

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 10, 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 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	
Monday, January 11	Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Mimi Fosnocht (Tom & Nan Gergel)	
Tuesday, January 12	Weekday
5:30 pm, Troy - Special Intention (Terri Kelley)	
Wednesday, January 13	Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Isabel Loftus & Dorothy Ferritti	
(Their Families)	
Thursday, January 14	Weekday
No Mass	
Friday, January 15	Christmas Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Thomas J. Karaban	
Saturday, January 16	Weekday
Vigil - 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
4:00 pm, Canton † Richard Carlonas (Cheryl)	
Sunday, January 17	2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo	
9:30 am, Canton † Robert Fleury (The Fleury Family)	
11:15 am, Troy † Dr. George Abraham	
(St. Michael's A & R)	



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week in memory of Robert & Lillian Wolf by Donna Wolf
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



FOOD DRIVE

pandemic. Your donations of non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated.

JANUARY 11 - 17 READINGS

Mon	- Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9 Mk 1:14-20
Tues	- Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 Mk 1:21-28
Wed	- Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Mk 1:29-39
Thurs	- Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11 Mk 1:40-45
Fri	- Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8 Mk 2:1-12
Sat	- Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mk 2:13-17
Sun	- 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

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 11th at 7 pm in the rectory.



SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS DECEMBER 21 - 27, 2020

Weekly Offerings:	2,480.00
Christmas Offerings:	3,384.00
Electronic Offerings:	495.00
Other Parish Income:	161.00
Total Parish Income:	\$6,520.00
Average weekly expenses:	3,762.36
Difference:	2,757.64
Care & Education of Priests:	25.00

DECEMBER 28, 2020 - JANUARY 3, 2021

Weekly Offerings:	1,244.00
Solemnity of Mary Offerings:	285.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,375.00
Other Parish Income:	388.00
Total Parish Income:	\$3,292.00
Average weekly expenses:	3,762.36
Difference:	(470.36)
Care & Education of Priests:	227.00

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.

Are you or a member of your family in need of prayer? E-mail or call the rectory to add a name to the Saint Michael Parish Prayer List.

Cathy can also send email prayer requests to our Prayer Warriors as well as those of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, Towanda, for more immediate prayer.



POPE QUOTE: “Jesus is the eternal Word of God, who has always thought of us and wanted to communicate with us.”

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.

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2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal is \$12,000.00.

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92% of our goal, \$11,065.00.

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RALLY FOR LIFE AND PRO-LIFE MASS (Received via email from the Diocese of Scranton on 12/31/2020)

I’m sure it will come as no surprise that this year’s in-person events surrounding the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision to legalize abortion have been adjusted due to COVID-19. While the March for Life in Washington DC will still be held on Friday, January 29, 2021, it is understandable that some may feel it best to observe the day in a virtual fashion. Please consider the resources below when planning ways to observe the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children in your parish communities.

Diocesan Events: Bishop Bambera will be celebrating a Mass for Life at 12:10 pm on Friday, January 22 for the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. This Mass will be broadcasted live on CTV and can also be found on Diocesan Social Media. Please feel free to pass the word along to your students and their families. While the Mass is live in the middle of the traditional school day, you may consider watching the Mass after it’s live broadcast as a watch party.

A Rosary for Life featuring parishioners from across the diocese will also be made available for your use in mid-January. When this becomes available, I will be sure to send you the recording via email.

9 Days for Life Novena: 9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life prayed from January 21 -29, 2021. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Resources for leaders are available through the link below,



including novena printables, graphics, sample announcements, and more.

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

Youth Rally and Mass for Life: A number of parishes and diocesan schools make the Archdiocese of Washington’s Youth Rally and Mass for Life a part of their March for Life Pilgrimage, however this year’s events will be virtual and streamed to registrants at no cost. You can find a link to 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 St. 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 Annie Hickman and music by Steve Angrisano. The event is free and registration will open in early January. You can find more information here: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/life-is-very-good/>

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions!

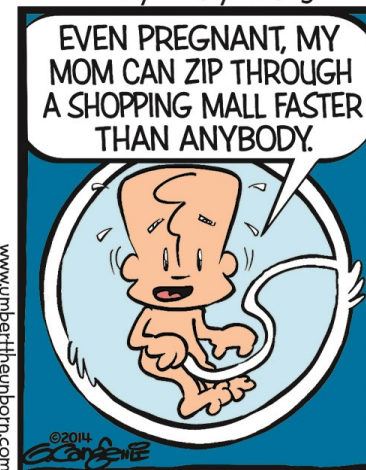
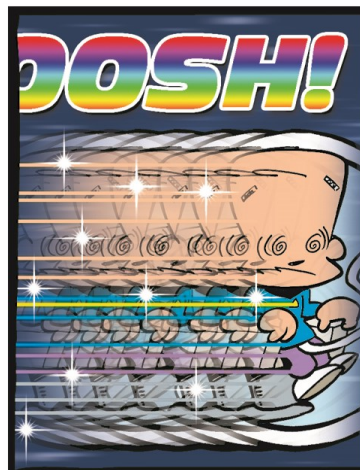
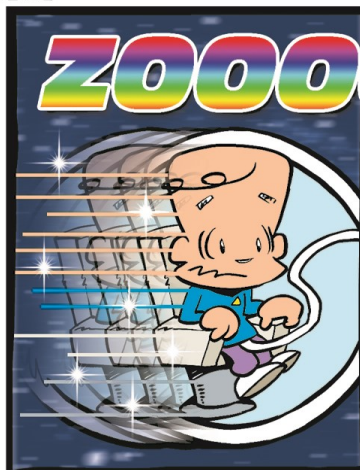
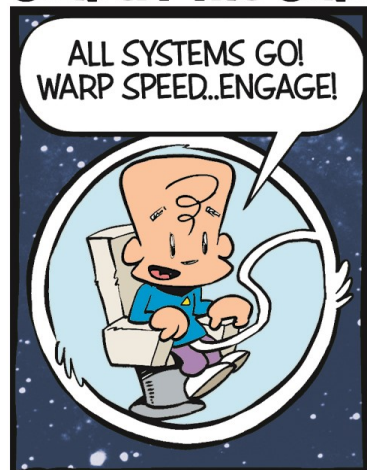
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Shannon Kowalski

Diocese of Scranton - Office for Parish Life
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Umbert the Unborn


by Gary Cangemi





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