

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD  
MARCH 28, 2021**



**ST. MICHAEL  
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(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**

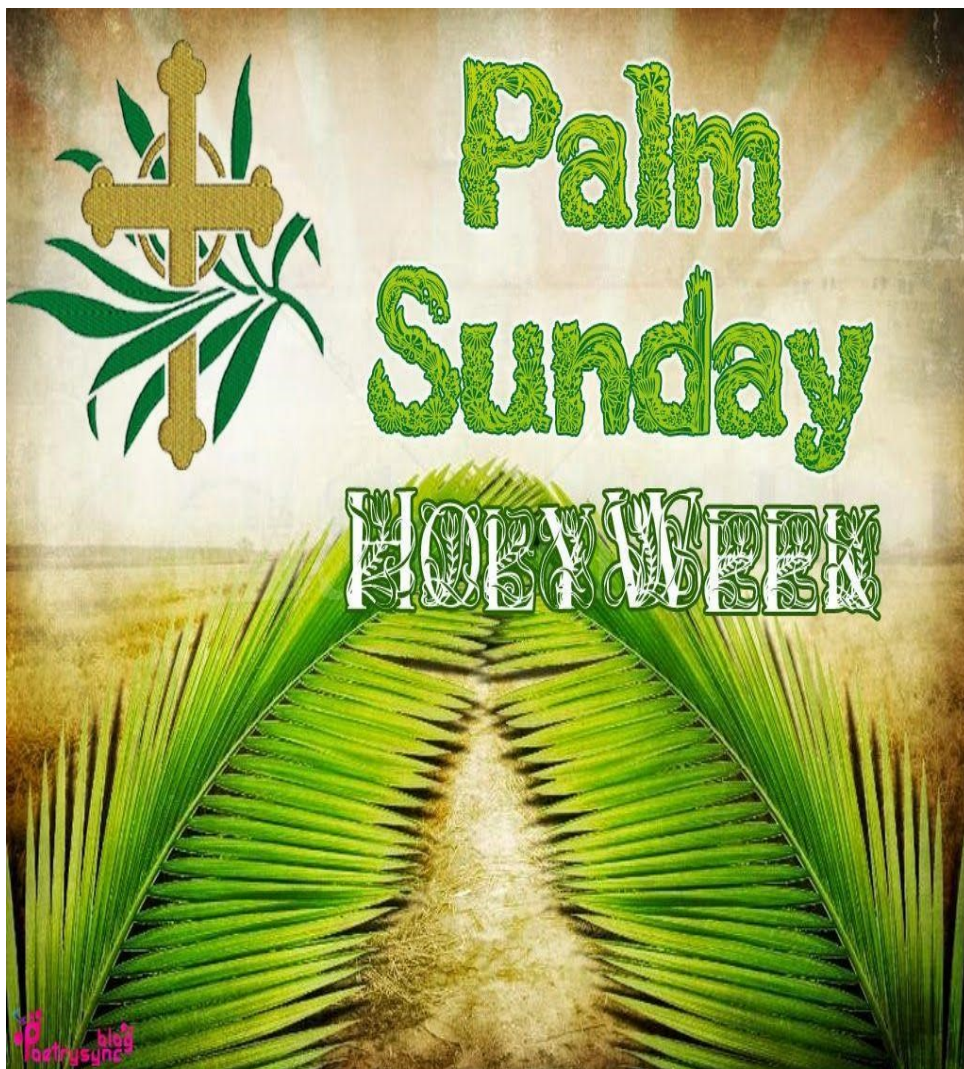
To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know the month before.

**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

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Saturday, March 27</b>   | Lenten Weekday                                |
| Vigil - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  |   |
| 4:00 pm, Canton † Mimi Fosnocht (Tom & Nan Gergel)  |   |
| <b>Sunday, March 28</b>   | 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   |   |
| <b>Monday, March 29</b>   | Monday of Holy Week                           |
| 7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)  |   |
| <b>Tuesday, March 30</b>  | Tuesday of Holy Week                          |
| No Mass   |   |
| <b>Wednesday, March 31</b>  | Wednesday of Holy Week                        |
| No Mass   |   |
| <b>Thursday, April 1</b>  | HOLY THURSDAY                                 |
| 7:00 pm, Canton – For the Special Intentions of Tony Asbury as he nears his 16th birthday |   |
| <b>Friday, April 2</b>  | GOOD FRIDAY                                   |
| 12:00 pm, Canton, Celebration of the Lord's Passion                                       |   |
| 7:00 pm, Canton, Stations of the Cross  |   |
| <b>Saturday, April 3</b>  | HOLY SATURDAY                                 |
| Vigil - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD                                     |   |
| 8:00 pm, Canton † Easter Mass Intentions  |   |
| <b>Sunday, April 4</b>  | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD |
| 8:00 am, Ralston † Easter Mass Intentions   |   |
| 9:30 am, Canton † Pro Populo  |   |
| 11:15 am, Troy † Easter Mass Intentions   |   |



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week for all mothers facing difficult pregnancies to be lovingly accompanied as they prepare to encounter Christ anew through the gift of their children.

### PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

### 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 last session will be on Monday, March 29th at 7 pm in St. Michael Church.



### 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

*(Good Friday is a day 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.)*

### 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

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The parish is switching our offertory envelope supplier to Our Sunday Visitor (OSV). OSV offers improved service and flexibility at a lower price. There will be one more mailing from the current supplier before the switch happens. The mailing for the July & August envelopes will come from OSV. If you would like any changes to your name or address, write them on your current envelope.

### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

**MARCH 16 - 21, 2021**

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Weekly Offerings:     | 1,704.00 |
| Electronic Offerings: | 495.00   |
| Other Parish Income:  | 319.00   |



|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Total Parish Income:     | \$2,518.00 |
| Average weekly expenses: | 3,762.36   |
| Difference:              | (1,244.36) |

Care & Education of Priests: 10.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*

Contact the parish office to request a statement to use for your 2020 tax returns.





**POPE QUOTE:** “Each day that begins, if welcomed in prayer, is accompanied by courage, so that the problems we have to face no longer seem to be obstacles to our happiness, but rather appeals from God, opportunities for our encounter with him.”

#### POPE FRANCIS’S PRAYER INTENTION:

**APRIL: FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS :** We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

### THE TRIDUUM

#### THE JOURNEY OF OUR REDEMPTION

The Paschal Triduum (TRID-oo-um), Latin for “three days,” commemorates Christ’s redemptive journey through death, burial and resurrection to new life. The Church observes the Triduum as a single event made up of three distinct parts:

#### HOLY THURSDAY

The first day of the Triduum is filled with the action of Christ’s self-gift. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper on the evening of **Holy Thursday** commemorates Christ’s command that we “love one another.” Symbolized in the washing of the feet, the great commission of Christ is made concrete in the Eucharist as well as in Jesus’ crucifixion on Calvary. The liturgy ends with a procession as consecrated hosts are set aside for Holy Communion on Good Friday.

#### GOOD FRIDAY

Although no Mass is celebrated on Good Friday, the liturgical celebration concentrates on the reading of the passion story from John’s Gospel, the veneration of the cross by the assembly, and the reception of Holy Communion from the hosts that were consecrated on Holy Thursday.

#### EASTER VIGIL

Today is filled with the silence of the tomb as the faithful deepen their understanding of the meaning of Jesus’ death and prepare for the Easter Vigil in the evening which officially begins the Easter celebration. **The Easter Vigil** is the high point of the liturgical year. The

#### MARCH 29 - APRIL 4, 2021 READINGS

**Mon** - Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

**Tues** - Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6b, 15, 17

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wed** - Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34

Mt 26:14-25

**Thurs** - Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18

1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

**Fri** - Is 52:13—53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42

**Sat** - Gn 1:1—2:2 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35

Ex 14:15—15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Pss 42:3, 5; 43:3-4

Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Mark 16:1-7

**Sun** - Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9

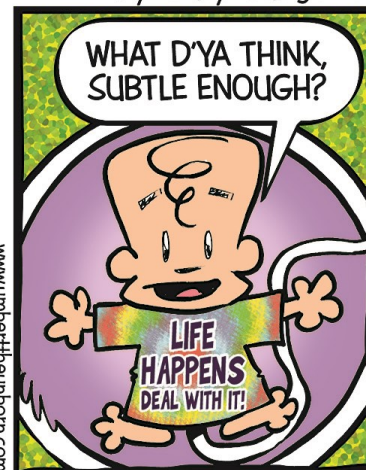
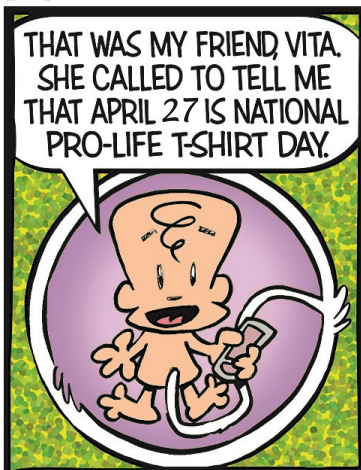
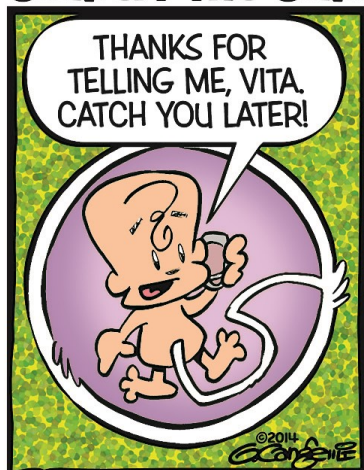
#### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Allura Booker, Tom Ambruch, 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, Lanny Lutz, 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

drama of the lighting of the new fire, the blessing of the Paschal candle and the Easter proclamation in the candlelit church set the stage for the recounting of the story of salvation in the Scripture readings. “Alleluia” once again greets the Gospel, and following the homily, we celebrate baptism and the renewal of our baptismal promises. The Paschal Triduum officially concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday, but the wonder of the Easter Season extends for a full 50 days.

## Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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