

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 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

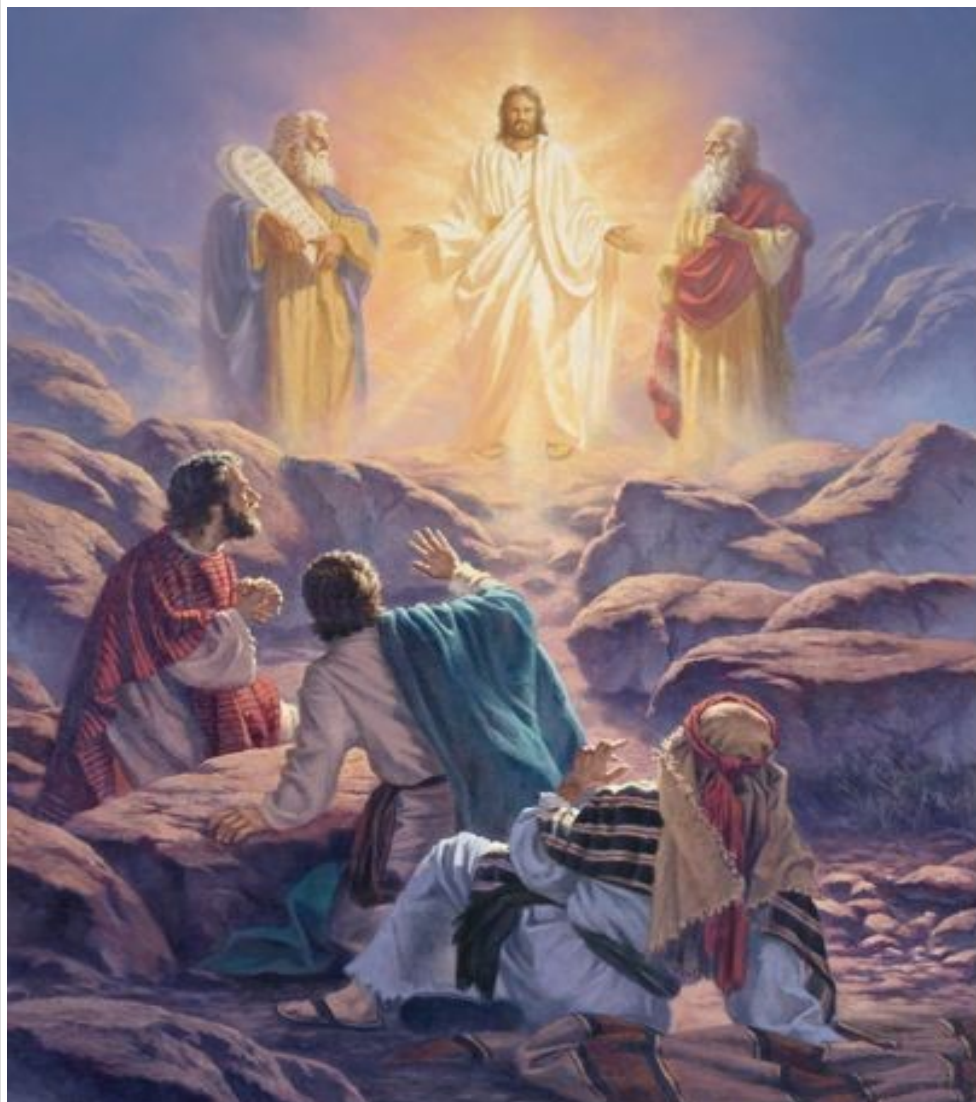
To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know the month before.

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

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| Saturday, February 27 | Lenten Weekday |
| 10:00 am, Canton - First Reconciliation | |
| 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) | |
| Monday, March 1 | Lenten Weekday |
| 7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Asbury (Joe & Joanne Kropf) | |
| Tuesday, March 2 | Lenten Weekday |
| 5:30 pm, Troy † Barbara Morris (Shirley Grantier) | |
| 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross | |
| Wednesday, March 3 | Lenten Weekday |
| 5:30 pm, Canton - For the intentions of Father Bryan Wright (Joe & Mary Myers) | |
| 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross | |
| Thursday, March 4 | Lenten Weekday |
| No Mass | |
| Friday, March 5 - First Friday | Lenten Weekday |
| 7:00 am Canton † Russell Watkins | |
| (Chris & Chrissi Stanton) | |
| Saturday, March 6 | Lenten Weekday |
| Vigil - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | |
| 4:00 pm, Canton † Judy Callahan | |
| (Walburga Koval & Children) | |
| Sunday, March 7 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT |
| 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo | |
| 9:30 am, Canton † Judy Callahan (Roberta Arnold) | |
| 11:15 am, Troy † Barbara & Lefty Shanley | |
| (Shirley Grantier) | |



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week in memory of Ginny Jones by Donna Wolf
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.**

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.



FOOD DRIVE

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?

We have entered into the period of purification and enlightenment which leads to the celebration of the Easter Sacraments. The next session will be on Monday, March 1st at 7 pm in the rectory.



Congratulations to Greg Giess for completing the *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion* on Saturday, February 20th in St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, and thank you to his sponsor, Anastasia, and the RCIA team.

MARCH 1 - 7, 2021 READINGS

Mon - Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6:36-38
Tues - Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23
Mt 23:1-12
Wed - Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28
Thurs - Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31
Fri - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun - Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8-11
1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25 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.



DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 02/10/2021 we have reached **107%** of our 12,000.00 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.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 15 - 21, 2021

Weekly Offerings: 1,626.00
Electronic Offerings: 495.00
Other Parish Income: 107.50



Total Parish Income: \$2,228.50
Average weekly expenses: 3,762.36
Difference: (1,533.86)

Church in Central & Eastern Europe: 10.00
Care & Education of Priests: 70.00

Thank you for your continued support.



POPE QUOTE: “During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the “living water” of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ.”

POPE FRANCIS’S PRAYER INTENTION:

MARCH: CATHOLICS IN CHINA: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings after the 5:30 pm Daily Masses for Stations of the Cross.

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross, Via Crucis, and Via Dolorosa (Latin for Way of Sorrows), is a devotion that reflects on Jesus’ final days on Earth—from being condemned to death to dying on the cross and being placed in the tomb. The Stations of the Cross consist of a series of 14 artistic renderings that typically line the interior walls of every Catholic Church. These illustrations capture key moments during Jesus’ journey to His death on Good Friday. It’s often said that you must walk a mile in someone’s shoes to understand what they are going through. The goal of this devotion is to “walk” in Jesus’ shoes by praying and meditating on each of the events (stations) that Jesus experienced. (<https://www.catholicfaithstore.com/daily-bread/what-are-the-stations-of-the-cross/>)

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2021

WEEKDAYS OF LENT: There is no obligation to fast.

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.

*Thank you to all who sent cards
for our 65th anniversary.*

George & Theresa Kingsley

FIRST PENANCE

Congratulations to

Laurel Pepper and Trinity Roupp

for making their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 27th. Please pray for them as they prepare for First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 16th.

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.

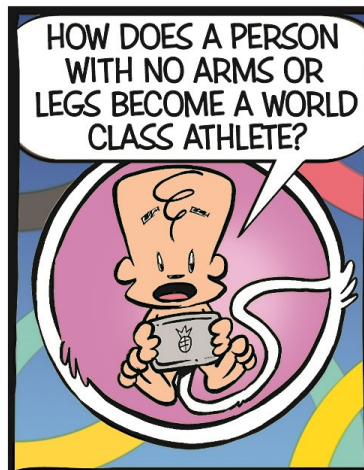
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father 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.



Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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