

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 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

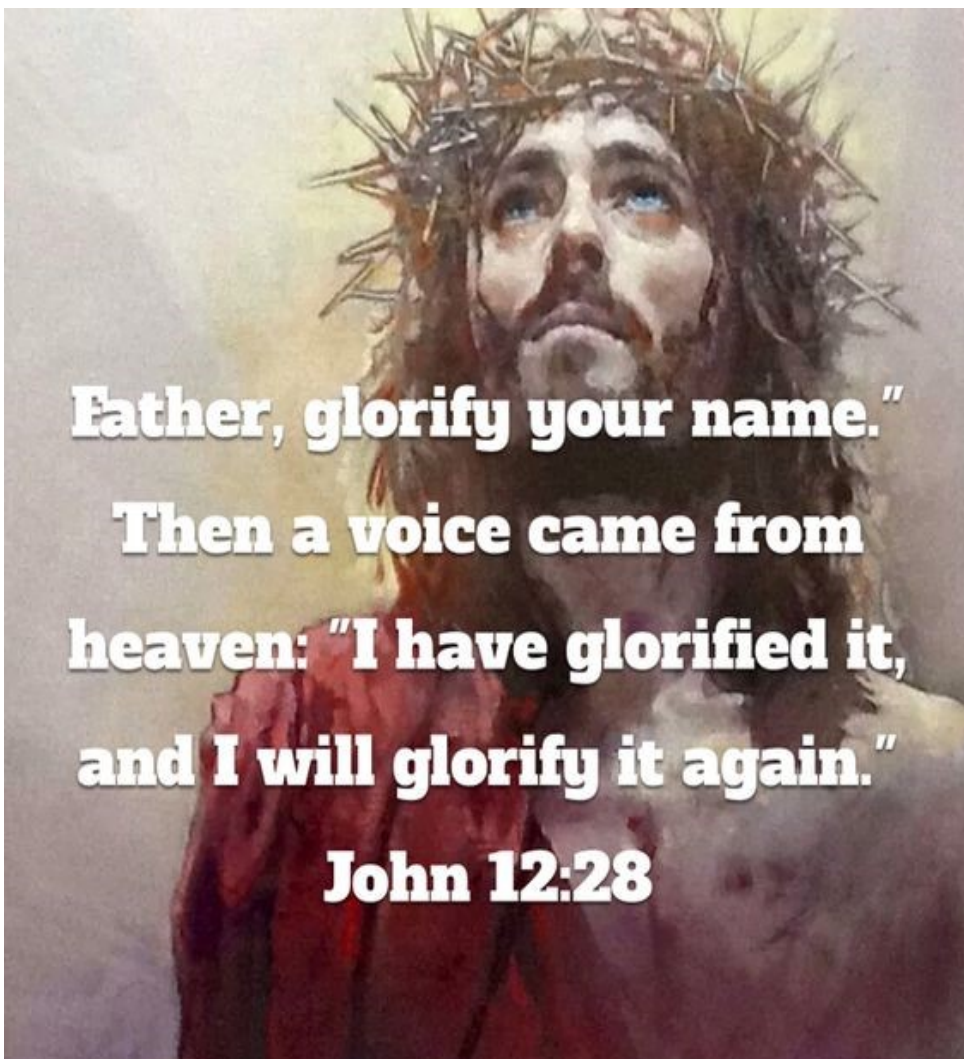
To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know the month before.

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

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| Saturday, March 20 | Lenten Weekday |
| Vigil - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | |
| 4:00 pm, Canton † Michael Neff (Bob & Diane Jones) | |
| Sunday, March 21 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT |
| 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo | |
| 9:30 am, Canton † Carol Asbury | (Alden & Rosemary Fitzwater) |
| 11:15 am, Troy † Steve & Audrey O'Kula | (Shirley Grantier) |
| Monday, March 22 | Lenten Weekday |
| 7:00 am, Rectory † Richard Ross | (Jim & Michelle Ross & Family) |
| Tuesday, March 23 | Lenten Weekday |
| 5:30 pm, Troy † Holy Souls in Purgatory | (The Rushin Family) |
| 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross | |
| Wednesday, March 24 | Lenten Weekday |
| 5:30 pm, Canton † Theodore Schmelzle | (St. Michael's A&R) |
| 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross | |
| Thursday, March 25 | THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD |
| No Mass | |
| Friday, March 26 | Lenten Weekday |
| 7:00 am, Rectory † Geraldine Spencer | (Jeff & Beth Cole & Bonnie Spencer) |
| 6:00 pm, Ralston - Stations of the Cross | |
| Saturday, March 27 | Lenten Weekday |
| Vigil - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD | |
| 4:00 pm, Canton † Mimi Fosnocht (Tom & Nan Gergel) | |
| Sunday, March 28 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD |
| 8:00 am, Ralston † Lillian Wolf & Christian (Donna Wolf) | |
| 9:30 am, Canton † Ken Riordan (Mike & Jean Herman) | |
| 11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo | |



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week for the repose of the soul of Bonnie Spencer and for consolation for her family and friends.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 03/08/2021 we have reached **111%** of our 12,000.00 goal, \$13,335.00! Remember, 75% of everything above our goal is returned to the parish. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far.

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.



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. Please continue to pray for Greg Giess as he continues preparations to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation during the Easter Vigil. The next session will be on Monday, March 22nd at 7 pm in the rectory.



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.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Allura Booker, Betty Brown, Carol Davis, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Becky Evans, Douglas Greene, Melissa Gowan, Susan Hagemayerr, Robert Dale Hostetter, Karleigh Jones, Wanda Jones, Chris Kopaczewski, Ben Kopetan, Sherry Lambert, Creighton MacGill, Patti Madigan-Pessoni, Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, Marie Miele, Bernadette Moore, 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

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 MARCH 9 - 15, 2021

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| Weekly Offerings: | 2,260.00 |
| Electronic Offerings: | 495.00 |
| Other Parish Income: | 254.50 |



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| Total Parish Income: | \$3,009.50 |
| Average weekly expenses: | 3,762.36 |
| Difference: | (752.86) |

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| Catholic Relief Services | 113.00 |
| Care & Education of Priests: | 91.00 |

Thank you for your continued support.



POPE QUOTE: "To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer ... because of the Covid-19 pandemic."

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.

MARCH 22 - 28, 2021 READINGS

Mon - Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-6
Jn 8:1-11
Tues - Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 Jn 8:21-30
Wed - Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56
Jn 8:31-42
Thurs - Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38
Fri - Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42
Sat - Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56
Sun - Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, MARCH 28TH

Regular Sunday Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST

7:00 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Canton

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND

12:00 Noon, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Canton

7:00 pm, Stations of the Cross, Canton

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD

12:00 Noon, Blessing of Easter Baskets, Troy

1:00 pm, Blessing of Easter Baskets, Canton

8:00 pm, Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, Canton

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH

Regular Sunday Schedule

Attention Lectors!: If you are able to read at any of these liturgies, please contact the parish office.

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.

**SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
ANNUAL PIEROGIE SALE WAS A BIG SUCCESS!**

Thank you to all who donated money and supplies and all those who worked in the kitchen. The Lord gave us an abundance of Grace to make 3600 pierogies (300 dozen!) for all the orders flowing in. Praise the Lord for all He has done for us! God Bless you all! Diane Jones.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN SAINT ALOYSIUS CHURCH!

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in Saint Aloysius Church in Ralston on Friday, March 26th at 6:00 pm. We will be using the Saint Alphonsus Liguori stations. Booklets will be available, but if you have your own copy, feel free to bring it with you.

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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