

# ST. MICHAEL CHURCH



**Pastor:**

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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.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.*

- LK 4:18

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"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." - Lk 4:18a, 19

**~ A Family Perspective ~**

In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS.

**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.

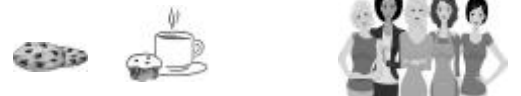


**A Student's Prayer by Saint Thomas Aquinas**

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever. Amen

**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.



**Letters for Donation Contributions  
for 2021**

St. Michael Church will be sending out letters for contributions made to the Church for 2021 upon request. You can call the rectory 203-753-0689 or use this form below by placing with the collection or you can mail it to the rectory at 62 St. Michael Drive Waterbury, CT 06704. Letters will be mailed out to you promptly. Please print your name and address along with your envelope number. Call Cindy with any questions. Thank You!

**Donation Letter for 2021**

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**Weekly Offertory Report**

January 16, 2022.....\$2011.00  
Fuel .....\$609.00

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

**Thank you for supporting your parish!**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and



focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us. As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us. Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

**Bible Tidbit**

Have you every walked by the seashore, rowed on a quiet lake, hiked in the mountains or witnessed a rainbow after a storm? Did thoughts of God pop into your mind or touch your heart during those moments? Scripture teaches us that we can apply the gift of reason that God gave us and learn about God through nature. Through the beauty of nature, we can learn that God is the Creator of all. See Wisdom 13:5. In Psalm 19:2-5, there is another example of how easy it is to discover God in nature. St. Paul also teaches us this. In his letter to the Romans 1:20, Paul teaches we can learn of God's eternal power and divinity through nature. (Bible questions? Call or text Anita Rosa at 203-577-5888)



- Saturday January 22 - Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children**  
4:00PM *Kathryn Foley* by Lori Needham
- Sunday January 23 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00AM *Maria Magdalena Nho Le Vo* by children
- Monday January 24 - Saint Francis de Sales**  
8:00 AM *In Honor of St. Ann* by Helen Jurzyk
- Wednesday January 26 - Saints Timothy and Titus**  
8:00 AM *Andrew Cicchetti "55th Anniversary"* by Jay
- Friday January 28 - Saint Thomas Aquinas**  
8:00AM *Mass Available* - call office to reserve
- Saturday January 29 - Weekday**  
4:00 PM *Mark Serafine* by Lori Needham
- Sunday January 30 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00 AM *Maria Teresa & Domenic Rosa "Anniversary Remembrance"* by their daughter and family

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Jan 30

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*By Helen Jurzyk*

**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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