

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 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.

Confessions

Sat: 3:15 - 3:45 pm St. Michael
(also available by appointment)

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.

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, February 20 Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Vigil - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
4:00 pm, Canton † Lefty & Barbara Shanley
(Walburga Koval & Children)

Sunday, February 21 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † Judy Callahan
(Alden & Rosemary Fitzwater)
11:15 am, Troy † Russell Watkins (Chris & Chrissi Stanton)

Monday, Feb 22 The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Tuesday, February 23 Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm, Troy † Richard Carlonas (Shirley Grantier)

Wednesday, February 24 Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Holy Souls in Purgatory (Susan Schiess)
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, February 25 Lenten Weekday
No Mass

Friday, February 26 Lenten Weekday
7:00 am Rectory † Skip Cole (Jeff & Beth Cole)

Saturday, February 27 Lenten Weekday
Vigil - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
4:00 pm, Canton † Mimi Fosnocht (Tom & Nan Gergel)

Sunday, February 28 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 am, Ralston † Ginny Jones (Donna Wolf)
9:30 am, Canton † Pro Populo
11:15 am, Troy † Peggy Young (Terri Kelley)



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week for the repose of the soul of Tom Blaszczyk and for consolation for his family and friends

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

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.**

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 8 - 14, 2021

Weekly Offerings:	2,239.00
Electronic Offerings:	495.00
Other Parish Income:	218.50
Total Parish Income:	\$2,952.50
Average weekly expenses:	3,762.36
Difference:	(809.86)
Church in Central & Eastern Europe:	114.00
Care & Education of Priests:	45.00

Thank you for your continued support.



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. This phase 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, February 22nd at 7 pm in the rectory.

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

FEBRUARY 22- 28, 2021 READINGS

Mon - 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19
Tues - Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15
Wed - Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32
Thurs - Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8
 Mt 7:7-12
Fri - Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
Sat - Dy 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48
Sun - Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15-19
 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL PIEROGIE SALE

Orders will be taken through March 8th. Order forms are in all three churches and on the parish website! Pickup dates and times are on the website and the order form. To volunteer for this project, call Diane Jones at (570) 364-5614 or Sharon Mulno at (570) 673-5857. To donate money toward the ingredients and other supplies, contact Dot Hopkins at (570) 673-4013.



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.





POPE QUOTE: "Let us to allow Jesus to heal us – we always need this, everyone – so that we might in our turn be witnesses to God's healing tenderness."

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION:

FEBRUARY: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Lent Is...

Lent is a time of preparing,
A time for forgiveness and a time for sharing;
A time to give to others and show some caring,
Lent is a direction with just the right bearing.
A forty day period of penitence and fasting,
That should remain in our hearts for a time everlasting.
Although it's observed from Ash Wednesday to Easter
by many churches,
It should affect everyone's life, for we're all searchers;
Looking for a purpose in life, a new direction;
And Lent is a way filled with affection,
For it paved the way for Christ's resurrection.
Lent is a time for feeling sorrow for our misdeeds.
It provides us with a way of fulfilling our needs;
The need to abstain from what is wrong,
And follow in the footsteps of Christ all along.

Author: Father Joe Kutch (1981)

If you have not yet submitted your Altar & Rosary Society Dues / Madonna Plan envelope, please turn it in at your earliest convenience.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

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

As of 02/10/2021 we have reached

107% of our goal, \$12,815.00!

Remember, 75% of everything above our goal is returned to the parish. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far.

SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish we collected \$114.00 to help restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the Collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/cee.

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2021

WEEKDAYS OF LENT: There is no obligation to fast.

However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY: These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE: (All Fridays in Lent) All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION: After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation remains suspended.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU.

There will not be any Deanery Penance Services during Lent this year. Father Joe will be available for Confessions in Saint Michael's Church on Mondays in Lent from

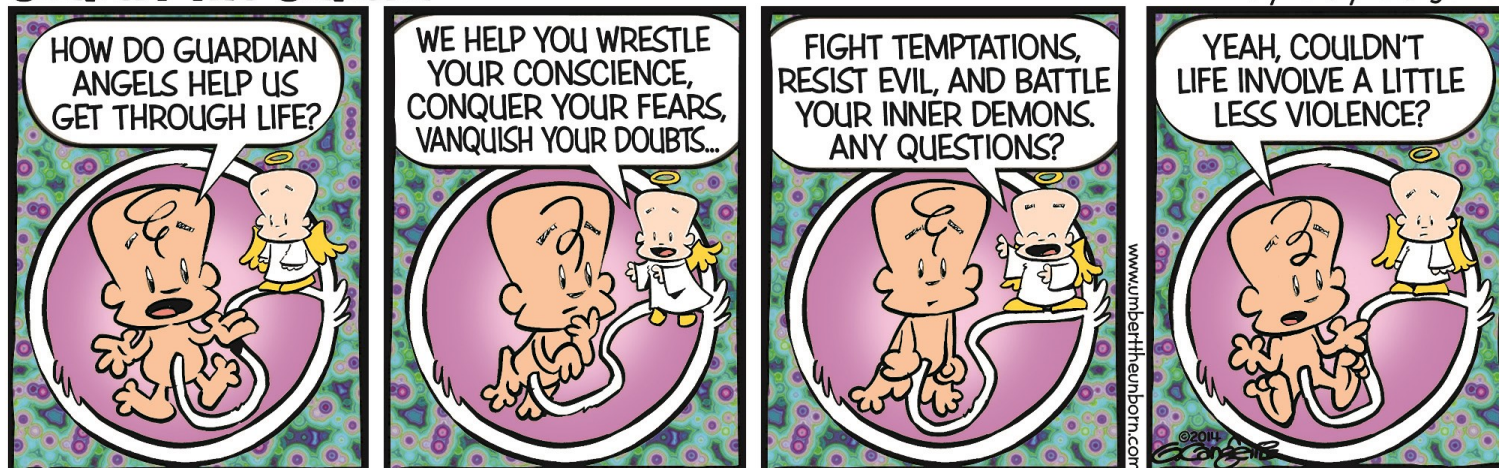
February 22nd through March 22nd, 5:30 - 7:00 pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father also hears Confessions in St. Michael's Church on Saturdays from 3:15 - 3:45 and by appointment in any of our three beautiful churches or in the Rectory chapel.



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