



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD and THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



December 25 & 27, 2020

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(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec 26 SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR
Vigil - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
4:00 pm, Canton † Michael J Acresti
(Alden & Rosemary Fitzwater)

Sunday, December 27 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † John Livezey (Gerald & Joy Brann)
11:15 am, Troy † Lefty & Barbara Shanley (Denise Ives)

Monday, Dec 28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS
7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Tues, Dec 29 5th day within the Octave of Christmas
5:30 pm, Troy - For the intentions of Donald Trump
(The Myers Family)

Wed, Dec 30 5th day within the Octave of Christ
5:30 pm, Canton - For the intentions of Donald Trump
(The Garvey Family)

Thursday, December 31 Advent Weekday
Vigil: THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
6:00 pm, Troy - For the intentions of Donald Trump
(The Garvey Family)

Fri, Jan 1 THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
9:30 am, Canton † Joann Moore (The Fleury Family)

Saturday, January 2 Saint Basil the Great &
Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church
Vigil - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
4:00 pm, Canton † Mimi Fosnocht (Tom & Nan Gergel)

Sunday, January 3 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † John Loftus (Family)
11:15 am, Troy † Josephine Szczech (Tim, Leona & Barb)



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week in memory of Richard Carlonas by Cheryl Carlonas

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

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 catechuminate, the period of formal preparation for entrance into full membership in the Catholic Church. This phase may last a few weeks. The next session will be on Monday, January 4th at 7 pm in the rectory.



SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS DECEMBER 14 - 20, 2020

Weekly Offerings:	1,238.00
Electronic Offerings:	495.00
Other Parish Income:	660.50
Total Parish Income:	\$2,393.50
Average weekly expenses:	3,762.36
Difference:	(1,368.86)



Religious Retirement Fund:	20.00
Care & Education of Priests:	60.00
Christmas Mass Intentions:	482.00

Thank you for your continued support.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Allura Booker, Betty Brown,
Carol Davis, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Becky Evans,
Douglas Greene, Melissa Gowan, Robert Dale Hostetter,
Karleigh Jones, Wanda Jones, Ben Kopetan,
Sherry Lambert, Creighton MacGill,
Patti Madigan-Pessoni, Darlene McCurdy,
Bunny Meuse, Marie Miele, Cathy Ostaszewski,
Debbie Pawlak, Pauline Pazzaglia, Ronald Rudnicki,
Jody Schefsky, Mike Slocum, Andrea Smith,
Sadie Smith, Bonnie Spencer, Rich Stankiewicz,
Cassie Twist, Wanda Wennerholt, Steven Wilber,
Anthony Wolf, Donna Wolf, Nicholas Wolf,
Barb Yanak

*Contact the parish office to add a name to the prayer list.
Names remain on the list for 3 months per request.*

Saint Michal Parish

2020 Christmas Mass Intentions

††† Bill & Carol Asbury, George & Peaches Schram, Clark & Grace Cochrane, George & Lucy Asbury, Roger Cochrane, Alan Cochrane, Claire Schram and Tony & Rose Zaleski by the Asbury Family. ††† Diane Hedrick and Paige Bagley by Laurie Bagley. ††† George & Jean Schoonover Jr, George & Margaret Schoonover, Howard Warren, Louise Warren, Mary Henry, Shirley Beach, Louis Beach, Jeff Wynne, Judy Callahan, Marie O'Hara and George & Margaret Schoonover Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Steven Beers ††† Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Bell, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Szczech, Ms. Amy Peck, Mrs. Laurie Weidlich, Mr. Gene Fletcher, Mrs. Patricia Bell, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Ayers and Mrs. Minnie Kulago by Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Bell. ††† The Blaszc Family and The Weiss Family by Mrs. Richard Blaszc. ††† In memory of members of The William J. Brann Family and The William L. Madigan Family and in honor of our grandchildren: John & Peter and Jillian & Sadie by Atty. & Mrs. Gerald Brann. ††† The Brenchley Family by Mr. & Mrs. John Brenchley. ††† Deceased members of the Brozowski, Kendra and Vineski families by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brozowski. ††† Nick Colton, Millie Colton, Bill Colton, Marian Richards, James Richards, Alfred Route and Ernie Route by Mr. & Mrs. James Colton. ††† Charles & Anna Capaldi, Pasquale & Mary DePalma, Nicholas & Florence DePalma, Nicky & Robert DePalma, James & Florence DePalma, Charles DePalma, Doris Bates, Charles Capaldi, Bans Capaldi and Shirley DePalma by Jayne Cleveland. ††† Patricia Rynone, Ruth Coumbe, Amy Delores Debach, Charlie Debach and Dawn Debach by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Debach, Jr. ††† A Special Intention by Patricia Deeghan. ††† The Grandchildren of Alden & Rosemary Fitzwater by Alden & Rosemary Fitzwater. ††† Christina Fleury, Robert Fleury, Joann Moore and Joann Rought by Mrs. Robert Fleury. ††† Our grandparents and Carol Ann Gergel by Thomas & Nanette Gergel. ††† Violet Davis, Paul & Danette Hamburger, Sara Hamburger, Josephine Hamburger, Shawn Hamburger and Peter & Sam Hamburger and Family by Dr. Paul Hamburger. ††† Mr. & Mrs. Edward Beaderman, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Levindoski, Mr. & Mrs. Myron Parks, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Beaderman and Mr. Frank Levindoski by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hamm. ††† Private intention by Mr. Will Hawrylo. ††† Frank Taverniti and Helen Taverniti by Mrs. Diane Hedrick. ††† Eugene & Mary McMahon, Frank & Joey Herman and Ken Riordan by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Herman. ††† Hal Hopkins and Mary & Joe Dolobach by Mrs. Harold Hopkins. ††† Private intention by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kanaley. ††† Alan Kelley, Colleen Kelley, Joseph & Rita Shon, Agnes & Helen Shon and deceased members of the Shon Family by Mrs. Terri Kelley. ††† Deceased members of The Rittell and Kingsley Families by Mr. & Mrs. George Kingsley. ††† The Deeghan Family, The Lenze Family and The Koval Family by Walburga Koval. ††† Ginette Kozak, Michael Kozak, Annastazia Kozak, and Mary Rivera by Joseph Kozak. ††† John Maloney, Elizabeth Maloney, Francis Wilcox and Lula Wilcox by Mr. & Mrs. James Maloney. ††† George Manley, Veronica Zarzycki, Walter Zarzycki and Ronnie Robb by Mrs. George Manley. ††† Private intention by Patrick & Marcia McConnell. ††† All the victims of COVID-19 by Mr. & Mrs. John Mulno. ††† John & Elizabeth Bruno, Mary Ann & Tom DelJanovan, Tom Miosi, Norma Lodge and Mary Orr by Carole Parker. ††† All the souls in Purgatory, all The Pepper & Snell Families and Joanne & Bob Strozyk by Mrs. Rancy Pepper. ††† Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pierchorowicz Sr., Joseph Pierchorowicz Jr, Kathy Howe and Juan & Rita Martínez by David E. Pierchorowicz. ††† Dick Ross, John & Isabell Loftus and Bill & Edna Ross by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ross. ††† Davis & Myrtle VanDyke, Marcel Schiess, Lynne Hertel, B & G Landon, F & S VanDyke, Judy Callahan, Peggy & Ben Bulkley, Nancy Williammer, Henry Angradi and Lisa Eagleberger by Susan Schiess. ††† Private intention by Bonita Spencer. ††† Joseph Szczech, Josephine Szczech, Bill Ayers, Beverly Ayers, Lillian Packard, Babs Morris, Minnie Kulgo, Eugene Fletcher and William Curtiss by Barbara Szczech. ††† Joseph Walker, Fred Walker, Lucille Terry, Nancy Brooks and Bonnie Murphy by Mrs. Loretta Walker. ††† Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Szczech by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Weed. ††† Josephine Szczech and Joseph Szczech by Mrs. Louise Wilber. ††† Jefferey Wynne, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wynne, Winifred Wynne, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Wynne and Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Franklin by Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Wynne.



Saint Michael Parish

2020 Christmas Flower Intentions

††† Bill & Carol and George & Lucy Asbury, Rose & Tony Zaleski, Clark & Grace and Alan and Roger Cochrane, George & Peaches and Claire Schram by the Asbury Family. ††† Private Intention by Laurie Bagley. ††† Private Intention by Mr. David Beahm. ††† Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Bell, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Szczech, Mrs. Laurie Weidlich, Mrs. Patricia Bell, Ms. Amy Peck and Mr. Gene Fletcher by Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Bell. ††† Richard Blaszczyk and the Blaszczyk and Weiss Families by Mrs. Richard Blaszczyk. ††† John M. Brann, Peter N. Brann, Jillian R. Barend and Sadie A.M. Barend by Atty. & Mrs. Gerald Brann. ††† The Branchley Family by Mr. & Mrs. John Branchley. ††† Deceased members of the Brozowski, Kendra and Vineski families by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brozowski. ††† The Thomas Callahan Family and The John Dick Family by Bridget C. Callahan. ††† Rich Carlonas by Cheryl Carlonas. ††† The Clark & Mansuy Families Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Clark. ††† Bill & Millie Colton and Nick & Sam Colton by Mr. & Mrs. James Colton. ††† Patricia Rynone, Amy Delores Debach, Charlie Debach and Dawn Debach by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Debach Jr. ††† Private intention by Patricia Deeghan. ††† The Acresti Family and The Fitzwater Family by Mr. & Mrs. Alden Fitzwater. ††† Robert Fleury and Joann Moore by Mrs. Robert Fleury. ††† Carol Ann Gergel and our Grandparents by Thomas & Nanette Gergel. ††† Joe & Josie Hamburger and Albert & Violet Davis by Dr. Paul Hamburger. ††† Private Intention by Mr. Will Hawrylo. ††† Frank Taverniti and Helen Taverniti by Mrs. Diane Hedrick. ††† Mr. & Mrs. Eugene McMahon, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Herman and Ken Riordan by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Herman. ††† Private intention by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kanaley. ††† The Kingsley and Rittell Families by Mr. & Mrs. George Kingsley. ††† Private Intention by Walburga Koval. ††† Ginette Kozak, Michael Kozak, Annastazia Kozak, and Mary Rivera by Joseph Kozak. ††† Private intention by Mr. & Mrs. Lester Kulp. ††† The Malone Family and the Wilcox Family by Mr. & Mrs. James Maloney. ††† George Manley by Mrs. George Manley. ††† William E. Wolfe and Linda McConnell by Patrick & Marcia McConnell. ††† The Mulno and Chagnon Family by Mr. & Mrs. John Mulno. ††† John & Elizabeth Bruno, Thomas & Mary Ann DelJanovan and Norma Lodge by Carole Parker. ††† Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pierchorowicz, Joseph Pierchorowicz Jr, Sr. Kathy Howe and Juan & Rita Martínez by David E. Pierchorowicz. ††† Vance Seeley by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Polly. ††† Judy Callahan, Peggy Bulkley, Carol Asbury and Lynne Hertel by Susan Schiess. ††† Craig Stanton, Martin Watkins and Rusty Watkins by Mr. & Mrs. Chris Stanton. ††† Joseph & Josephine Szczech, Bill & Beverly Ayers, Babs Morris and Lillian Packard by Barbara Szczech. ††† The Walker Family and the Ward Family by Mrs. Loretta Walker. ††† Josephine Szczech and Joseph Szczech by Mrs. Louise Wilber. ††† Mary L. Hardy by Jeannine J. Wynne. ††† Jefferey Wynne and Winifred Wynne by Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Wynne.



POPE QUOTE: “Tonight, in the beauty of God’s love, we also discover our own beauty, for we are beloved of God. In His eyes we are beautiful: not for what we do but for what we are.”

POPE FRANCIS’S PRAYER INTENTION:

DECEMBER: FOR A LIFE OF PRAYER: We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Thursday, December 31, 2020

6:00 pm, St. Michael’s Church, Canton

Friday, January 1, 2021

7:00 am, St. Michael’s Church, Canton

There will not be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, January 1st.

DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 3 READINGS

Mon - 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7c-8 Mt 2:13-18

Tues - 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

Wed - 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40

Thurs - 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 Jn 1:1-18

Fri - Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7

Sat - 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28

Vigil: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Sun - Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

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 nonperishable food items are greatly appreciated.

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Retired priests continue to be a vital part of our Diocese. Before the COVID pandemic they assisted by offering Mass and administering the sacraments. From the most senior to the newly ordained, our priests selflessly serve us. We now ask you to support them through the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

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