

**THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 24, 2021**



**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.

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.

Confessions

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

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed: 6:00 pm, St. Michael's Church
following 5:30 pm Mass

Benediction at 7:00 pm

First Friday: Adoration after
7 am Mass until 7 pm,
St. Michael's Church

First Fridays

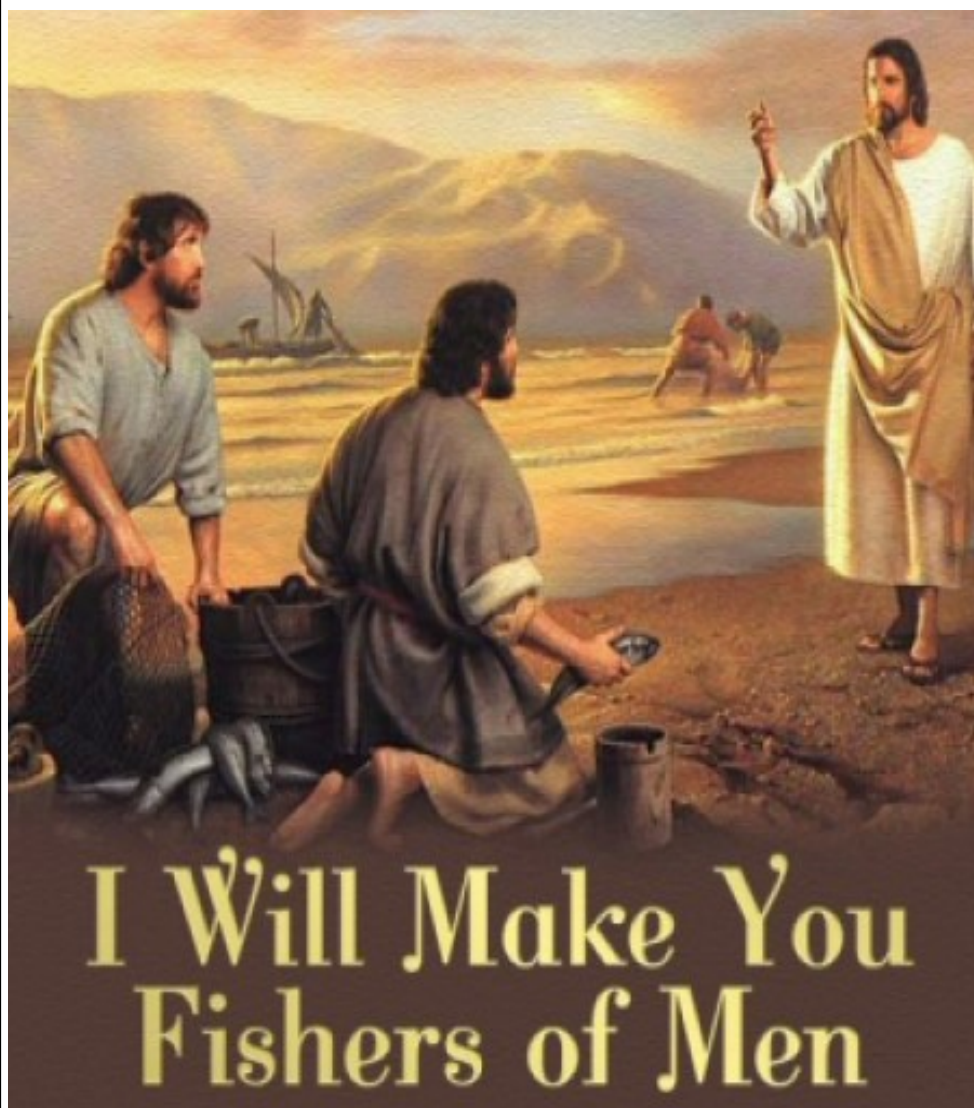
To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know the month before.

C.C.D. (2020/21 - virtual classes)

(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, Sherry Vargson, Donna Wolf, Anna Bradford-youth representative

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 23 Weekday

Vigil - 3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Joann Moore (The Fleury Family)

Sunday, January 24 3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Judy Callahan (The Skipper Family)

9:30 am, Canton † Dr. Clarence Scott (Kathie Lepper)

11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

Monday, Jan 25 CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Tuesday, Jan 26 Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

5:30 pm, Troy † Francis Barry

Wednesday, January 27 Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Carol Asbury (Chick & Leslie Debach)

Thursday, January 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest,

No Mass Doctor of the Church

Friday, January 29 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Elizabeth Grieves (John & Pat Rushin)

Saturday, January 30 Weekday

Vigil - 4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Mimi Fosnocht (Tom & Nan Gergel)

Sunday, January 31 4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Ginny Jones (Dan & Betsy Clark)

9:30 am, Canton † Judy Callahan (Gerald & Joy Brann)

11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week for those suffering after abortion to know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and turn to Him for His mercy and peace;

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 and are extremely grateful for your continuing generous support. Donations of nonperishable food items, paper products, personal hygiene items, or gift cards to local stores are greatly appreciated.



JANUARY 25 - 31 READINGS

Mon - Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1-2

Mk 16:15-18

Tues - 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10

Mk 3:31-35

Wed - Heb 10:11-18 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 4:1-20

Thurs - Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Mk 4:21-25

Fri - Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mk 4:26-34

Sat - Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41

Sun - Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?

We are now in 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 25th at 7 pm in the rectory.



2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To request a statement to use for your tax returns.

- 1) Write "Statement" on the front of your offertory envelope and put it in the collection bag.
 - 2) Call the parish office at: 570-673-5253.
 - 3) Email the parish at: stmichaelparish@frontiernet.net
- Please let Cathy know if she can send your statement by e-mail. *Thank you for your generosity.*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

There will be an important Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Friday, January 29th at 6 pm in St. Michael's Hall. Please make every effort to attend.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

JANUARY 11 - 17, 2021

Weekly Offerings: 2,757.00

Electronic Offerings: 495.00

Other Parish Income: 70.00



Total Parish Income: \$3,322.00

Average weekly expenses: 3,762.36

Difference: (440.36)

Care & Education of Priests: 60.00

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.



POPE QUOTE: "In each act of service, in every work of mercy we perform, God manifests Himself; God sets His gaze upon the world.

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.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

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

As of 01/04/2021 we have reached

98% of our goal, \$11,775.00.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far.

You may have wondered why some women are wearing Chapel Veils at Mass. Below is an excerpted explanation of this practice from www.catholiccompany.com

THE TRADITION BEHIND MANTILLAS/CHAPEL VEILS

Since the early days of Christianity, wearing chapel veils has been a common practice among faithful women. Chapel veils, also commonly called mantillas, which comes from the word manta, meaning cape, are typically circular or triangular shaped pieces of black or white lace that are draped over a woman's head when attending Mass, or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Throughout the centuries, the use of the mantilla by women has had many purposes. The wearing of the Mantilla is an act of veiling a woman's physical beauty, so that the beauty of God may be glorified instead. It is also a way of emulating, Mary, our mother, who is the archetype of purity and humility. Moreover, the mantilla, or chapel veil, signifies the role of women as a life-bearing vessel.

Before the Second Vatican Council, the wearing of chapel veils was required for a woman when attending Mass, as a symbol of her modesty and humility before God. Although ... no longer required, it is still very much supported and encouraged by the Church as a sign of reverence and piety while in the presence of God.

PRO-LIFE EVENTS

Rally for Life: The Bradford County Pennsylvanians for Human Life **Rally for Life** will gather in front of the Bradford County Courthouse at 2:00 PM, Sunday, January 24th for prayer, brief remarks and a hymn, then walk to Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church for non-denominational prayer service. Because of virus concerns there will not be an organized social afterwards.

Stand for Life: Holy Child Parish in Mansfield will be hosting their annual **Stand for Life** on Friday, January 29th, from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Meet in front of Holy Child Church. Signs will be available for you to hold. Contact Laurie Coffee at 570-549-2210 or lauriecoffee@gmail.com with questions. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

9 Days for Life Novena: 9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life prayed from January 21 -29, 2021. More information can be found at:

<https://www.respectlife.org/leaders-resources>

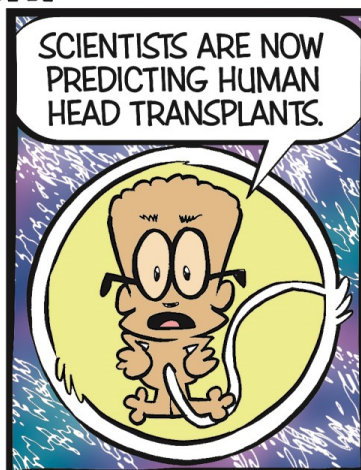
Youth Rally and Mass for Life: The Archdiocese of Washington's Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be virtual and streamed to registrants at no cost. You can register through this link: <https://youthrallyandmassforlife.org/registration/> (Ignore the message "Attendees – Contact your Diocese liaison for registration information" and proceed to 'Register Here')

Life is Very Good Youth Rally: The Diocese of Arlington will be offering a livestreamed Evening of Prayer from the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More on Thursday, January 28 in place of their in-person rallies. The event begins at 7:30 pm and features Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Burbidge, a keynote by Ennie Hickman and music by Steve Angrisano. The event is free and registration is underway. You can find more information here: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/life-is-very-good/>

Visit **Marchforlife.org** for information about the national march in Washington D.C. as well as state and local events, to donate, or to learn more about the organization.

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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