

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

24TH 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

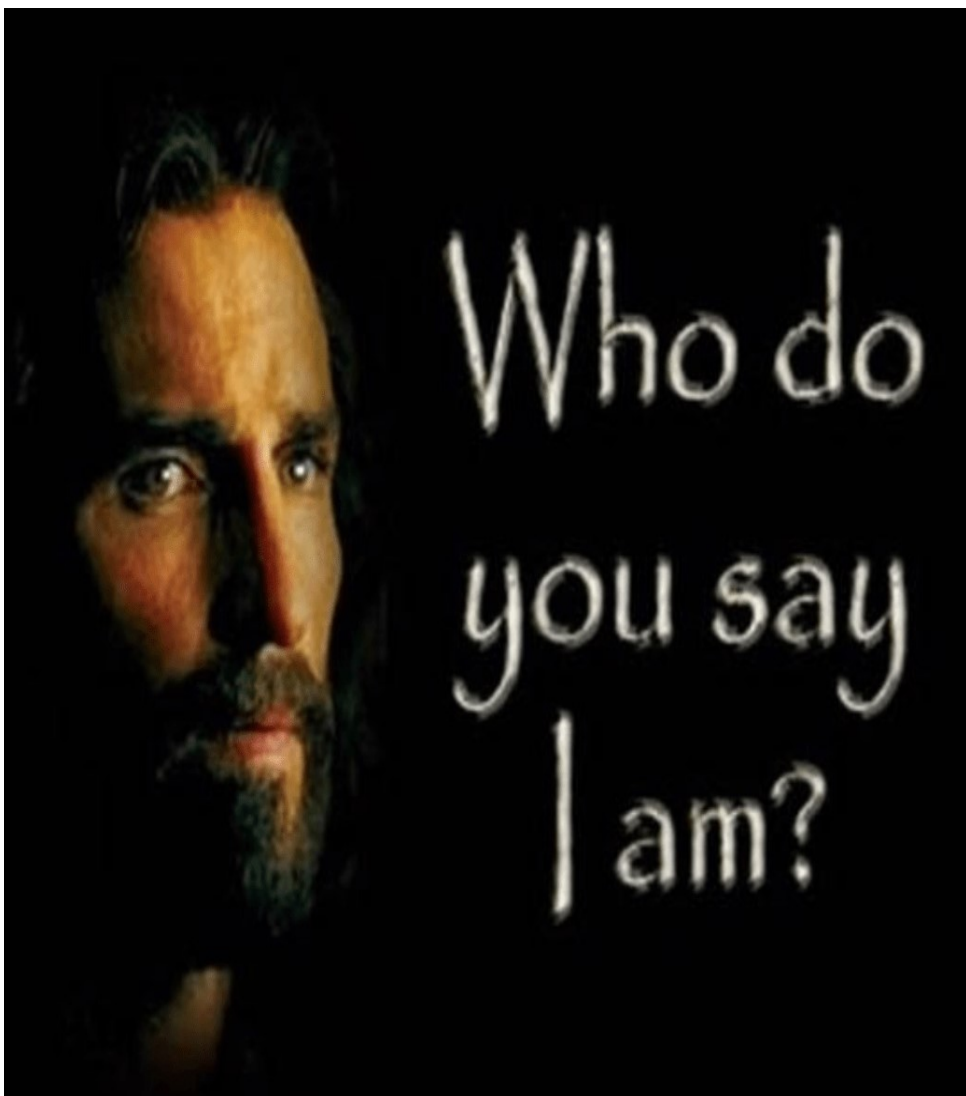
First Fridays

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,
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

Saturday, September 11 Weekday

Vigil - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Marie O'Hara (Saint Michael's A&R)

Sunday, Sept 12 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston - For the special intentions of

Kathryn Skipper (Dawn Manley)

9:30 am, Canton † Mark Kingsley (Dad & Mom)

11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

Monday, September 13 Saint John Chrysostom,
Bishop, Doctor of the Church

7:00 am, Rectory † Dr. Charles Driscoll

Tuesday, Sept 14 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

5:30 pm, Troy † Helen Cannon (David Beahm)

Wednesday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

5:30 pm, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His estate)

6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, September 16 Saints Cornelius, Pope,
No Mass and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Friday, September 17 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Ed Stanton Sr. (Chris & Chrissi Stanton)

Saturday, September 18 Weekday

Vigil - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Bill Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)

Sunday, Sept 19 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Bonnie Spencer (Gerald & Joy Brann)

11:15 am, Troy † Joe & Josephine Szczech (Family)

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 solidarity and peace in our global human family, that we may work together to protect the lives of those who are most vulnerable.

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

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 5 2021

Weekly Offerings: 1,943.00

Electronic Offerings: 1,500.00

Other Parish Income: 165.00



Total Parish Income: 3,608.00

Average weekly expenses: 3,762.36

Difference: (154.36)

Care & Education of Priests: 406.00

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



REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR CCD

Classes begin on Sunday, September 26th.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council will resume monthly meetings beginning on Wednesday, September 15th, at 7:15 pm in Saint Michael's Church Hall.

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 Hagemayer, 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

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

**WHY SO
SAD?**



**I HEARD THERE IS NO PET
AND ANIMAL BLESSING
ON OCTOBER 4TH THIS
YEAR.**



**THAT'S RIGHT. DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT IT
CAN'T BE ON THE 4TH. BUT IT HAS BEEN MOVED UP
TO THE 3RD OF OCTOBER AT 2:00 pm IN THE
PARKING LOT OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH AT 107
NORTH WASHINGTON STREET IN CANTON.**



**THAT'S GREAT NEWS !
I'LL BE THERE !**



CCD BAKE SALE

The annual CCD bake sale will take place after Masses next weekend, September 18th & 19th. This sale enables our parish to support our CCD program without charging families any tuition or other fees. There are sure to be lots of delicious goodies available, so bring your sweet tooth and help support parish families as they pass on the Faith to the next generation!

ANNUAL FRUIT PIE SALES

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!

It is time for our annual fruit pie sale! The Pumpkin Festival will be held on October 2nd & 3rd at the Firemen's Field in Canton. Don't think you're locked in to apple pies, people love the fun and unusual flavors, so let your creativity flow! Pie tins and boxes are available for pickup in all three churches.



Pie drop-off will be on Friday, October 1st in Saint Michael's Church hall from 10 am until 6 pm. *Please print the pie flavor neatly on the post-it note on the box.*

You can also volunteer to work the booth on the sign-up sheet in the back of St. Michael's Church, or call the rectory during office hours to see what times still need coverage.

This fundraiser has been very helpful to the fiscal health of our parish, but it is also a great way to build relationships within our community. This year, both of those things are especially important. Your help is needed to continue that tradition.

FORMED

Through a grant from the Diocese of Scranton and a generous sponsor, the parish is beginning a one year subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you.

Our parish will be using the material on FORMED to support our ministries and provide continuing education for staff members and parishioners, as well as outreach for our sick and homebound members. Much of FORMED's content is available in both English and Spanish.

You can enjoy FORMED on your computer or on your television with an inexpensive Roku device or Apple TV. You can even listen on your phone as you commute to work or do chores.

Instructions on how to sign up will be published in the bulletin and posted on the parish website as soon as the subscription is available.



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Monday, September 27, 2021

The Pennsylvania March for Life will start with a rally at the State Capitol at 11:00 am ET, followed by a march at 12:00 pm.

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First Come—First Served.

Coach bus will leave "Tops" in Wysox at 7:00 am and will return to Wysox between 6 & 7 pm with a meal stop on the return trip.

For a list of speakers and other information, visit <https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life/>

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HAITI

Most Reverend José H. Gomez, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has invited the bishops of the United States to take up an emergency special collection on behalf of those devastated in Haiti by an earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace. Archbishop Gomez stated that the emergency collection is greatly needed to help victims of the earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace to rebuild their lives and also help support reconstruction needs of parishes, rectories, schools and other Church properties destroyed or severely damaged in Haiti.

This collection will occur in the Diocese of Scranton during the weekend of September 25th and 26th. This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Relief Services and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB's Emergency Disaster Fund.

If you would like your offering posted to your family account for tax purposes, be sure to include your name and address with your offering.

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON SERVES

Parish groups and individuals are encouraged to serve our sisters and brothers who are in need throughout the Diocese of Scranton on Saturday, October 2 or Sunday, October 3. The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations will provide an opening prayer to start the day and reflection questions for discussion at the end of the day. All participants will receive a free T-shirt. Volunteers can choose their own service site based on the needs of their local community or reach out for suggestions! To get involved and help make a difference, visit dioceseofscranton.org.

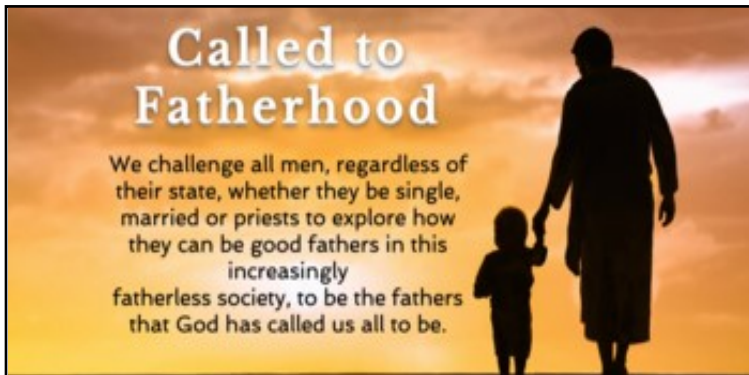




POPE QUOTE: "God is gloriously and mysteriously present in creation since he is the Lord who reigns over it. To discover this, we need to be silent, listen, contemplate"

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION:

SEPTEMBER: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



"BE A MAN" CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC MEN CALLED TO FATHERHOOD

6th Annual Conference in the Diocese of Scranton

A generous patron has offered to sponsor any man in our parish wishing to attend this conference.

St. Joseph was called by God to be an earthly father to his Divine Son, Jesus Christ and husband to the Blessed Mother Mary. He is our example of earthly fatherhood as leader, protector and provider for the Holy Family. As Joseph met the challenges of fatherhood in his day, we must meet them in ours.

Saturday, October 30, 2021, 8:00 am- 3:00 pm

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Register for the conference online at:

<https://www.beacatholicman.com/conference#!/2021-Conference-Attendee/p/381794853/category=0>

SEPTEMBER 13 - 19, 2021 READINGS

Mon - 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 Lk 7:1-10

Tues - Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17

Wed - 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Jn 19:25-27 or

Lk 2:33-35

Thurs - 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-10 Lk 7:36-50

Fri - 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3

Sat - 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 8:4-15

Sun - Wis 2:12, 17-20 Ps 54:3-4, 5-8 Jas 3:16—4:3

Mk 9:30-37



As part of our Year of the Family observance, the Office for Parish Life is sponsoring a Family Fun Day at **Family Fun Day!** Knoebels Amusement Resort on Saturday, September 18th. Groups or individuals are welcome to enjoy all that Knoebels has to offer from 12 pm to 8 pm and take advantage of our discounted ticket offer! You can choose from a Lunch and Ride Package (\$25 per person includes a bagged lunch and \$20 worth of ride tickets) or a Discounted Tickets Only option (\$20 worth of ride tickets for \$17). Regardless of the package you choose, you are welcome to take advantage of our reserved pavilion for lunch or to simply gather with your family and friends.

To purchase tickets by credit card, visit

www.dioceseofscranton.org <[http://](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)

www.dioceseofscranton.org>.

To order & pay by check, call (570)207-2213 ext. 1155.

All orders must be paid in advance. The deadline to place orders is September 16.

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

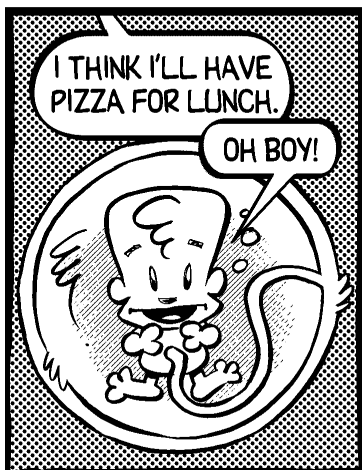


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DRIVE**

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

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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