

AUGUST 29, 2021



22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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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

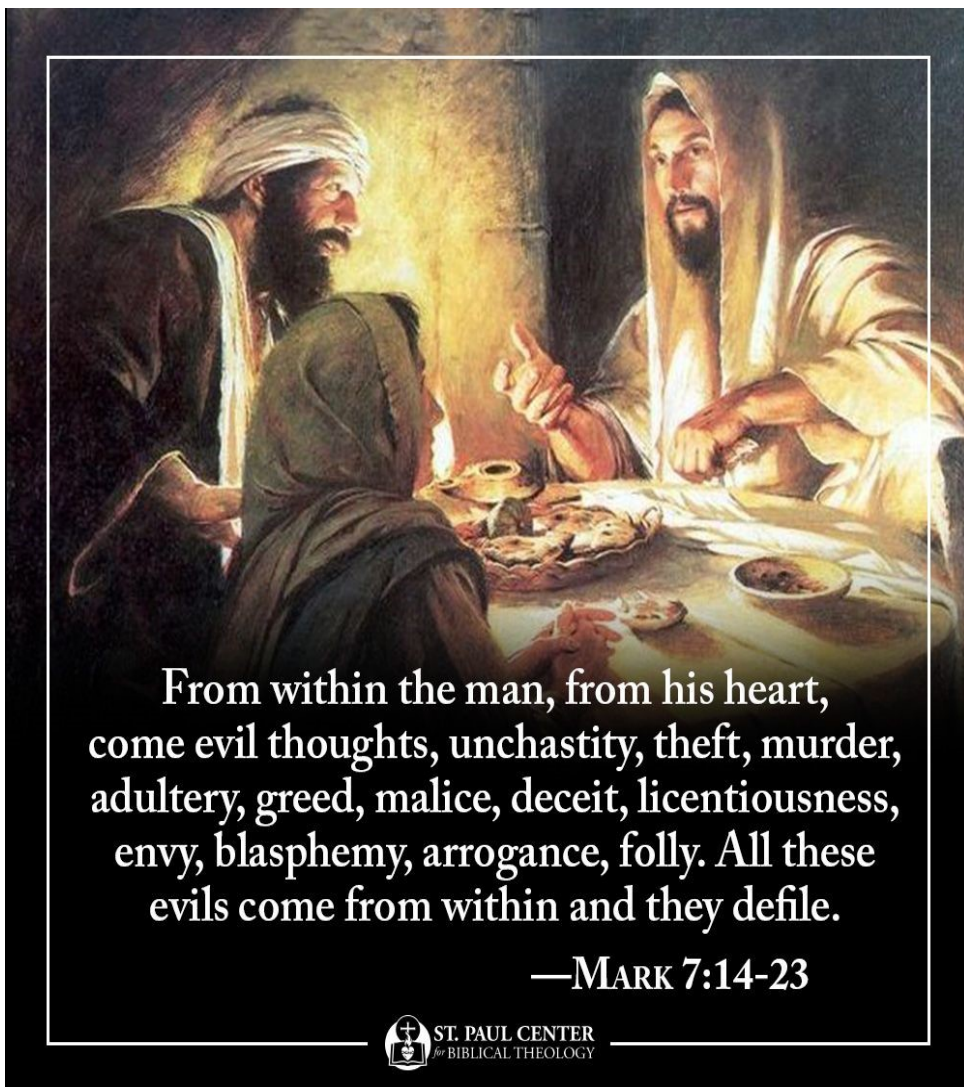
First Fridays

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



From within the man, from his heart,
come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder,
adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness,
envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these
evils come from within and they defile.

—MARK 7:14-23



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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, August 28 Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Vigil - 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Mary Lynch (Bob & Diane Jones)

Sunday, August 29 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Carol Asbury (Cathy Asbury)
9:30 am, Canton † Bonnie Spencer (Dawn Manley)
11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

Monday, August 30 Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Tuesday, August 31 Weekday
5:30 pm, Troy † Thomas J. Karaban

Wednesday, September 1 Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Daniel & Patricia Spencer
(Chris & Chrissi Stanton)
6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, September 2 Weekday
No Mass

Friday, September 3 (First Friday)
Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church
7:00 am, Canton † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Saturday, September 4 Weekday
Vigil - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, Sept 5 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Judy Callahan
(Shawn & Bridget Callahan)
9:30 am, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His Family)
11:15 am, Troy † Florence DePalma (Jayne Cleveland)

Fellowship is held in St. Michael's Church hall following the 9:30 am Mass each Sunday.



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week for all those who are imprisoned to be treated with the respect due to every human person.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Finance Council will meet at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 30th in the rectory. Finance Council members are strongly urged to attend.

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 AUGUST 16 - 22 2021

Weekly Offerings:	2,517.00
Electronic Offerings:	520.00
Other Parish Income:	98.50
Total Parish Income:	3,135.50
Average weekly expenses:	3,762.36
Difference:	(626.86)



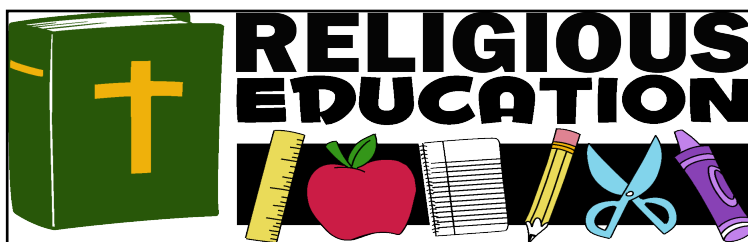
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FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way for non-Catholics to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church and for Catholics who have not been fully initiated to receive Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. If you or any one you know is interested in becoming Catholic, the RCIA is for you. For Catholics who would like a "refresher" on their faith, this is an excellent continuing education opportunity. For more information or to register, please call Father Joe at 570-673-5253.



CALL FOR CATECHISTS!!

Feeling called to pass on the faith to the younger generation? Join our team of Catechists! No experience needed! Please contact Sarah Watson at dre@stmichaelscanton.com or (570) 447-8799.

REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR CCD

Please register your school-aged children for CCD. It will be held in person on Sunday mornings in St. Michael's Church hall at 8:15 am and in St. John's Church hall at 10 am. There is also a virtual format available if you prefer, a great way to catechize as a family! Registration forms can be found at stmichaelscanton.com or paper copies are available in the back of all 3 churches.

Registration is available now through September 5.

FAITH SHARING

The faith sharing group will meet on this Wednesday, September 1st, at 7:15 pm in the rectory. These are informal sessions which include sharing conversation, insights, and fellowship. Everyone is invited.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Allura Booker, Tom Ambruch, Betty Brown, Jeremy Colony, 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, 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

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One Minute Meditations

Make time

Life can be so busy that it becomes impossible to find time to pray.

Instead we have to make time to pray. If we make time for God, he will help us find the time we need for everything else.

Face forward

Continually reliving the past prevents us from looking ahead with hope. Follow St. Paul's example: *"Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13-14).

Our Lady of Sorrows

On September 15th we commemorate Our Lady of Sorrows. The title refers to Simeon's prediction that Mary would experience sorrows as if *"... you yourself a sword will pierce"* (Luke 2:35). Her greatest sorrow may have been watching her son die on the Cross.

If we ever want someone who understands our difficulties, we

have only to look to Mary.



"Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Popular culture would have us believe that happiness comes from having the perfect spouse, the perfect home, the perfect job, and the perfect body. Without all that, happiness isn't possible. Consider this:

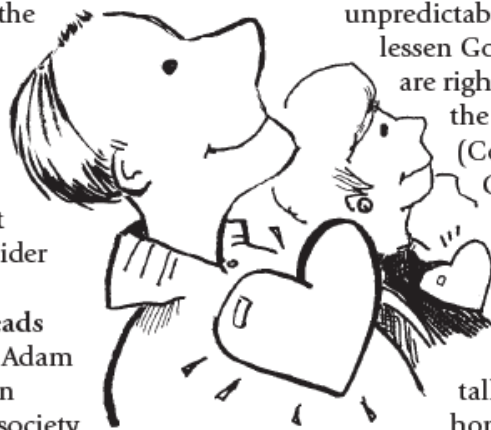
God's way leads to perfection. Adam and Eve were in Paradise until society convinced them that by eating a piece of fruit, they could become perfect and be even happier. Had they listened to God instead, their lives would have stayed perfect.

Only God loves perfectly. Sometimes we fear that showing our failings to

others will lessen their regard. The more perfect we appear, the more we will be loved and respected. Human love is unpredictable, but we can never lose or lessen God's love. He loves us as we are right now. In fact, Jesus created the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) to remind us of God's unconditional love.

God's idea of perfect is possible. Jesus said, *"... be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect"* (Matthew 5:48), but he wasn't

talking about muscles or homes. Perfection in Jesus' eyes means loving God with all our hearts, praying for our enemies, and taking care of the poor. To Jesus, love, obedience and service is the true measure of perfection and he wants us to let go of anything that gets in the way. That's the only "perfect" that is possible.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

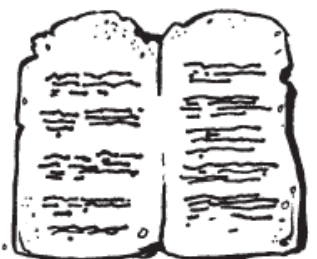
Why do Catholics follow the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments were given by God to the Israelites on Mt. Sinai after they left Egypt. They are considered divine law because God himself revealed them to help his people live holy lives. They formed the basis of Jewish life, so Jesus followed them, too.

The Commandments are standards of holiness for Christians, too. Obey them

and eternal happiness is ours. Disobey them and we suffer the consequences.

Jesus summarized the spirit of the Commandments in Matthew 22:36-40.



Be not afraid

The phrase "be not afraid," made famous by Pope St. John Paul II, helps us to remember that no matter what happens in the world, God is in control and we are in good hands. The Holy Father asked us to put our trust in Jesus who redeemed the world.

Refuse to worry. Jesus reminded us that tomorrow isn't guaranteed to anyone (Luke 12:20). What brings us peace is to tend to today's challenges and let God take care of tomorrow. Nothing happens without His consent

and He won't permit anything that is bad for us. When we place ourselves in His care, we have nothing to fear.

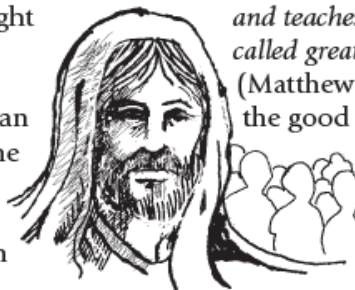


Keep your eyes on Him. Don't let the world blind you to God's presence in your life. We may not feel powerful at times, but when we stay close to Jesus through His Church, we receive the grace we need to keep fighting temptations to sin. God has overcome the world. With His help, we will win the daily battle for Heaven.

from Scripture

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48, The discipline of discipleship

In this Gospel passage, the disciples hear of an unknown man healing in Jesus' name. In their jealousy, it seemed the disciples were more concerned about losing the spotlight than in healing. Jesus added perspective. He pointed out that the man had the same goal as the disciples – to build up God's Kingdom. He was a teammate, not an enemy.



Discipleship means making a change of heart and mind. Jesus was very clear: if we choose to follow him, we can't foster private sins, too. If,

through those sins, we lead others into sin, our responsibility is doubled.

These are grim words, but the opposite is great news: "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19). God rewards us for the good we do to and for others.

Our example is powerfully influential.

Being a faithful disciple isn't easy. Rooting out personal sin and setting a good

example is difficult, but we're not alone or without grace to do the job. No matter what we sacrifice, the reward is infinitely better.

Q & A Why do I have to go to Mass when I don't enjoy it?

A Catholic adult who lives an average lifespan can attend as many as 4,084 Sunday Masses. No ritual or event can sustain good vibrations 4,048 times. The truth is that the Mass is not meant to always make us feel good. It isn't actually about us – it's about God.

Mass is public worship. At every Mass, we worship God as a natural response to His overwhelming magnificence. This is not because God needs our praise, but because we need to praise Him. We recognize and honor all that is good about Him.

Mass is a sacrifice. When the gifts are brought to the altar, each of us offers our lives along with the bread and wine. We can do nothing of our own accord, so Christ accepts our offerings – our sacrifice – and joins it to His ongoing work of salvation.

Mass is a meal. Through the Eucharist, Jesus makes His home within us. We deepen our union with Jesus each time we receive His Word and His Body and Blood during Mass.

Feasts & Celebrations

September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century). Tradition says Mary was born in Jerusalem after her mother, Anna, and her father, Joachim, had been married more than twenty years without children. Mary's birth brought her parents joy, and we are joyful too – because Mary brings salvation to all of us with the birth of Jesus.

September 23 – St. Padre Pio (1968). Born to farmers in southern Italy, Padre Pio was an inspiring confessor and counselor. He received the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) eight

years after he became a Capuchin Friar. Despite intense personal and physical suffering, he remained dedicated to prayer.

September 28 – Saint Wenceslaus (929). As the king of Bohemia, Wenceslaus worked closely with the Church to end the persecution of the Christians in his country. He encouraged German missionaries, built churches, and cared for the sick, and poor. Political conflict led to his assassination by his brother. The "Good King" was immediately recognized as a martyr.



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POPE QUOTE: "Patience helps us to be merciful in the way we view ourselves, our communities and our world."

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION:

SEPTEMBER: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, re-

joining in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 READINGS

Mon - 1 Thes 4:13-18 Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13 Lk 4:16-30

Tues - 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 4:31-37

Wed - Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10-11 Lk 4:38-44

Thurs - Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-6 Lk 5:1-11

Fri - Col 1:15-20 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 5:33-39

Sat - Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8 Lk 6:1-5

Sun - Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:7-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

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



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nonperishable food items, paper products, personal hygiene items, or gift cards to local stores are greatly appreciated.

**There will be a Healing Mass on
Sunday, September 5th at 3:00 pm
in St. John Neumann Shrine, Overton, PA.**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Father Joe will celebrate his 33rd anniversary of ordination on September 3rd.

Thank you, Father, for your commitment to Christ's Church and service to the people of His flock.



Called to Fatherhood

We challenge all men, regardless of their state, whether they be single, married or priests to explore how they can be good fathers in this increasingly fatherless society, to be the fathers that God has called us all to be.



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8:00 am- 3:00 pm

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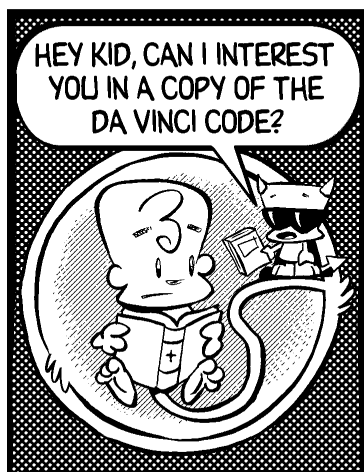
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Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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