

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JANUARY 3, 2021



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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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

Saturday, January 2 Saint Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors for 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)

Monday, Jan 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
7:00 am, Rectory † All members of the Knights of Columbus (Knights of Columbus)

Tuesday, January 5 Saint John Neumann, Bishop
5:30 pm, Troy † Lefty & Barbara Shanley (Denise Ives)

Wednesday, January 6 Christmas Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Tony Waldron

Thursday, January 7 Christmas Weekday
No Mass

Friday, January 8 Christmas Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Judy Callahan (St. Michael's A & R)

Saturday, January 9 Christmas Weekday
Vigil - BAPTISM OF THE LORD
4:00 pm, Canton † Dawn Debach (Leslie & Chick Debach)

Sunday, January 10 BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:00 am, Ralston † Judy Callahan
(Kathie Lepper & Jeannette May)
9:30 am, Canton † Mark Kingsley (Dad & Mom)
11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo



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.

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.

JANUARY 4 - 10 READINGS

Mon - 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues - 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44
Wed - 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52
Thurs - 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17
Lk 4:14-22a
Fri - 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16
Sat - 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 3:22-30
Sun - Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38
Mk 1:7-11

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?

We are now entering into the catechumenate phase, the period of formal preparation for entrance into full membership in the Catholic Church. The catechumenate period is a time of focused learning on topics related to Catholic belief and practice, training you in the Christian life. It is a time of "more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation". The next session will be on Monday, January 4th at 7 pm in the rectory.



PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Almighty God, in your mercy, you sent us your only son to redeem us. We gather in prayer and thanksgiving as a family and as a church to rejoice! Dear Jesus, you became a child so that we might become children of God. Thank you for revealing yourself to us. We pray that, throughout the Christmas season and beyond, we will have the strength to grow ever closer to you. Amen.



Thank you to everyone who has offered condolences, prayers and Mass intentions for Carol Asbury. Your loving support continues to be deeply felt and appreciated.

With love, *Cathy Asbury & family*

The parish office was closed beginning December 24th and will re-open January 4th. Offertory information for the week of December 20 - 27, as well as December 28 - January 3, will be published in the January 10th bulletin.

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.



POPE QUOTE: “I ask God to inspire, in the hearts of all, respect for the life of our brothers, especially the most fragile and helpless, and to give strength to those who receive them and care for them, even when this demands heroic love.”

POPE FRANCIS’S PRAYER INTENTION:

JANUARY: INTENTION FOR EVANGELIZATION: – 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.

**NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING
SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

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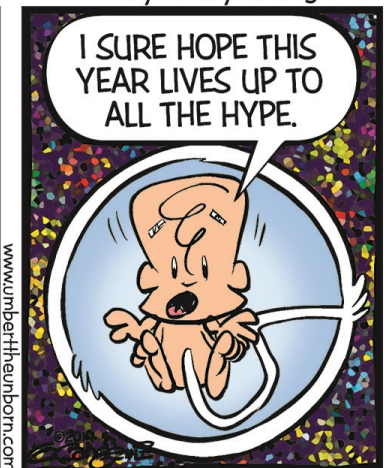
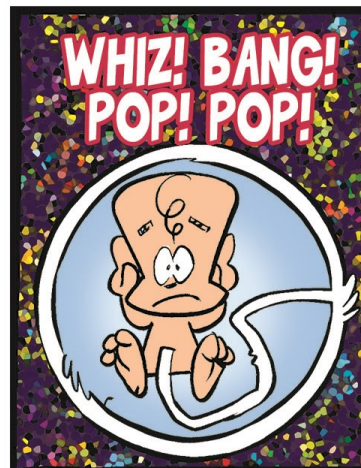
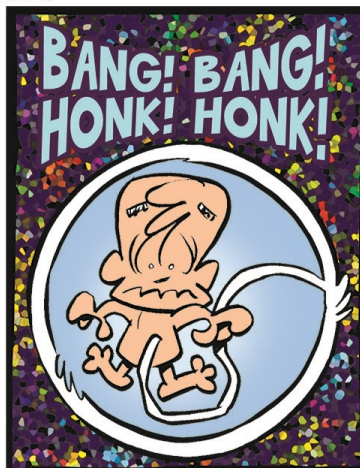
**AVISO AL RESPECTO DE REPORTAR EL
ABUSO SEXUAL DE UN MENOR**

De Edad Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley. Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. De conformidad con la Comunidad de los Servicios de Protección Infantil de Pennsylvania Leyes, informes de sospecha de abuso de niños también debe hacerse inmediatamente por teléfono las 24 horas maltrato infantil hotline (ChildLine) al 1-800-932-0313 o electrónicamente en www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual. Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551).

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The blessing of a home and inscription of the initials of the three Magi above each door can be performed either by a priest or the head of the household. To ask Father Joe to bless your home with the epiphany blessing, please contact Father Joe directly.

BLESSING OF A HOUSE

PRIEST: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Who made heaven and earth.

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit

PRIEST: Let us pray.

Peace to this house, and to all who enter here. Sprinkle me, O Lord, with blessed water, and I shall be purified; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Have mercy on me, O God, in your great mercy. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Blessed be your name, our God, our shelter from all that homelessness and lack of place can mean. Blessed be your name, for you have sheltered us. Bless now this house, this dwelling place of life and love, for you alone assure the peace and strength, the care that covers all our differences. You make these rooms a source of confidence, of dignity and freedom, for the members of our family household, and therefore for our country and the world. Let your Spirit dwell in us and open us to all who need our hospitality and care. Amen.

(SPRINKLE ALL THE ROOMS)

PRIEST: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

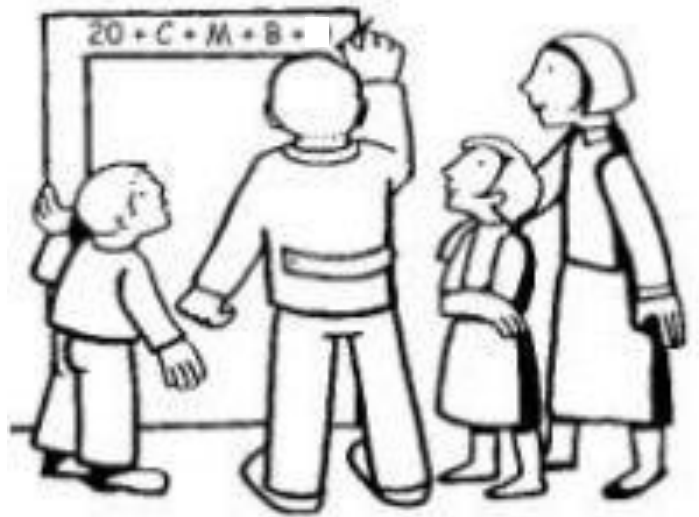
ALL: Amen.

PRIEST: From the East, the Maji have come to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; Opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts; gold to the Great King; frankincense to the true God; and myrrh for

His burial.

(Priest then marks the door with blessed chalk in honor of the Three Kings: Casper, Melchior and Balthasar. Letters are written first, then crosses, then numbers.)

20 † C † M † B † 21



PRIEST: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

ALL: Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

PRIEST: Oh Lord, hear our prayer

ALL: And let our cry come unto you.

PRIEST: The Lord be with you,

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Let us pray.

Oh Lord, God Almighty, bless this home † and under its shelter let there be peace, health, happiness, humility, chastity, goodness, kindness, prosperity, obedience to Your Commandments, and thanksgiving. Protect this house from fire, disaster or anyone who would want to enter it unlawfully. May these blessings descend abundantly on this home, and remain always in the heart of those who dwell here.

ALL: Amen

(CONCLUDING PRAYER)

PRIEST: Come, Lord God, we humbly beg you, and fill this house with the serenity of your love, joy and peace. Shower your benediction and grace in abundance upon all who dwell herein. May the peace and blessing of almighty God rest upon this house and all who dwell in it.

ALL: Amen.