

APRIL 25, 2021



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 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

I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd gives His
life for the sheep.

~ John 10:11 ~



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, April 24	Easter Weekday
Vigil - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo	
Sunday, April 25	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00 am, Ralston † Jack Callahan	
(Shawn and Bridget Callahan)	
9:30 am, Canton † Michael Neff (Bob & Diane Jones)	
11:15 am, Troy † Josephine Szczech (Leona, Tim & Barb)	
Monday, April 26	Easter Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)	
Tuesday, April 27	Easter Weekday
5:30 pm, Troy † Mary Eleanor McMahon	
Wednesday, April 28	Easter Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Bonnie Spencer (Leslie & Chick Debach)	
6:00 pm, Canton - Holy Hour	
Thursday, April 29	Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
No Mass	
Friday, April 30	Easter Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Judy Callahan	
(The Mathew & Laura Brann Family)	
Saturday, May 1	Easter Weekday
Vigil - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo	
Sunday, May 2	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00 am, Ralston † Judy Callahan	
(Shawn and Bridget Callahan)	
9:30 am, Canton † Tom Blaszczyk (Mom Mary & Family)	
11:15 am, Troy † Anna Capaldi (Jayne Cleveland)	



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week for elected officials to work to protect human life from conception to natural death.

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

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 Hagemayer, Robert Dale Hostetter, Karleigh Jones, Wanda Jones, Chris Kopaczewski, Ben Kopetan, Sherry Lambert, Ralph Lepper, Lanny Lutz, Creighton MacGill, Patti Madigan-Pessoni, Richard Margeson, Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, Marie Miele, Bernadette Moore, Cathy Ostaszewski, Debbie Pawlak, Pauline Pazzaglia, Ronald Rudnicki, Jody Schefsky, Mike Slocum, Andrea Smith, Sadie Smith, 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.

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

The following article is a reflection from the newest member of our parish family, Greg Geis, who was fully received into the Catholic Church at this year's Easter Vigil:

After the Easter Vigil Mass I look back at how I felt in the moment of Confirmation and participating in the Eucharist for the first time, and I find myself astonished. I had so much tension and my nerves were getting the best of me leading into the Mass, but as soon as I was Confirmed a weight was lifted off of me. I felt clarity at that moment and it was a joyous occasion.

I also participated in the renewal of Baptismal Promises and this was a great moment as well. As the entire congregation was renewing their promises, I felt like I was one with the church community. It was a great feeling.

Greg E. Geis

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

SENIOR MASS AND BREAKFAST
Planning is underway for the Senior Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, June 6th in Saint Michael Church. We're looking for parishioners who will be graduating from either high school or college in 2021. Please contact the parish office with their name and contact information.



OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee is accepting nominations for officers for the two year term (2021-2022). We regret to announce that Dorothy Hopkins is retiring after 8 years of service as Treasurer. If you would like to be nominated or would like to nominate someone else, please call Rosemary Fitzwater at 673-5877 or Sharon Mulno at 673-5857 within the next several weeks.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The parish is switching our offertory envelope supplier to Our Sunday Visitor (OSV). 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 APRIL 12 - 18, 2021

Weekly Offerings:	1,346.00
Electronic Offerings:	495.00
Other Parish Income:	80.50



Total Parish Income: \$1,921.50

Average weekly expenses: 3,762.36

Difference: (1,840.86)

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: 8.00

Thank you for your continued support.

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



POPE QUOTE: "Easter is the most important feast of our faith because it is the feast of our salvation, the feast of God's love for us"

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.



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

The Knights of Columbus has resumed meeting in person! Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:15 pm in St. Michael's hall. If your schedule allows, consider coming early to spend a few minutes in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Hour follows the 5:30 pm daily Mass and ends at 7:00 pm.

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.



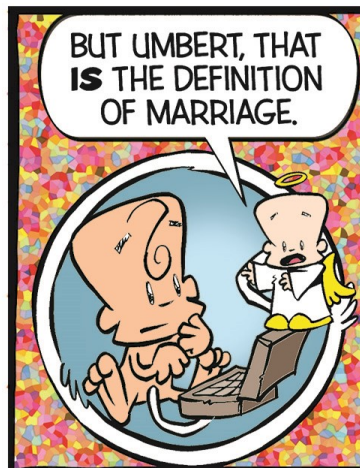
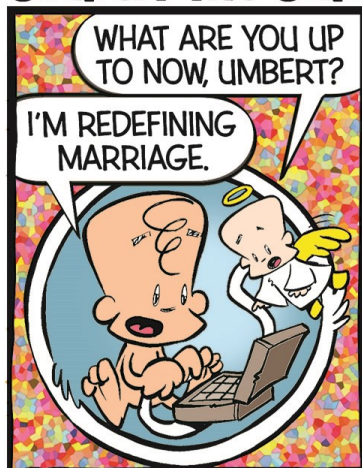
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Umbert the Unborn



by Gary Cangemi

APRIL 19 - 25, 2021 READINGS

Mon - Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30

Jn 6:22-29

Tues - Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab

Jn 6:30-35

Wed - Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40

Thurs - Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

Fri - Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

Sat - Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

Sun - Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

LOSS OF A SPOUSE SEMINAR

Sponsored by
Northstreet Church
177 North Street
Canton, PA 17724



Sunday, May 2nd, 2 - 4 pm

This is not the 13 week GriefShare Program. It is one session offered especially for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse.

For more information call 570-250-9657.



Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2021 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 6 at the Cathedral of St. Peter. The Mass will begin at 2:30, and attendance will require advance reservation.

To register for the celebration, go to:

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/wedding-anniversary-mass-june-6-2021/>

For questions or concerns, or if there are issues registering online, please reach out to Jen Housel, Director for Community and Family Development.

(jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, 570-207-2213 x 1104)



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Looking for new members.
See Dates to Remember for
next meeting date,
time & location.



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