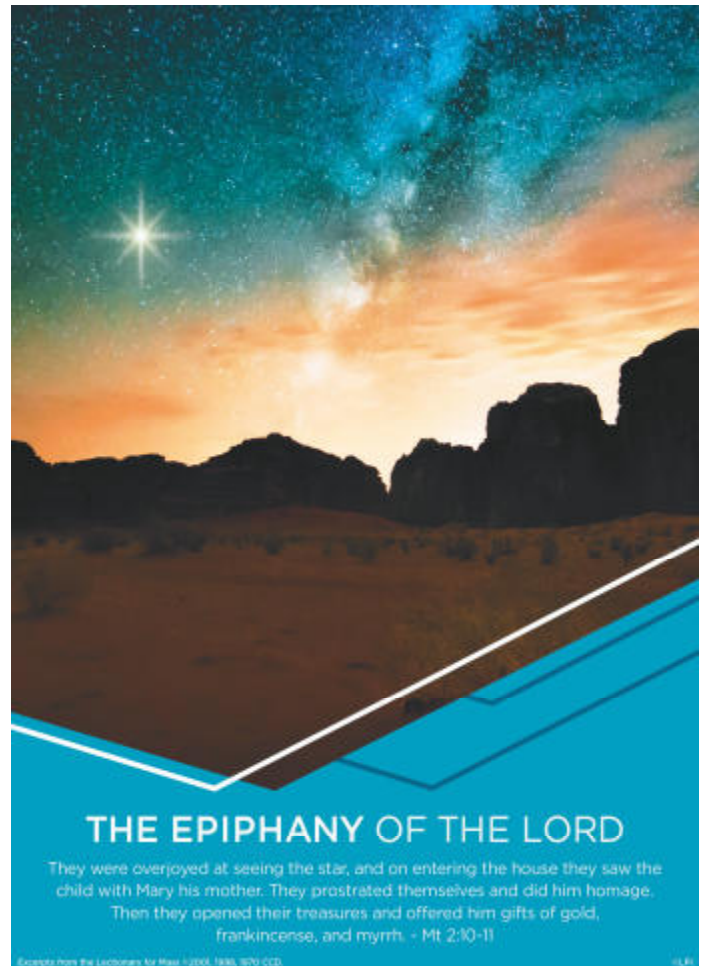
Baptisms are Sundays at 1:00 P.M.

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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~ A Family Perspective ~

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by “another way.” What in your family needs to be done “another way?” Do you need “another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn’t working. Take a tip from some wise men, there’s always “another way.”

St. Michael Church Bingo

We are in need of volunteers to help with Bingo . Become part of the team, help with the games and the kitchen. If interested or for more information please call the Rectory during regular business hours (203-753-0689) or Charlie Laliberte (203-565-8760). Doors open at 5:00 pm on Saturdays.



Annual Collection

We are very grateful to those who have made a pledge to our Annual Collection.. Every gift is sincerely appreciated. **Thank you for your care and concern for St. Michael’s Parish.**

Our Goal: \$50000.00 Households: 480

Final Pledge Amount \$52,190.01

We reached our goal this year thanks to the very generous gift of \$25,000.00 from Marie & Lucille Therrien.



Weekly Offertory Report

December 19, 2021	\$2220.00
Fuel.....	\$684.00
December 25, 2021.....	Will be in next week
December 26, 2021.....	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!



Acts 4 Ministry Seeking Coats & Winter Accessories Donations for Annual “Share the Warmth” Drive Through February 2022

The non-denominational, non-profit Acts 4 Ministry charitable organization serving the greater Waterbury community, is seeking donations of winter coats and accessories for children and adults during their annual “Share the Warmth” drive. Donations of new or gently-worn coats, jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, plus new socks, thermals, and undergarments. There is a special need for men’s coats and new long johns will be welcomed through Monday, February 28, 2022. All donations can be brought to Acts 4 Ministry at 1713 Thomaston Avenue in Waterbury, Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 am to 2 pm. Monetary donations payable to Acts 4 Ministry, Inc. can be U.S. Mailed to PO Box 4524, Waterbury, CT 06704. For information, call Acts 4 Ministry at 203-574-2287 or visit www.acts4.org for more current donation needs.



Lourdes Shrine Gift Shop

Beginning January 8th, the Grotto Gift Shop at Lourdes in Litchfield, 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield will be open weekends only from 11:30-4:00, weather permitting. A 30% discount will be offered on selected Christmas items during this time. Regular hours will resume in March. For further information, email: lourdesshrinct@gmail.com or call 860-567-1041.

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**



Epiphany of the Lord



In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This

simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being." Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important. We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



Pope's Prayer Intention
January: Human Fraternity
 May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



- Saturday January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
4:00PM *Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael Church*
- Sunday January 2 - Epiphany of the Lord**
9:00AM *Francisca Colon & Angel Rodriguez by their daughter & family*
- Monday January 3 - Christmas Weekday**
8:00 AM *Mass Available - call to reserve*
- Wednesday January 5 - Saint John Neumann**
8:00 AM *In Honor of St. Ann by Helen Jurzyk*
- Friday January 7 - Christmas Weekday**
8:00AM *John V. & Elizabeth H. Conway*
- Saturday January 8 - Christmas Weekday**
4:00 PM *Sean Needham by wife, Lori*
- Sunday January 9 - Baptism of the Lord**
9:00 AM *Victoria Galasso "Birthday Remembrance" by her son*

The Sanctuary Lamp
 burns this week for the intentions of:
The Living & Deceased Members of
The Foley Family
 By Constance Foley

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.



2022 Upcoming available Sanctuary Lamp Dates
 Jan 9, 23, 30

~ **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.

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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