

# THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, AUGUST 15, 2021



## 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,  
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

**Sat, Aug 14** Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr  
Vigil - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

**Sunday, August 15** THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
8:00 am, Ralston † Beverly Close (Shawn Callahan)  
9:30 am, Canton † Kathleen Spencer (Bonnie & Beth)  
11:15 am, Troy † Richard Carlonas (Cheryl Carlonas)

**Monday, August 16** Weekday  
7:00 am, Rectory † Samuel & Martha Watkins  
(Chris & Chrissi Stanton)

**Tuesday, August 17** Weekday  
5:30 pm, Troy † Tony Waldron

**Wednesday, August 18** Weekday  
5:30 pm, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His estate)  
6:00 pm, Holy Hour

**Thursday, August 19** Weekday  
No Mass

**Friday, August 20** Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church  
7:00 am, Rectory † Mary Lynch (St. Michael's A&R)

**Saturday, August 21** Saint Pius X, Pope  
Vigil - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

**Sunday, August 22** 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8:00 am, Ralston † Jack Callahan  
(Shawn & Bridget Callahan)  
9:30 am, Canton † Kenny Riordan (Jean & Mike Herman)  
11:15 am, Troy † Mary "Mae" Barnosky

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 those who are gravely ill or dying, that our Blessed Mother ease their pain and fears, and by her glorious Assumption, console them with the hope of eternal life.

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 2 - 8, 2021

Weekly Offerings:	2,977.00
Electronic Offerings:	520.00
Other Parish Income:	119.00
<b>Total Parish Income:</b>	<b>3,616.00</b>
<b>Average weekly expenses:</b>	<b>3,762.36</b>
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>(146.36)</b>
Care & Ed of Priests:	264.00



*Thank you for your continued support.*

## FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

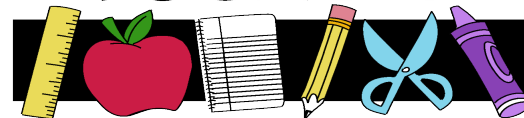
### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?



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.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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### 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](http://stmichaelscanton.com) or paper copies are available in the back of all 3 churches.

**Registration is available now through September 5.**

### 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.

### 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, 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.*



**POPE QUOTE:** “Jesus reveals Himself as the Bread of life. For He alone nourishes the soul, He alone makes us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us, He alone gives us the strength to love and forgive in difficulties, He alone gives eternal life.”

**POPE FRANCIS’S PRAYER INTENTION:** AUGUST: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

August 6, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Caring for the health, safety and spiritual well-being of all parishioners - and our entire community - has been my priority since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Diocese of Scranton has made every effort to implement best practices in public health and has been continuously evaluating policies, monitoring data and consulting with healthcare experts. I want to assure you that these efforts continue to this day.

It is now evident that this global health crisis continues to linger - especially with the delta variant which medical experts explain is more infectious, and can spread more aggressively, than previous virus strains.

As the Diocese of Scranton looks forward to welcoming the faithful back to the celebration of Mass with the reinstatement of our obligation as Christians to worship on Sundays and Holy Days beginning August 15, it is imperative that we maintain the accessibility of the Eucharist in a safe environment.

I am strongly recommending that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass - regardless of vaccination status. While masks will not be mandated in our parishes at this time, we must all continue to be vigilant against this emerging health threat. In fact, as Catholics, we have a responsibility to protect our friends and neighbors. In order to safeguard our community, I have also requested that altar servers wear masks and all Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers return to wearing masks during the distribution of Holy Communion.

I also encourage everyone to continue good hygiene

**AUGUST 16 - 22, 2021 READINGS**  
**Mon** - Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44 Mt 19:16-22  
**Tues** - Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-14 Mt 19:23-30  
**Wed** - Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-7 Mt 20:1-16  
**Thurs** - Jgs 11:29-39a Ps 40:5, 7-10 Mt 22:1-14  
**Fri** - Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Ps 146:5-10 Mt 22:34-40  
**Sat** - Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Ps 128:1b-5 Mt 23:1-12  
**Sun** - Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 34:2-3, 16-21  
 Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 Jn 6:60-69

habits and follow the example of Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, and all Pennsylvania Bishops, in receiving a COVID-19 vaccination.

While I, along with your pastor, look forward to welcoming you back to experience the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, individuals who have serious health conditions or concerns will still not be obligated to attend Mass. By longstanding Church law, the Sunday obligation does not apply to those who are:

- Sick
- Have a serious health risk
- In a household with those at risk
- Primary caregivers to those at risk
- Have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19
- Unable to attend Mass in person

As an act of charity, anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants should stay home.

Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged in prayer, meditating on the death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ. They are also encouraged to watch televised or livestream Masses.

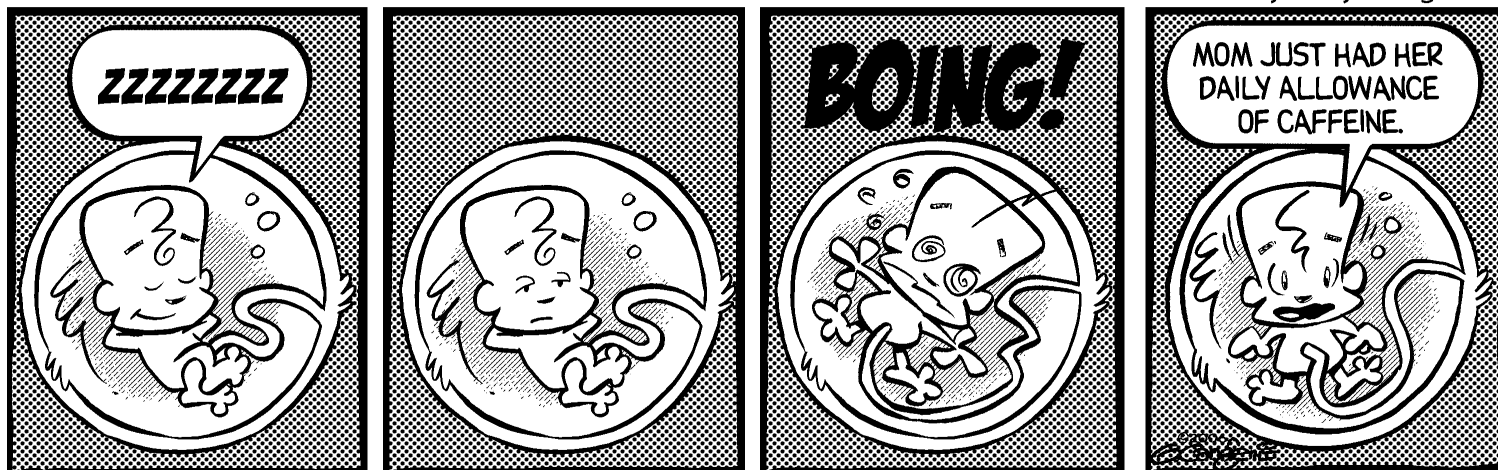
As we continue to respond to the invitation of Jesus to come to Him, I invite all the faithful to safely return to Mass to have an intimate encounter with the Lord.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

*Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.*  
 Bishop of Scranton

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by Gary Cangemi







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