

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

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Mrs. Geraldine Reardon, Cantor

Business Manager:

Mrs. Beth Cavanaugh

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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.



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

EXCERPTS FROM THE LITURGICAL BOOK FOR MASS (2002), 396, 395-396, 397

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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

~ A Family Perspective ~

In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

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.

~ 2nd Collection Next Week ~

There will be a 2nd collection next week for Fuel.



Weekly Offertory Report

December 25, 2021.....	\$2331.00
December 26, 2021.....	\$1982.00
January 2, 2022.....	\$2281.00
Parish Improvements.....	\$556.00

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

Thank you for supporting your parish!



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: lourdesshrinet@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**



The Baptism of the Lord

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life. It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism. It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.



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- Saturday 4:00PM** **January 8 - Christmas Weekday**
Sean Needham by wife, Lori
- Sunday 9:00AM** **January 9 - Baptism of the Lord**
Victoria Galasso "Birthday Remembrance" by her son
- Monday 8:00 AM** **January 10 - 1st Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Therese Caveney by Constance Foley
- Wednesday 8:00 AM** **January 12 - Weekday**
Stanley & Barbara Rosen by Grandma & Marilyn
- Friday 8:00AM** **January 14 - Weekday**
Dominic & Teresa Ciarlo and Albert & Adeline Onofreo by family
- Saturday 4:00 PM** **January 15 - Weekday**
Andrew Cicchetti "55th Anniversary" by Jay
- Sunday 9:00 AM** **January 16 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Helen Cosgriff & Ann Essex by Mary Essex

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



Bible Tidbit

The process of our faith journey involves the mind, heart and soul levels. With the mind level, we must be open to the truth of our faith. With the heart level, we must be open to love. With the soul level, we must be open to grace. John the evangelist wrote a lot about the heart level. In telling us that God is love, he gave us a simple blueprint for the heart level. See the First Letter of John 4:16. (Bible questions? Call or text Anita Rosa at 203-577-5888)



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:

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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