

JULY 4, 2021



14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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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

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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, July 3	Saint Thomas, Apostle
Vigil - 14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo	
Sunday, July 4	14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Bonnie Spencer (Kathryn Skipper)	
9:30 am, Canton † Margaret Acresti (Bonnie & Beth)	
11:15 am, Troy † Theresa Jones (Theresa & Jones Sheridan)	
Monday, July 5	Weekday
No Mass	
Tuesday, July 6	Weekday
5:30 pm, Troy † Rich Carlonas (Cheryl Carlonas)	
Wednesday, July 7	Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Bonnie Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)	
6:00 pm, Holy Hour	
Thursday, July 8	Weekday
No Mass	
Friday, July 9	Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Edward Powers (St. Michael's A & R)	
Saturday, July 10	Weekday
Vigil - 15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
4:00 pm, Canton † Lynne Hertel (Susan Schiess)	
Sunday, July 11	15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Judy Callahan	
(Shawn & Bridget Callahan)	
9:30 am, Canton † Tom Blaszc (Millie & Steve Blaszc)	
11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo	



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week for all the people of this land to have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!

Our parish has a new email address. Please update your email address book to:

office@stmichaelscanton.com

We will continue to check the old email address until we are confident the transition is completed.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS JUNE 21 - 27, 2021

Weekly Offerings: 2,283.00

Electronic Offerings: 520.00

Other Parish Income: 188.00

Total Parish Income: \$2,991.00

Average weekly expenses: 3,762.36

Difference: (771.36)

Care & Ed of Priests: 35.00

Thank you for your continued support.



FAITH SHARING

A new faith sharing group will be meeting monthly in the rectory at 7:15 pm beginning this Wednesday, July 7th. These will be informal sessions during which we will share conversation, insights, and fellowship. Topics will vary, covering any subject the group decides to explore. Small groups are a highly effective way to learn about and deepen our faith. Everyone is invited.

Be a Witness of Charity to those most in need.

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.peterspence.va/en.html.

A Communal Rosary is prayed at 9:30 am Thursday mornings in St. Michael's Church. All are invited to participate.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 5TH.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter
315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton

Celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera

- Mass is open to the public -
Mass will also be broadcast live on CTV:
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The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident. This year we keep in our hearts those who lost their struggle with COVID-19.

All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. The Mass will be televised on CTV.

We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the parish office or on the Diocese of Scranton's website, www.dioceseofscranton.org. All forms must be received by July 9, 2021.

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July 2021

St. Michael Parish

One Minute Meditations

God is the current of life

"Each one of us is merely a small instrument. When you look at the inner workings of electrical things, often you see small and big wires, new and old, cheap and expensive lined up. Until the current passes through them there will be no light. That wire is you and me. The current is God."

Mother Teresa

Saying "no" is not a sin

Saying "no" is hard for many of us. Not wanting to let anyone down, we say "yes" until we are overburdened, frustrated, and unhappy. Remember it is not a sin to say "no." God needs workers, but He wants the willing, joyful kind. Our "yes" should come from a heart enthusiastic about doing His work.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment" (Matthew 22:37-40).

Love one another, especially those who are different

In a time of widening political and cultural divides, it can be easy to lose sight of the dignity of people different from ourselves. Yet, as Catholic Christians, we know that Jesus asks that we see everyone as family.

"Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor" (Romans 12:10).

Treat others with kindness, not because they are kind, but because you are. It's easy to be kind to those we love and respect. It's critical to be kind to people we don't like or don't know. Kindness is best offered when nothing is expected in return.

Don't build yourself up by making others look small. No one is impressed

by a bully. Treat all of God's children with honor, love, and respect.

Practice empathy. People's reactions tend to reflect their circumstances.

Avoid judging and instead offer the consideration you'd like to receive.

Meet in person instead of online.

Social media makes it easy to stay in touch but it's also the quickest way to damage

relationships. Choose to meet in person when possible. In person or online, we must be wise in the words we use.

Forgive those who have hurt you, help those who need you. Treat all people – including yourself – with love and compassion. When we treat people the way we want to be treated, life will instantly get better.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

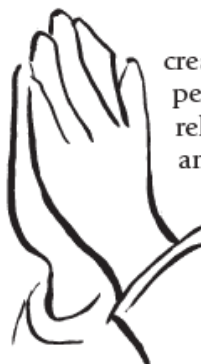
Why do Catholics pray?

Prayer is our response to God's invitation: "Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him" (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #2560).

That encounter is our connection to God, who

created us and wants to have a close, personal relationship with us. Our relationship with Him is nurtured and strengthened through prayer – raising our hearts and minds to God ..." (CCC, #2559).

It is through prayer and in prayer that we come to know and love Him best.



Welcome back to Mass!

Now that many dioceses across the country have reinstated the obligation to attend Mass, we once again honor Sunday as a celebration of the living presence of Jesus in the midst of His people.

Meet Him in the flesh. The Eucharist is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. There is no substitute for taking Him into our bodies to feed our souls.

Receive His protection. Divine love and protection are showered on God's children through the supernatural gift of grace. The



more open we are to it – by actively participating in Mass – the more we enjoy the benefits.

Love Him back. The Third Commandment requires that we designate Sunday as our day to honor God. Mass is the most important way we fulfill our obligation to show gratitude to God. *"If you love me you will keep my commandments"* (John 15:15).

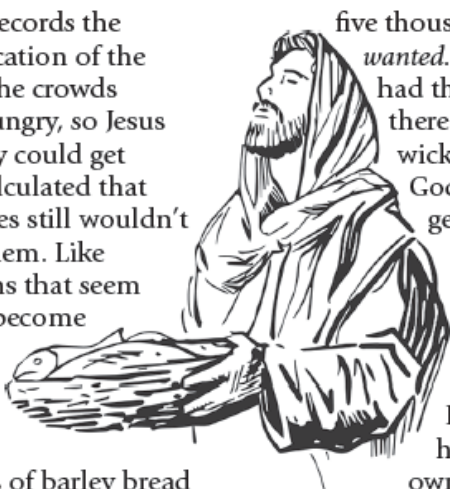
If you are worried about your exposure to disease in church, consult your physician and your pastor for advice on extra protections you can take.

from Scripture

John 6:1-15; Loaves and fishes

This Gospel passage records the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. The crowds following Jesus were hungry, so Jesus asked Philip where they could get enough food. Philip calculated that two hundred days' wages still wouldn't buy enough food for them. Like Philip, we face problems that seem too big for us and can become intimidated.

The Apostle, Andrew, went a step further than Philip; he found the boy with five loaves of barley bread and two fish. The boy, in turn, offered to Jesus what little he brought – all of it. What a surprise when Jesus fed the



five thousand *"as much...as they wanted."* Even after they'd had their fill of bread, there were still twelve wicker baskets left over! God can't be outdone in generosity.

When we are faced with many problems at once, it can be overwhelming. It's easy to react like Philip and give up hope. While on our own, we may not have much to offer, if we offer what we have to God, He can do something amazing with it.

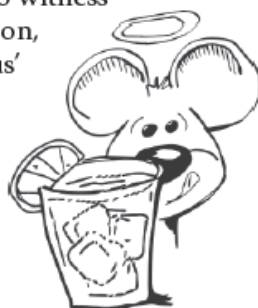
Feasts & Celebrations

July 16 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel (1251). Carmelite tradition holds that Our Lady appeared to St. Simon on Mount Carmel and gave him a scapular. Wearing one has become a popular way to honor the Blessed Mother.

July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene (1st century). Mary Magdalene was the woman from whom Jesus expelled seven demons in St. Luke's gospel (Luke 8:2). She helped to support Jesus' ministry out of her own money and stood by the Cross of Jesus with his mother. Known as the "Apostle to

the Apostles," Mary was the one who first informed the Apostles of Jesus' Resurrection.

July 25 – St. James (1st Century). When Jesus called St. James and his brother, John, to become apostles, they left their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. St. James was one of three apostles to witness Jesus' transfiguration, the raising of Jairus' daughter, and the agony in Gethsemane. St. James was the first of the apostles to be martyred.



Q & A What is expected of Catholics?

Every household has basic ground rules: "Be respectful," "Clean up your messes," etc. This way, everybody benefits. Like every family, the Catholic Church has "house rules" as well:

Come home every weekend: "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor." God wants to see us back in person – often!

Take responsibility: "You shall confess your sins at least once a year." Since we are prone to sin, we're obligated to reconcile with God at least once a year.

Reconnect: "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season." In the Eucharist, Jesus nourishes us with his Body and Blood at every Mass!

Practice detachment: "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." Fasting helps us free our hearts for God's love.

Help around the house: "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." Whether we donate money, time or resources, every little bit helps. (CCC, #2042-2043)

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POPE QUOTE: “Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.”

POPE FRANCIS’S PRAYER INTENTION:

JULY: SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

THE MONTH OF JULY IS DEDICATED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

The Blood that coursed through the veins of Christ was a part of that Sacred Humanity made possible by the maternity of Mary, whose parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne are honored this month. (July 26). Our Lord's blood poured out on the Cross purchased our salvation, washed clean the robes of the martyrs, and gave birth to the Church as it flowed from his wounded side. The Precious Blood of Christ — now pulsing through his Mystical Body — continues its salvific work, preserving and purifying, repairing and providing nourishment for regeneration and renewal of its members.

July's longer and warmer days also provide us with the opportunity for renewal, both interior and exterior. Schedules relax and pressures ease, inviting travel. But, whether we travel or not, like the missionary, St. Junipero Serra (July 1), we preach to others — by our conduct, our speech, even the clothes we wear. May we be modest in everything we do, imitating St. Maria Goretti, the young martyr for purity (July 6), and “preaching” Christ to everyone we meet.

The summer Readings of Ordinary Time remind us that our earthly pilgrimage is also a journey, a great adventure towards union with Christ, the Beginning and the End of our journey. Each Sunday with its Easter renewal becomes a mile marker along the way, linking where we have been with where we are going. May the Precious Blood of Jesus sustain us as we journey to our true home, with Mary and the angels as our companions on the way.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/07.cfm>

JULY 5 - 12, 2021 READINGS

Mon - Gn 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-4, 14-15b Mt 9:18-26

Tues - Gn 32:23-33 Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-8b, 15 Mt 9:32-38

Wed - Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a

Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 Mt 10:1-7

Thurs - Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Ps 105:16-21

Mt 10:7-15

Fri - Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40

Mt 10:16-23

Sat - Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a Ps 105:1-4, 6-7

Mt 10:24-33

Sun - Am 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-14 Eph 1:3-14 Mk 6:7-13

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
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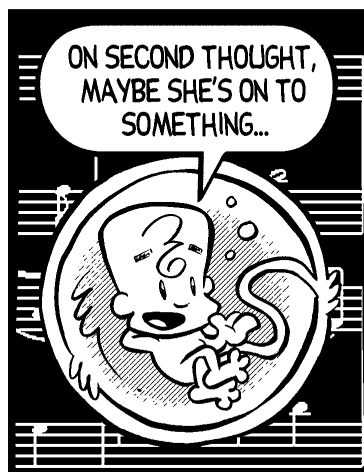
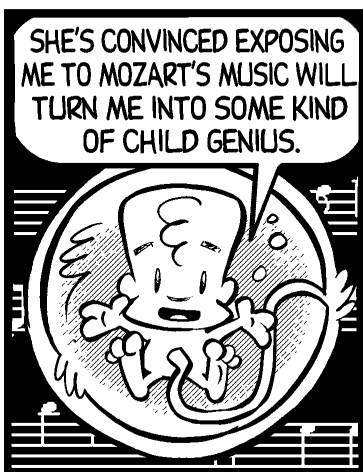
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Contact the parish office to add a name to the prayer list.
Names remain on the list for 3 months per request.

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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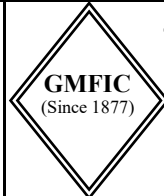
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