

MAY 30, 2021



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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,
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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, May 29	Easter Weekday
Vigil - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo	
Sunday, May 30	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
8:00 am, Ralston † Dave Lechniak (Cathy Asbury)	
9:30 am, Canton † Tom Blaszczyk (Mom Mary & Family)	
11:15 am, Troy † Don Wilber (Leona, Tim & Barb)	
Monday, May 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)	
Tuesday, June 1	Saint Justin, Martyr
5:30 pm, Troy † Don Wilber (Beth & Gary Taylor)	
Wednesday, June 2	Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Bonnie Spencer	(Kathie Lepper & Jeannette May)
6:00 pm, Holy Hour	
Thursday, June 3	Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
No Mass	
Friday, June 4 (First Friday)	Weekday
7:00 am, Canton † Bill & Bonnie Spencer	(Jeff & Beth Cole)
Saturday, June 5	Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Vigil - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	
4:00 pm, Canton † Marcel Schiess (Susan Schiess)	
Sunday, May 30	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
8:00 am, Ralston † Judy Callahan	(Shawn & Bridget Callahan)
9:30 am, Canton † Gene & Mary McMahon	(Jean & Mike Herman)
11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo	



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week in loving memory of Don Wilber by Leona, Tim & Barb.

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 Hagemayerr, 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, Elias Vroman, Wanda Wennerholt, Steven Wilber, Anthony Wolf, Donna Wolf, Nicholas Wolf, Barb Yanak

Contact the parish office to add a name to the prayer list.

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS

In addition to the Father's Day intention envelopes that are in your church envelope offertory packets, Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards are at the entrances of all three churches. If you choose to use these cards, simply fill out the envelope and check the appropriate box for living or deceased father, place your donation in the envelope, seal it and drop it in the collection basket. There is another envelope which contains a beautiful Father's Day card for you to give to your father, grandfather, or great grandfather. Just take that card out of the intention envelope and bring the sealed intention envelope, with the information filled out on the front of the envelope, back to the church on or before Father's Day.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Saint Michael Parish celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation** last Sunday, May 23rd, at the 9:30 am Mass.

Congratulations to:

Michael William *Hubert* Beers
Isabel Julia *Gemma* Schoonover
Levi Ray *Thomas* Seymour
Marlee Elizabeth *Rita* Stanton



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

JOINT DINNER MEETING

All women of the parish are invited to the annual Joint Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, June 15th at 6:30 pm in Troy Vet's Club, 183 Veterans Drive, Troy PA. Reservation are due by June 7th and can be made by signing up in the back of Saint Michael's Church or by calling Sharon Mulno at 570-673-5857 or Diane Jones at 570-364-5614. Menu choices are Chicken Cordon Bleu or Open Face Roast Beef Sandwich. Both meals include a double-baked potato, green beans, dessert and a drink. The \$18 cost will be collected at the dinner.

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.



SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS MAY 17 - 23, 2021

Weekly Offerings:	2,285.00
Electronic Offerings:	495.00
Other Parish Income:	<u>78.50</u>



Total Parish Income:	\$2,858.50
Average weekly expenses:	<u>3,762.36</u>
Difference:	(903.86)

Catholic Communications Campaign:	31.00
Rice Bowl:	10.25

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June 2021

St. Michael Parish

One Minute Meditations

Baptismal bargain

When we are baptized, God forms an unbreakable covenant with us promising His unconditional love. *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:38-39). Our part of the bargain is to obey him and love Him, and put Him first in our lives. At Baptism, we are marked as God's child for life. That won't change.

A perspective check

"Do not lose your inward peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset."

St. Francis de Sales

Adoration

"The acknowledgment of God as God, Creator and Savior, the Lord and Master of everything that exists ... The first commandment of the law obliges us to adore God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church).



Make a difference to your parish

The Catholic parish is a place of wonder and awe. It is in the arms of our parish that we experience God's love, and share it with others. Each parishioner is important to a parish, especially now. Consider these ideas to make a difference to yours:

Take your place. As pandemic restrictions ease around the country, you can once again take a seat at your parish table. You take it when you attend weekend Mass, seek peace from Sacraments such as the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, and participate in parish ministries.

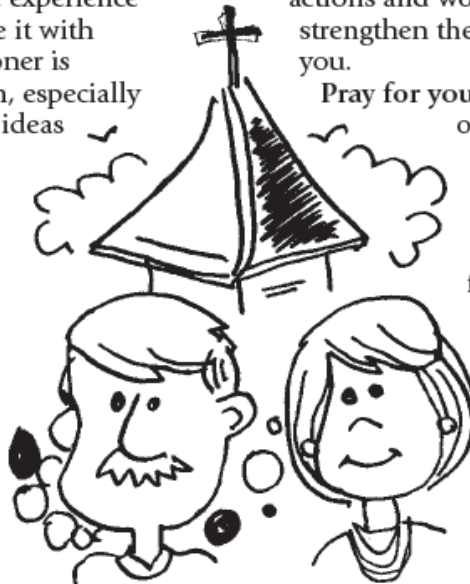
Boost the faith of others. Even the strongest Catholics can sometimes falter

in their faith. Look for opportunities to share Gospel values through your actions and words and you will strengthen the faith of those around you.

Pray for your parish. This is one of the most important contributions you can make. Join parish intentions to your own in daily prayer. Pray for parish ministries. Offer prayers for your priests and parish staff.

Build it, serve it, or pay for it. When there is a need in the parish, don't wait for an invitation. Your parish family depends upon your efforts.

Help it grow. Invite friends, coworkers, or neighbors to join you in worship. Your parish might be the spiritual home they've been searching for.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

The white collar or "Roman collar," dates back to the 15th century when priests placed linen or cotton collars over their outer clothing to be easily distinguished. This evolved into the collar we see on most priests today when wearing their black "clerics."

Why do priests wear a white collar?



According to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), "Outside liturgical functions, a black suit and

Roman collar are the usual attire for priests." When wearing a white collar, it means he's "on duty" to give blessings, offer counsel, and administer Sacraments.

Savor a saintly summer

The slower pace of summer offers opportunities to nurture faith in creative ways not feasible in hectic times. Consider these ideas:

Visit a shrine. Holy places where relics are preserved, an apparition has taken place, or one that encourages a particular belief or devotion offer opportunities for prayer and pilgrimage. Look for directories of shrines in the U.S., including www.catholicshrines.net or from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) <http://ow.ly/OYvJ30bAayl>.

Attend daily Mass. Meeting God in the

Eucharist begins a summer day with grace. Daily Mass is a full Catholic immersion in Christ, in the Sacraments, and the saints, all at once.

Gather with other Catholics. As we emerge from pandemic conditions, spending time with other Catholic friends can provide a community of faith-filled companions.

Attend Mass together, socialize together, brainstorm Gospel-centered life solutions together.

Look for signs of God's love. Find a park or green space near you where you can center your heart and mind on Jesus. Observe His creation and become more aware of His presence.



from Scripture

Mark 5:21-43, Faith in action.

As the leader of the local synagogue, Jairus was probably pressured by the Pharisees to avoid or reject Jesus. It was a courageous act for him to publicly approach Jesus, bow before him, and beg for a cure for his daughter. Jairus' faith in Jesus was that strong.

On the way to Jairus' home, Jesus was delayed by a woman with a serious hemorrhage. According to Jewish law, her constant bleeding would have excluded her from most social contact. She thought Jesus wouldn't want to touch her and secretly grabbed His cloak



believing that any contact would cure her. In fact, she was cured, but Jesus told her that it was her faith that provided the cure. We should never allow fear of our unworthiness to keep us from God. By the time Jesus finished with the woman, Jairus was told of his daughter's death. Jesus simply said, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (Mark 5:36), and Jairus' great faith was rewarded. No matter how desperate your situation may appear, trust Jesus to help. Even death is under His control.

Q & A

Is there really such thing as sin?

Dealing with sin is uncomfortable and following God's rules is hard. The world tells us that sin doesn't exist. While we may think we are "good" and others may look up to us, eventually God will decide if we have been "good." Since His opinion is the one that matters, His rules rule.

Sin is real. The world tells us that sin doesn't exist but Catholics know that "sin is a deliberate thought, word, deed, or omission contrary to the eternal law of God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*) The law can be found in the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and in Scripture. The law says sin is real.

Unconfessed sin separates us from God. "For you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt" (Isaiah 64:6). Avoiding guilt means missing God's forgiveness. Each evening, examine the day's actions and ask if they would please God or not. Resolve to do better and take steps to change. Seek absolution through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Feasts & Celebrations

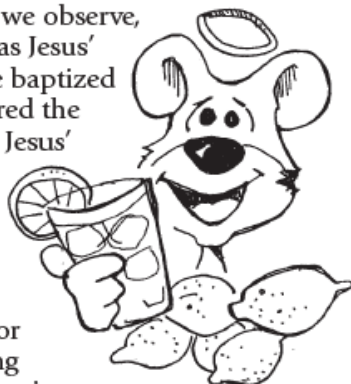
June 11 - Sacred Heart of Jesus. The image of Jesus with His heart exposed in unquenchable flame is a reminder of His intense and eternal love for us.

June 22 - Immaculate Heart of Mary. In response to a request by Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to Mary's gentle and devout Immaculate Heart in 1942, and initiated this feast in 1945.

June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga (1591). St. Aloysius prayed vigorously and fasted from age 7. Upon joining the Society of Jesus, he was ordered to cut back on penance in order to

study and spend time with the other students. He died while nursing the sick.

June 24 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist. The only saint whose birth and death we observe, St. John was Jesus' cousin. He baptized and prepared the people for Jesus' coming. He even baptized Jesus and was later executed for denouncing Herod's marriage to his sister-in-law.



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POPE QUOTE: "When we become aware of our distractions in prayer, what can help us confront them is to humbly offer our heart to the Lord so that He may purify it and refocus it on Him."

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION:

JUNE: THE BEAUTY OF MARRIAGE: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

BREAKING BREAD 2021 eMISSAL APP

Due to the pandemic, St. Michael Parish ordered a limited supply of the 2021 Breaking Bread Missal. We will increase our order for 2021, but for now we don't have enough for everyone.

The Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal app offers full access to all the readings and music right on your cell phone. The app has also been approved for use in church by the USCCB during the 2021 liturgical year.

The Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal App costs \$4.99 and is available for both iOS and Android.

**The Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal app is only intended for use during the 2021 liturgical year. A new app will be released for each of the following years.*



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.



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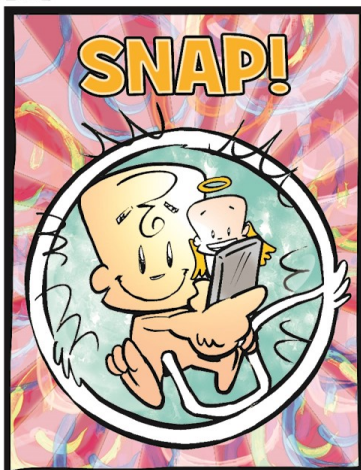
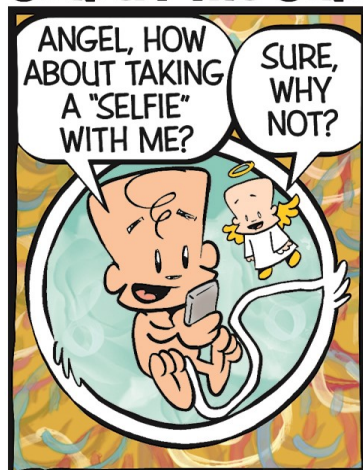
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by Gary Cangemi

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Mon - Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16

(Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

Tues - Tb 2:9-14 Ps 112:1-2, 7-9 Mk 12:13-17

Wed - Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a Ps 25:2-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9
Mk 12:18-27

Thurs - Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a
Ps 128:1-5 Mk 12:28-34

Fri - Tb 11:5-17 Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10 Mk 12:35-37

Sat - Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 (Ps) Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7-8
Mk 12:38-44

Sun - Ex 24:3-8 Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 Heb 9:11-15
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC MASSES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Finding it difficult to keep up with the changes? The most recent diocesan guidelines can be found on the parish website: www.stmichaelscranton.com and on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofscranton.com.

Catholic Women's Conference
Saturday, June 19, 2021
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