

# Solemnity of All Saints November 1, 2020



## ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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### Anointing of the Sick

Through this sacrament the believer is strengthened by Christ's grace through the anointing of Holy Oils. All who are seriously ill, hospitalized, or having surgery can receive this sacrament. Please contact the parish office if you wish to receive this sacrament.

### Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated by appointment. All parents must attend a baptismal preparation meeting prior to the Baptism. Please call the office to schedule dates.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wed: 6 pm, St. Michael Church  
following 5:30 pm Mass  
Benediction at 7 pm

First Friday: Following 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael Church

### Matrimony

A meeting with the parish priest should precede all other wedding plans. Couples contemplating matrimony should contact the parish office six months to a year before the celebration of the sacrament.

### Reconciliation

Sat: 3:15 - 3:45 pm St. Michael

Wed: 6:15 - 6:50 pm St. Michael  
(also available by appointment)

### First Fridays

To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know by the week before First Friday.

### C.C.D.

(Religious education classes held during the school year)

Sun: 8:15 am St. Michael hall  
10:00 am St. John Nepomucene hall



*Pastoral Council: David Brann, Beth Cole, Leslie Debach,  
Will Hawrylo, Jean Herman, Ralph Lepper,  
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### ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"As members of the parish community of Saint Michael, Saint John and Saint Aloysius, we are rooted in a relationship with Jesus Christ passed on to our Holy Father and in communion with our Bishop. We joyfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and his real presence in the Eucharist. We serve the Lord through acts of faith, hope and charity by the graces given through the Sacraments. It is our intention to carry out this mission so that we may be the face of Jesus Christ in the world."

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, October 31</b>	Weekday
Vigil for All Saints 4:00 pm, Canton † All Souls Envelopes	
<b>Sunday, November 1</b>	ALL SAINTS
8:00 am, Ralston † All Souls Envelopes 9:30 am, Canton † All Souls Envelopes 11:15 am, Troy † All Souls Envelopes	
<b>Monday, November 2</b>	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)
7:00 am, Canton † All Souls Envelopes 6:00 pm, Canton † All Souls Envelopes	
<b>Tuesday, November 3</b>	Weekday
5:30 pm, Troy † Lefty & Barbara Shanley (Denise Ives)	
<b>Wednesday, Nov 4</b>	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
5:30 pm, Canton † Souls in Purgatory (Susan Schiess)	
<b>Thursday, November 5</b>	Weekday
No Mass	
<b>Friday, November 6 (First Friday)</b>	Weekday
7:00 am, Canton † Deceased members of Saint Michael's Altar & Rosary Society (St. Michael's A&R)	
<b>Saturday, November 7</b>	Weekday
Vigil for 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 pm, Canton † Stephen O'Kula (Sheila Wilson)	
<b>Sunday, November 8 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo 9:30 am, Canton † Lefty Shanley (Dot Hopkins) 11:15 am, Troy † Fran Welch (Don & Louise Wilber)	



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week for all the intentions on our All Souls Day envelopes.

*Sanctuary lamp intentions may be requested by contacting the parish office.*



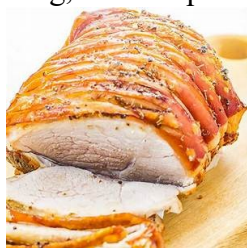
### NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS are continuing in all three churches until further notice. Local pantries are in great need due to the pandemic. Your donations of non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated.

TAKE-OUT PORK DINNER on Wednesday, November 11th from 5-6 pm. **Pre-order only.** Call Warren Batcheller at 607-398-8338 or visit [stmichaelscanton.com/news/take-out-pork-dinner/](http://stmichaelscanton.com/news/take-out-pork-dinner/) between now and 6 pm on Saturday, Nov 7th to place your order.

Menu: Sliced pork roast, pork dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable and coleslaw. Cost: \$8/dinner.

Pick-up on Nov. 11th from 5-6 pm. Troy pick-up will be from Joe Perry's Winery, 324 Elms Rd., Troy. Canton pick-up will be from St. Michael's Church parking lot.



## FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) has begun. We are currently in the inquiry phase. It's culmination is the inquirer's decision to enter the catechumenate, the period of formal preparation for entrance into full membership in the Catholic Church. This phase may last a few weeks. If anyone is still thinking about becoming catholic, or is still on the fence about that decision, it is not too late. Just come to our next session and check it out for yourself. The next session will be on Monday, November 2nd at 7 pm in the rectory.



### ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

In addition to the All Souls Day envelopes that are in your envelope packets, I have made available All Souls Day envelopes in the back of all three churches. Please list the names of all those deceased loved ones you want to be remembered on the front of the envelope, enclose your offering, and drop them in the collection bag on or before November 2nd, All Souls Day.



Our Religious Education program is going virtual. **Faith Alive!** provides access to all of our regular curriculum as well as additional activities and formation opportunities for the entire family.

Virtual learning is underway. Contact the parish office to register your child, ask questions, or volunteer.

*A \$500 grant received from the Diocese of Scranton covers the full cost of the virtual platform as well as about 50% of the curriculum expense for this year.*

### NOVEMBER 2 - 8 READINGS

<b>Mon</b>	- Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5 <sup>th</sup> :5-11 Jn 6:37-40
<b>Tues</b>	- Phil 2:5-11 Ps 22:26b-32 Lk 14:15-24
<b>Wed</b>	- Phil 2:12-18 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 14:25-33
<b>Thurs</b>	- Phil 3:3-8a Ps 105:2-7 Lk 15:1-10
<b>Fri</b>	- Phil 3:17-4:1 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 16:1-8
<b>Sat</b>	- Phil 4:10-19 Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9 Lk 16:9-15
<b>Sun</b>	- Wis 6:12-16 Ps 63:2-8 1 Thes 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13

### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS OCTOBER 19 - 25, 2020

Weekly Offerings:	1,628.00
Electronic Offerings:	445.00
Other Parish Income:	85.00
Total Parish Income:	\$2,158.00
Average weekly expenses:	3,762.36
Difference:	(1,604.36)
Care & Education of Priests:	35.00



*Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time.*



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## One Minute Meditations

### We never lose God's love

Have you ever had someone end a relationship with you because of a mistake you made or something you did wrong? It's a terrible feeling to lose someone's love, especially if it is your fault. Fortunately, God's love doesn't depend on how good we are. Remember the parable Jesus told of the prodigal son (Luke 15)? No matter what the son's transgressions, the father received him in complete love. That's how God feels about us.

### God's timing

Sometimes it seems like no matter how much we pray, God doesn't hear us. It can be tempting to give up hope, but remember, God always answers prayer in His time. Each day, decide to trust God; His timing is perfect.

*"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love He had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ" (Ephesians 2:4-5).*



## Turn to God during Advent

It may be hard to look forward to the holidays this year. Instead, use the time during Advent to *"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God and there is no other ..."* (Isaiah 45:22).

Turn to God for strength. *"When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you"* (Isaiah 43:2). When outside events make you feel low, remember that God will always send the strength we need to overcome difficulties.

Turn to God for Faith. *"For our*

*knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away"* (1

Corinthians 13:9-10). During difficult times, it can be hard

to be hopeful. Turn to God with the faith that He is with us now and has glorious plans for our future.

Turn to God for love. *"I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!"* (Luke

12:49). Jesus wants to fill

our hearts with a fiery love like His. As we decorate our homes for Christmas, we can ask Jesus to fill our hearts with the warmth of His love.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

The Rosary is adapted from the complex prayers of medieval monks. It's a powerful prayer because in it, we ask Mary—whose prayers are never refused—to pray for us. In addition, the mysteries of the Rosary introduce us to the lives of



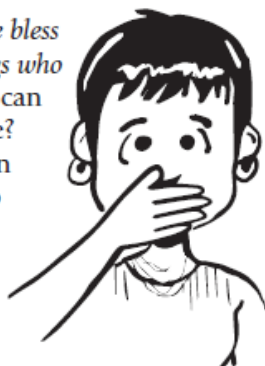
## Why do Catholics pray the Rosary?

Jesus and Mary. Each mystery is associated with a fruit. For example, the fruit of the mystery of the Annunciation is humility. Praying the Rosary opens us to the graces so we can be more like Christ.

## Does your tongue bless or curse?

"No human being can tame the tongue ... With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God" (James 3:8-9). How can we ensure that our tongues will bless and not curse?

Offer words in service. What we say out loud can reveal our true motives. Sometimes we just want to hear our own opinions or have others admire our insight and wisdom. We truly speak with love when we honestly intend to serve others rather than our own interests.



Lift up. Criticizing and pointing out another's faults is easy. It is an act of love to notice someone's positive attributes and possibly uncover previously unnoticed strengths.

Unify, don't divide. Our goal is always to build others up and bring them to God. If what we want to say is loving, instructive, and healing, it may be okay to speak. Otherwise, if it will cause unnecessary conflict or make someone else look bad, it's better left unsaid.

### from Scripture

#### Mark 13:33-37, Keep watch!

In this reading, Jesus urges us to always be ready because "You do not know when the time will come." He wants us to be on the watch for Him.

Next month we celebrate Jesus' arrival at Christmas. He will come twice more for certain: at our death and at the end of time. Advent is the time to ask, "What do I need to do to be ready to greet the Lord?"

Start by doing your best to remain in a state of grace. When aware of having committed mortal sin, immediately seek

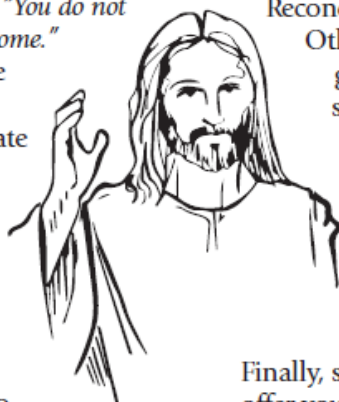
forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

Otherwise make a practice of going regularly – every four to six weeks, if possible. Consider examining your conscience and picking one or two sinful practices you want to eliminate.

Then attend or watch Mass weekly and try to spend more time in prayer.

Finally, see if there are ways you can offer yourself in service to others.

Keeping watch means fixing our eyes on God at all times. Then, when Christmas comes, you can greet the Lord with joy.



### Feasts & Celebrations

November 1 – All Saints Day. The early Church celebrated the saints and martyrs throughout the year. However, Christian persecution became so intense, there weren't enough days in the calendar for individual commemorations. Pope Gregory IV designated Nov. 1 as All Saints Day.

November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo (1584). After earning doctorates in civil and canon law by the age of 21, he was named cardinal and bishop of Milan by Pope Pius IV. He worked to reform his diocese and cared for the poor and sick.

November 22 – Solemnity of Christ the King. God promised His people a king who will be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under his kingship.

November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent. During this four-week season, we anticipate the Messiah's birth, and look forward to Christ's reign and his coming on the last day. Catholics light candles in Advent wreaths each night to signal the coming of the true light of Christ.



### Q & A

#### What is the stealthy, Deadly Sin?

If you were asked to name one of the deadliest sins, what would you reply? Murder? Adultery? Lust? In fact, one of the deadliest – yet stealthiest – of the



Seven Deadly Sins is sloth or acedia. It's stealth because it is easy to overlook that we are committing it.

Laziness. "Acedia or spiritual sloth goes so far as to refuse the joy that comes from God and to be repelled by divine goodness" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2094). It means the sinner finds the attractions of this world more compelling than the glories of the next.

Ingratitude. The Creator of the universe loves us personally and showers us with blessings. Yet, we can "fail or refuse to acknowledge divine charity and to return Him love for love." Shopping for gifts, scrolling through social media, running errands – the spiritual sloth gives anything and everything priority over the love of God.

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**POPE QUOTE:** “So often today man does not know what is within him, in the depths of his mind and heart.... Therefore, let Christ speak to man. He alone has words of life, of eternal life.”

**POPE FRANCIS’S PRAYER INTENTION**  
NOVEMBER: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:  
We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

### PERSONAL MISSAL PROGRAM

In this unprecedented time, nothing can be left in pews, but you love to follow along with the readings and prayers; and community singing will return eventually.

Purchase your personal copy of the 2021 *Breaking Bread* by calling 1-800-LITURGY (548-8749). The wonderful people at OCP will help you select the right version for you: *Breaking Bread*, *Breaking Bread w/ Sunday readings*, or *Breaking Bread w/Daily Mass Propers*. Bulk pricing is available for quantities of 5-24 and an even greater discount for quantities 25+, so get your family and friends together to place a single order and save some money.

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*“I thank God for guiding me and helping me to discern my mission in life... To anyone discerning a mission, whether it be marriage, single life, priesthood, religious life, a career, or even a day-to-day decision, I would say entrust yourself to God’s love. He will speak... Pray for that gift and don’t be too surprised when God answers, in a shout or a whisper.”*

**Michael Boris, Third Year Diocesan Seminarian**

**“Leave a Mark” Vocation Mass**  
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**To learn more about the Annual Appeal and to make a gift, visit [AnnualAppeal.org](http://AnnualAppeal.org)**

*Our Parish Goal for the  
2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal is \$12,000.00*

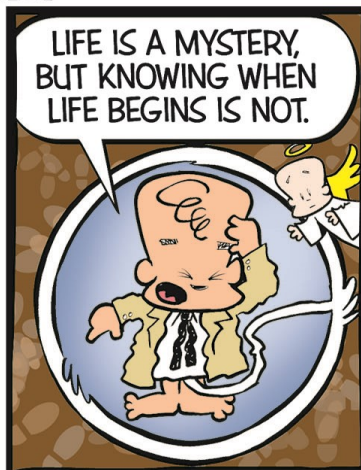
### THE NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!

Please check it out at: [www.stmichaelscanton.com](http://www.stmichaelscanton.com). If there is anything you would like to see on the website, submit it to the parish office.

*(Content is reviewed by Father Joe before publication.)*

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by Gary Cangemi





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