

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH



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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.



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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- Jn 2:1-3

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~ A Family Perspective ~

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

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.



Catholic High School Collection

The Catholic High School Collection, occurring in all parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of **January 22-23**, supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, marketing, and much more. Please consider investing in the exceptional academics, faith formation, and spirit of service at poor high schools by making a donation to this year's Catholic High School Collection. **Thank you for your support.**

~ 2nd Collection Next Week ~

There will be a 2nd collection next week for Catholic High Schools.



Weekly Offertory Report

January 9, 2022.....\$2547.00

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.



St. Michael Church Ladies Guild Next Meeting March 6th

Our Ladies Guild will be meeting on **March 6th after the 9:00 am Mass** in the Rectory Meeting Room. Come join us for refreshments. Come enjoy goodies made by our Ladies Guild. We would like to thank everyone who helped with our Christmas Bazaar, we raised over \$8000.00.



The ABCs of Annulment

Father Philip Schulze, Pastor of Saint Margaret Parish, 24 Academy Street, Madison, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host "The ABCs of Annulment" on Saturday of January 22nd, 2022, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in the Church Hall at the address above. Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, and Jim Tottenham. Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday January 29th, and February 12th and 19th, from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Br. Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team, will be present for the Workshops. The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br.Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com.

January 16, 2022

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young

brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life. Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love. God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

Bible Tidbit

Some of us come to our faith simply. Others come to their faith through some deeply-felt experience. And there are those who come to their faith by way of reason and logic. As someone who often had the word "analyst" in my job titles before I retired, I am comfortable with a reason and logic approach to my faith. I was pleased to find out that St. Paul, upon observing the order and beauty in God's universe, was convinced it was possible to come to one's faith by reason alone. See Romans 1:19-20. (Bible questions? Call or text Anita Rosa at (203-577-5888).



Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 17, 2022



- Saturday 4:00PM January 15 - Weekday Andrew Cicchetti "55th Anniversary" by Jay
- Sunday 9:00AM January 16 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Helen Cosgriff & Ann Essex by Mary Essex
- Monday 8:00 AM January 17 - Saint Anthony, Abbot Yvette Johnston by Constance Foley
- Wednesday 8:00 AM January 19 - Weekday Connie Finelli by Roberta Mennillo
- Friday 8:00AM January 21 - Saint Agnes Anthony Gugliotti "16th Anniversary" by his daughter
- Saturday 4:00 PM January 22 - Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children Kathryn Foley by Lori Needham
- Sunday 9:00 AM January 23 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Maria Magdalena Nho Le Vo by children

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2022 Upcoming available Sanctuary Lamp Dates
Jan 23, 30

The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week for the intentions of:
Kathryn Foley
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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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