

JULY 25, 2021



17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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,
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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, July 24 Weekday

Vigil - 17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, July 25 17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Jack Callahan

(Shawn & Bridget Callahan)

9:30 am, Canton † Bonnie Spencer (Jean & Mike Herman)

11:15 am, Troy † Margaret Sheridan

(Theresa & Joe Sheridan)

Monday, July 26 Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Tuesday, July 27 Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy - For the special intentions of Rosemary & Alden Fitzwater (Dawn Manley)

Wednesday, July 28 Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Peggy Bulkley (John & Pat Rushin)

6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, July 29 Saint Martha

No Mass

Friday, July 30 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Jefferey Wynne (His estate)

Saturday, July 31 Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Vigil - 18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Mary Lynch (John & Pat Rushin)

Sunday, August 1 18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Irene Brozowski (Family)

11:15 am, Troy † Don Wilber (Louise Wilber)



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week for the intention of married couples to embrace their call to total, faithful, and fruitful love, and joyful openness to new life.

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

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



SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS JULY 12 - 18, 2021

Weekly Offerings: 2,599.00

Electronic Offerings: 520.00

Other Parish Income: 51.00

Total Parish Income: 3,170.00

Average weekly expenses: 3,762.36

Difference: (592.36)



Peter's Pence: 6.00

Care & Ed of Priests: 30.00

Thank you for your continued support.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis has announced the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday, July 25, 2021.

July 15, 2021



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For more than a year, the COVID-19 pandemic has posed unique challenges in our lives. It has brought hardship and struggle to some – separation, anxiety and isolation to others. We pray for those who have been directly affected by the virus, those that are still impacted by its effects and those who have lost loved ones..

Since March 2020, there has been a dispensation in the Diocese of Scranton from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. **In light of the continued decline in cases and hospitalizations locally, that dispensation will end on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** This change will occur in each diocese in Pennsylvania on the same date.

The Sunday celebration of Mass is the center of the Church's life. The importance – and necessity – to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is rooted in our Baptism as Christians. Baptism compels us, as Christians, to unite ourselves with Christ at the altar in his saving Sacrifice of the Cross. Put simply, attending Mass is an encounter with Our Risen Lord.

This is a moment to thank God anew for the great gift of the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus to us in His Holy Body and Blood as well as the joy of gathering together as people of faith.

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I invite and encourage all of the faithful in our community – including those who may have left the Church long before the pandemic – to return to the Table of the Lord – and be nourished by the Bread of Life! Our participation at Mass in-person is a gift for our own spiritual well-being, happiness and eternal salvation. It is also our responsibility to our brothers and sisters with whom we journey in faith.

It is important to note that people who are seriously ill or have a serious health risk, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of being part of a large group will continue to be legitimately excused from participating in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Those individuals are still encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading Sacred Scripture and uniting themselves to Christ in his worship of the Father of us all.

Please continue to pray for all of our clergy and religious – who work tirelessly to make sure our parish communities remain safe and vibrant!

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton



POPE QUOTE: “During summer time, let us learn how to take a break, turn off the mobile phone to gaze into the eyes of others, cultivate silence, contemplate nature, regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.”

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.

ANCHORED IN CHRIST

We are happy to announce that the Office for Parish Life will be hosting in person Catechist Camp this year on **August 17th in St. Boniface Church, Williamsport**, August 18th in the Office for Parish Life, Scranton, and August 19th in St. Luke Parish, Stroudsburg. The theme is “Anchored in Christ”.

WHO COULD ATTEND CATECHIST CAMP...?

- A person who loves God - And, desires a deeper knowledge of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- A person who has a childlike spirit - And, understands the wisdom of teaching children by example, and using words, when necessary
- A person who ponders the Gospel - And, finds the joy sharing life stories that echo the Good News of Jesus
- A person who participates in the Eucharist - And, is humbly aware of living the Works of Mercy
- A person who is a practicing Catholic - And, feels an inner nudge to learn more about our faith
- A person who is a parent, grandparent, godparent, single person, college student - And, is not necessarily a person who has studied theology and Scripture, or is an experienced teacher

To learn more, please contact Jacki Douglas, Director of Word and Lifelong Faith Formation, Office for Parish Life. jdouglas@dioceseofscranton.org (570)207-2213 ext. 1100.



JULY 26 - AUGUST 1, 2021 READINGS

Mon - Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-23 Mt 13:31-35

Tues - Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-13

Mt 13:36-43

Wed - Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5-7, 9 Mt 13:44-46

Thurs - Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11

Jn 11:19-27

Fri - Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-6, 10-11b

Mt 13:54-58

Sat - Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

Sun - Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54

Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35

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 DRIVE

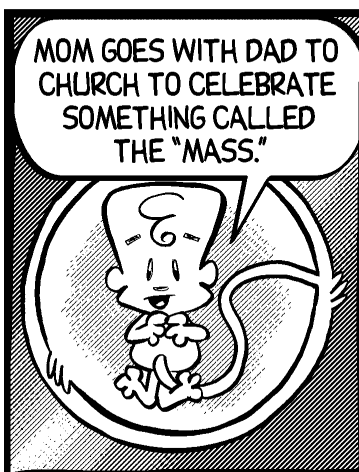
SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

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. Names remain on the list for 3 months per request.

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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