

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



25TH 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

<b>Saturday, September 18</b>	Weekday
Vigil - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
4:00 pm, Canton † Bill Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)	
<b>Sunday, Sept 19</b>	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)	
<b>Monday, Sept 20</b>	Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, and Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs,
7:00 am, Rectory † Dr. Charles Driscoll	
<b>Tues, Sept 21</b>	SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST
5:30 pm, Troy † John Petro	
<b>Wednesday, September 22</b>	Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Charles Pansy Stanton	
6:00 pm, Holy Hour (Chris & Chrissi Stanton)	
<b>Thursday, Sept 23</b>	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
No Mass	
<b>Friday, September 24</b>	Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Jefferey Wynne (His Estate)	
<b>Saturday, September 25</b>	Weekday
Vigil - 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
4:00 pm, Canton † Helen Kropf (Joe & Joanne Kropf)	
<b>Sunday, Sept 26</b>	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Michael J. Acresti (The Family)	
9:30 am, Canton - For the special intentions of Josephine Hamburger (Paul & Danette Hamburger)	
11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo	

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 whose hearts ache from participating in abortion, may they be strengthened to seek the Lord's compassion, mercy, and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

*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 SEPTEMBER 6 - 12, 2021

Weekly Offerings:	1,698.00
Electronic Offerings:	520.00
Other Parish Income:	605.00
Total Parish Income:	2,823.00
Average weekly expenses:	3,762.36
Difference:	(939.36)



Care & Education of Priests: 55.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

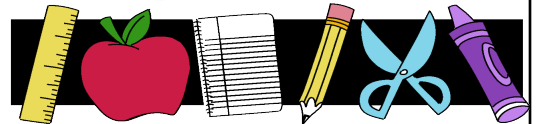
### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?



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

### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19, 2021 under the theme of ***"Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed."*** On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. <https://www.usccb.org/resources/catechetical-sunday-2021>

### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

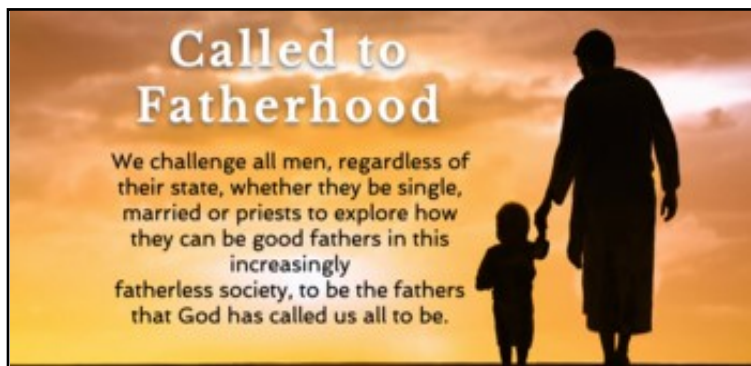
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**POPE QUOTE:** "The Eucharist is here to remind us who God is. It does not do so just in words, but in a concrete way, showing us God as bread broken, as love crucified and bestowed."

**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  
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6th Annual Conference in the Diocese of Scranton  
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**SEPTEMBER 20 - 26, 2021 READINGS**

**Mon** - Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-6 Lk 8:16-18

**Tues** - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

**Wed** - Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps) Tb 13:13.:2-4, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6

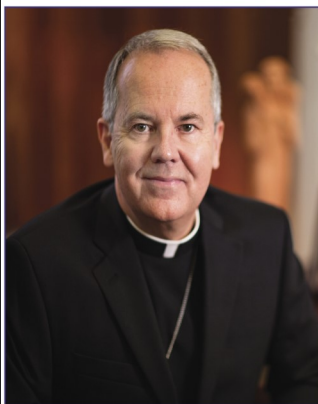
**Thurs** - Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 9:7-9

**Fri** - Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22

**Sat** - Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13  
Lk 9:43b-45

**Sun** - Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14 Jas 5:1-6  
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

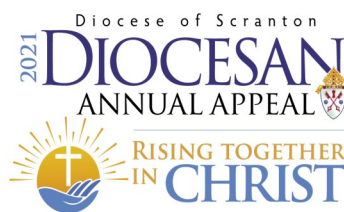
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— Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera,  
D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton

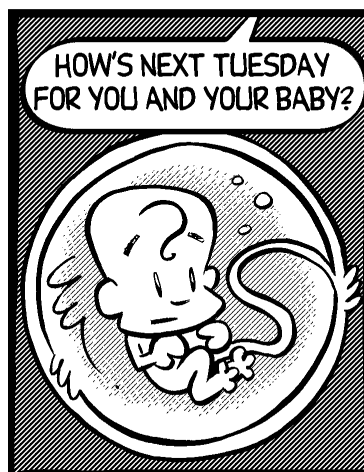
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## CCD BAKE SALE

The annual CCD bake sale will take place after Masses this weekend, September 18th & 19th. This sale enables our parish to support our CCD program without charging families any tuition or other fees. There are 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!



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## FREE SPONSORED BUS FOR PA MARCH FOR LIFE

Monday, September 27, 2021

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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

On August 19, 2021, I announced a special collection for the weekend of September 25th and 26th on behalf of those in Haiti devastated by the recent earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace. The funds received would 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.

Sadly, as we anticipate that collection, countless numbers of people have now been impacted by Hurricane Ida, which made landfall in the Gulf Coast and moved inland as a tropical storm, causing damage and suffering in numerous states including many in the northeastern portion of the United States.

To facilitate our response to the needs of our suffering brothers and sisters, I ask that you include support for victims of Hurricane Ida, along with victims of the

## ANNUAL FRUIT PIE SALES

### ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!

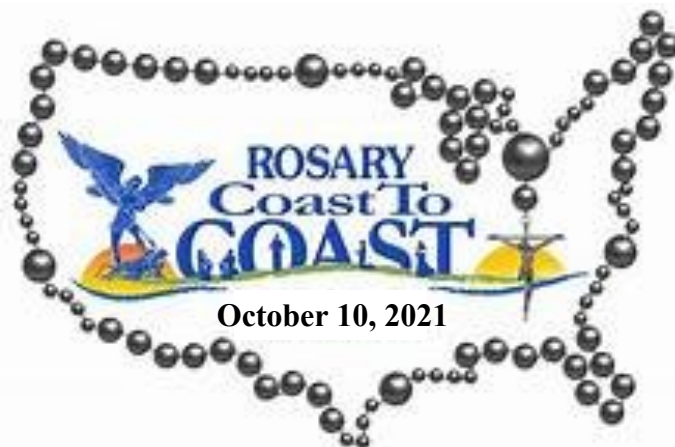
It is time for our annual fruit pie sale! The Pumpkin Festival will be held on October 2nd & 3rd at the Firemen's Field in Canton. Don't think you're locked in to apple pies, people love the fun and unusual flavors, so let your creativity flow! Pie tins and boxes are available for pickup in all three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



## THE 6TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY WILL BE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

Place: St. Michael's Church parking lot  
(if bad weather it will be inside the church)

Time: Gather at 3:30 pm  
Rosary will start precisely at 4:00 pm

Several Prayers will be said before and after the Rosary. A reception will follow in the Church Hall.

The way the World is today, prayers are greatly needed. Please come join us and pray for our Nation, All Mankind, Our Religious beliefs, and Unity among Americans. There will be a container for Prayer Intentions. Any questions, contact Sharon Mulno (570) 673-5857 or email [smulno@yahoo.com](mailto:smulno@yahoo.com)

Haitian earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace, in the special collection already scheduled for the weekend of September 25th and 26th.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

†Joseph C. Bambera

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

## BEREAVEMENT WEBINAR

Please join us for a one hour webinar on October 19th at 7PM with Deacon Ed Shoener. Deacon Ed will be discussing the books he and Bishop John Dolan helped to create, *Responding to Suicide: A Pastoral Handbook for Catholic Leaders* (named Resource of the Year by the Association of Catholic Publishers) and *When a Loved One Dies by Suicide: Comfort, Hope, and Healing for Grieving Catholics*. Deacon will also speak about his continuing work in Grief and Bereavement Ministry at Cathedral Parish. To register for the webinar or to learn more, please contact Jennifer Housel 570-207-2213 x1104, or [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org).

This live webinar will last for approximately one hour. In the first 40 minutes or so, Deacon will share information about the books, as well as speak about his continuing work in Grief and Bereavement Ministry at Cathedral Parish (including doing so online during the pandemic lockdown). During the last portion of the webinar, Deacon Ed will answer questions from those participating.

This event could be helpful and of interest to:

- those involved in, or interested in learning more about grief/bereavement ministry
- anyone involved in, or interested in learning more about pastoral care for those who are grieving
- anyone more specifically affected by, or working to accompany someone who is grieving a loss by suicide



### 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](http://dioceseofscranton.org).

## NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

### AVISO AL RESPECTO DE REPORTAR EL ABUSO SEXUAL DE UN MENOR

De Edad Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley. Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. De conformidad con la Comunidad de los Servicios de Protección Infantil de Pennsylvania Leyes, informes de sospecha de abuso de niños también debe hacerse inmediatamente por teléfono las 24 horas maltrato infantil hotline (ChildLine) al 1-800-932-0313 o electrónicamente en [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis)

Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual. Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551).



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Blessing in honor of the Feast day of St. Francis  
has been moved to Sunday, October 3rd at 2:00  
pm in the parking lot of St. Michael's Church at  
107 North Washington street in Canton.**

