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## Eucharistic Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Daily (Mon. - Sat.) 8:00 a.m.

### Holy Days

8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Exposition & Benediction

Wed. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

First Fri. 7:30 to 8:00 a.m.

## Reconciliation

Wednesday 8:30-9:30 a.m.

During Adoration

Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

*Anytime by appointment*

## Church Office Hours

Mon.- Fri. 9:30 AM-1:30 PM

## Parish Clergy & Staff

**Rev. Joy Jacob, SDB, Pastor**

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Music & Choir Director: Gail Lane

Plant Maintenance: Paul Brennan

Parish Council Chair:

Thomas Mulinski

Finance Chair: Peter Galla

Trustees: David Langdon &

Veronica Sharnick

**January 23, 2022**



## 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*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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*We, at Saint Michael Parish, are a welcoming community of faith. Called by Jesus Christ to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments, we give witness through joyful lives of prayer and service. Reaching out with the help of the Spirit, we strive to bring the Lord's healing and transforming message to all.*



For those interested in Online Giving, please visit our website at

saintmichaelsonline.org and click the Online Giving icon, or visit <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4865> to enroll. Our church code is 4865. Thank you for your ongoing support and to everyone that has continued to contribute to the offertory, either by Online Giving or through the use of offertory envelopes!



### MASK RECOMMENDATION

For your health & safety, it is strongly recommended that everyone wears a mask while in the church. Thank you!

### MEETINGS

The Ladies Guild will meet in the Lyceum on Monday, January 24th, at 7:00 PM. Hostesses are Ann Cook & Kim deLevie.

The Men's Club will meet in the Lyceum on Sunday, January 30th, after the 8 AM Mass.

The Finance Council will meet in the Lyceum on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

### SHOPPING VOLUNTEER

One of our parishioners has graciously volunteered to do grocery shopping for parishioners that are homebound or are unable to shop for themselves. If you are interested in having her shop for you, please call the Church Office, at 203-729-2504, and we will have her get in touch with you.



In an effort to continue our studies & keep everyone as safe as possible, we have made the decision to continue our CCD Classes via Zoom. Please see the revised schedule below. We will continue to monitor the Covid positivity rate and will hopefully return to in-person classes soon. Teachers will send parents a Zoom invite the week of class.

### Revised Class Schedule for Zoom Classes For Grades 1 through 7

Grades 1 & 2: Sunday, Jan. 30th, & Feb. 13th 9:00 AM—9:40 AM

Grade 3: Sunday, Feb. 6th & 20th, 10:15 AM—10:55 AM

Grades 4 & 5: Feb. 6th & 20th, 9:00 AM—9:40 AM

Grade 6: Tuesday, Feb. 1st: 6:30-7:10 pm

Grade 7: Thursday, Feb. 3rd: 6:30-7:10 pm

### Grades 8 & 9:

Mrs. Galla will send an email to parents regarding the February classes closer to that time.

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TO VISITORS, AVAILABLE BY PHONE, MONDAY-FRIDAY

Please note: The Church Office is currently closed to visitors, except for emergencies. If you do need to visit the office, please wear a mask. The office will be operating during normal office hours of 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM and we will be available by phone, at 203-729-2504. If you would like to book a Mass, please call the office to do so, and we can either mail a Mass Card for you, or leave it in the Rectory mailbox for you to pick up. Thank you for your understanding.

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Fundraiser for St. Michael Church Repairs  
Wednesday, February 2, 2022

St. Michael Church will receive 20% of take-out orders placed with Antonio's in Beacon Falls on February 2nd only. Please be sure to mention St. Michael Church when you are placing your order so that we can receive credit. Please note that this applies to **take-out orders only** and orders can be placed from 11 AM until closing that day. Thank you for your support!



**FORWARD WITH FAITH  
CAMPAIGN – WHAT  
ARE THE OBJECTIVES?**

**Vibrant Parishes**

Equip our parishes to serve the next generation of Catholics. A minimum of

50% of the funds raised by the parishes will be directed toward their own local needs.

**Educating to Reignite the Faith**

Transform the teaching and learning environment for our students, teachers, and catechists with technology upgrades, capital improvements, and STREAM integration into their curriculum.

Bring more children to our Catholic schools by providing tuition remission and awards for Catholic school teachers and administrators.

**Champions In Service to Others**

Enable our social service providers to serve additional families annually with better facilities, additional staff, and new programs.

**Fund for Innovation and Emerging Opportunities**

Help our parishes and schools innovate and make a greater impact on the greater community by enhancing their community outreach initiatives, evangelization efforts, and business models.



During the months of January & February, **new towels and socks** will be collected for donation to St.

**Vincent DePaul**

**Mission in Waterbury.**

A collection box will be by the elevator. Thank you!



**Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, CT**

Reservations: Call 860-677-8519 or online registration at OurLadyofCalvary.net Email: olcretreat@sbcglobal.net

**"Lectio Divina" on Zoom** January 25th, and Feb. 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd, 10 AM to 11 AM, Free-will Offering. An ancient practice of reading, listening, & looking with the eyes and ears of the heart. Learn one of the most widespread, simple, & accessible practices of Contemplative Prayer.

**"One Day Women's Retreat"** In-person, Feb. 5th, 9 AM to 4 PM, Offering: \$100. The one day Women's Retreat will begin with Morning Prayer. Two retreat conferences will be presented. There will be a Reconciliation Service that will include time for individual Confession. The day will conclude with Mass. Retreatants can expect to be on their way home by 4:00 pm. A hearty lunch will be served.

**"Seeking the Light Together" on Zoom** Jan. 26th, Feb. 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd, 7 PM to 8:30 PM, Offering: \$10. Listen to a brief presentation on the topic of hope & encouragement, have time for personal reflection with opportunities to listen & share together, & deepen in hope through a practical awareness meditation.

**"Women's Weekend Retreats"** Feb. 11th-13th or Feb. 25th-27th Please see the OLC Website for info.



**New Day Bereavement Program – St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parish Center, 733 Oxford Rd. Oxford, CT**

Those who are grieving the death of a loved one need to proactively work through their grief. One way that may be helpful is to participate in the bereavement support group called the New Day Program. This program consists of ten two-hour weekly meetings. During each meeting, participants work through one component of the grieving process, guided by the New Day Journal.

Two sessions will be offered. Session A: Zoom Starts Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm. Session B: In Person Starts Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-12:30pm. Masks are required for the in person session. Sessions are free. Registration is required. Must RSVP by January 31<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to register, please contact Maryjane at 203-888-2382 ext 104 or [pastoralcare@stthomasoxford.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stthomasoxford.org).

**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week  
For Sophie & Alec Hassen by  
Granddaughter, Cindy.



**ONLINE SCHEDULE**

Sunday Mass at St. Michael Parish is live-streamed at 10:00 am on Sunday. Please visit our website, at [www.saintmichaelsonline.org](http://www.saintmichaelsonline.org) & click the link to view the Masses. You will be brought to our FaceBook Page. If you do not wish to log into or subscribe to FaceBook, you can still view the Mass by clicking "Not Now" under the green "Create New Account" rectangle. You will be able to view the Mass without logging into FaceBook. The recorded Masses & services will also be available to be viewed on our YouTube channel within a couple of hours after the live stream has ended. If you would like to view the Mass at a later time, please follow the same steps for watching on FaceBook, since a link will be posted to bring you to YouTube. Please be sure to subscribe to our page on YouTube and like the videos.

**This Week's Second Collection is for Archdiocesan High Schools.** This collection supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic Secondary Schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, & marketing.

**Last Weekend's Collection**

Weekly Offertory	\$2,415.00
Monthly Collection	\$1,108.00
Online Giving	\$ 770.00
<b>Total Offertory &amp; Online Giving</b>	<b>\$4,293.00</b>

**MASS BOOKING INFO.**

	Offering
Weekend Masses:	\$25
Weekday & Saturday 8AM Masses:	\$ 15
Sanctuary Lamp:	\$20

**2021 TAX STATEMENTS**

2021 Contribution Statements are now available for tax purposes. Please call the Church Office, at 203-729-2504, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM, to request your statement.



**Masses from Sat. Jan. 22, 2022, to Sun., Jan. 30, 2022**

<b>Sat., 1/22</b>	8:00 AM <b>Daily Mass</b>
	5:00 PM <b>Evelyn Groth</b> <i>(by Tina &amp; Tom Mulinski)</i>
<b>Sun., 1/23</b>	8:00 AM <b>Leo, Sr., &amp; Stella Holloway, Jeanne Nelson, John Holloway, Leo Holloway, Jr., &amp; Patricia Betkoski</b> <i>(by Family)</i>
	10:00 AM <b>Francis Zujewski</b> <i>(by The Butcher &amp; Wands Families)</i>
<b>Mon., 1/24</b>	8:00 AM <b>Daily Mass</b>
<b>Tues., 1/25</b>	8:00 AM <b>Daily Mass</b>
<b>Wed., 1/26</b>	8:00 AM <b>Laura Poeta Mulinski</b> <i>(by Family)</i>
	8:30 AM-9:30 AM <b>Exposition &amp; Adoration</b>
<b>Thurs., 1/27</b>	8:00 AM <b>Daily Mass</b>
<b>Fri., 1/28</b>	8:00 AM <b>Kathy Bakanus</b> <i>(by Claudia Csuka)</i>
<b>Sat., 1/29</b>	8:00 AM <b>32nd Anniversary: John Gadacy</b> <i>(by Family)</i>
	5:00 PM <b>Mark Polseno</b> <i>(by Steve &amp; Jackie Mariano &amp; Family)</i>
<b>Sun. 1/30</b>	8:00 AM <b>Mildred Jurzynski</b> <i>(by Family)</i>
	10:00 AM <b>Maria Zaldumbide &amp; Luz Garcia</b> <i>(by Family)</i>

*The Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy are recited Monday-Saturday at 7:20 AM.*



Readings for the week of January 23, 2022  
 Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
 Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30  
 Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18  
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20  
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25  
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34  
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41  
 Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30



# From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

From the year 2019, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, which is on January 23<sup>rd</sup> this year, is being celebrated as the **Sunday of the Word of God**. This Sunday is to be dedicated to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. A special day in a year devoted to the Bible should not make us forget that we need to read and meditate on the Word of God all the 365 days of the year! Because it is through the Bible that the Lord speaks to His people and makes His plans known to them. Together with the Psalmist in Ps 119, we pray: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

It is heartening to know that many of us take personal interest in reading and studying the Word of God. Spending few minutes, a day, reading and praying the Word of God, especially the Gospels, is a sure help for our spiritual growth and a panacea for the problems, tribulations and temptations that beset us!

Our Parish Pastoral Council has not been renewed for two years. With the Covid restrictions in place last year, I thought it best to allow the members of the previous council to continue. As is the normal practice, we need to bring in some new members to the Council in place of those who have completed two terms as parish council members. In the pews and in the vestibule, you will find sheets of paper to express your willingness to be in the Council. Kindly write your name and the phone number and drop it into the collection box or hand it over to the Ushers. Thank you for your cooperation!

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, known as the Saint of gentleness. He took seriously the words of Christ, "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart." He says that it took him 20 years to conquer his quick temper. Often many of us lose our patience for silly reasons. Our quick temper often leads to problems in our family life and relationships. If St. Francis could overcome his bad temper in twenty years, we too can! May the example and intercession of this gentle Saint help us to imitate Jesus in being meek and humble of heart!

United with you in prayer,

*Fr. Joy Jacob, SDB*



Due to the generosity of the residents of Chatfield Farms and the parishioners of our parish in providing items for the homeless bags, the Small Christian Community is currently only in need of **new men's long-sleeve size medium t-shirts**, masks, small bottles of water and small juice boxes. Donations can be placed in the box by the elevator. Thank you very much for your generosity!



New Parish Council members are needed to replace outgoing members that have completed their term. If you are interested in serving on the Parish Council, please complete the form, which can be found in the pews and in the vestibule. Please place the form in the wooden collection box or hand it to an Usher. Thank you!



The St. Michael Food Bank is available to all Beacon Falls residents that are in need. If you or someone that you know would like to sign up to receive food from the Food Bank, please call the Church Office, at 203-729-2504. The only requirement is that you are a Beacon Falls resident.

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