

OCTOBER 10, 2021



28TH 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. (2021/22)

(Religious education classes  
held during the school year)

Sun: 8:15 am St. Michael hall  
10:00 am St. John Nepomucene hall

After hearing that it would be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, the coalition for rich people concocted a plan to get into the kingdom of heaven ...



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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, October 9** Weekday

Vigil - 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His Estate)

**Sunday, Oct 10** 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Robert Jannone (Gerald & Joy Brann)

11:15 am, Troy † Anna Storck (James & Michelle Blade)

**Monday, October 11** Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Dr. Charles Driscoll

**Tuesday, October 12** Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Thomas J. Karaban

**Wednesday, October 13** Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Elizabeth Beahm (David Beahm)

6:00 pm, Holy Hour

**Thursday, October 14** Weekday

No Mass

**Friday, October 15** Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and  
Doctor of the Church

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

**Saturday, October 16** Weekday

Vigil - 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton - For the special intentions of

Diane & Bob Jones (Dawn Manley)

**Sunday, Oct 17** 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Atty Leonard Frawley

(Gerald & Joy Brann)

11:15 am, Troy † Fran Welch (Louise Wilber)

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 God to grant us the wisdom and courage to lovingly protect His gift of human life at every stage, in sickness and in health

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

### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

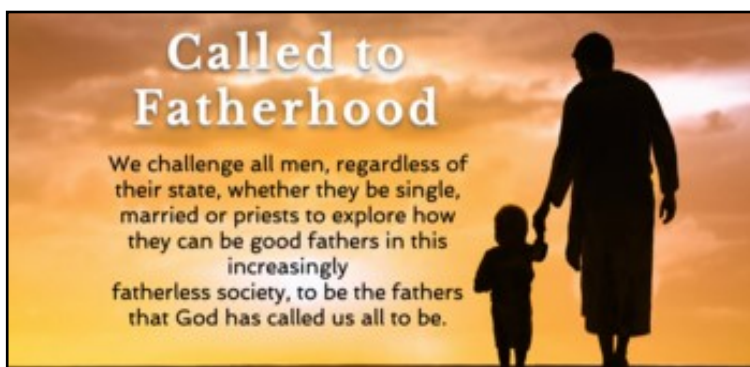
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## FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

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



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) has begun. We are currently in the inquiry phase. It's culmination is the inquirer's decision to enter the catechumenate, the period of formal preparation for entrance into full membership in the Catholic Church. This phase may last a few weeks. If anyone is still thinking about becoming catholic, or is still on the fence about that decision, it is not too late. Just come to our next session and check it out for yourself. The next session will be on Monday, October 11th at 7 pm in the rectory.



### "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.

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### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

#### SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 3, 2021

Weekly Offerings: 2,950.00

Electronic Offerings: 1,500.00

Fruit Pie Sales: 1,442.00

Other Parish Income: 1,359.50



Total Parish Income: 7,251.50

Average weekly expenses: 3,762.36

Difference: 3,489.14

Care & Ed of Priests: 701.00

Natural Disasters: 110.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*



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## One Minute Meditations

### God is Love

God is the creator of the universe, who made everything from nothing. Yet, He is not a remote, uninvolved God. Nor is He an unforgiving judge waiting for us to mess up. Rather, God is our Father who loves us more than we could ask to be loved.

### His temple

St. Paul teaches that *"your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own."* We understand it is unhealthy to overeat or abuse drugs or alcohol. Yet, we don't always acknowledge the harm of watching movies and television shows with violence or sex, or listening to music with profane lyrics. God's temple deserves respect. *"Therefore, glorify God in your body"* (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

"Daily prayer is the foundation of sanctity. Some prefer it in the morning. Some late at night. However, whenever, wherever, it's a must!" Timothy Cardinal Dolan

## "Lead us not into temptation ..."

No one is exempt from temptation. Being enticed by the attractions of this world is part of our human condition, but successfully fighting it makes us stronger and holier.

Watch for it. Temptation strikes when we are least able to fight it. Identify what tempts you most and try to anticipate when you are weakest. Then devise a plan of action – not just a resolution – to help you resist.

Pray through it. When Jesus caught His disciples sleeping in the garden instead of praying, He said, "Watch

and pray that you may not undergo the test" (Matthew 26:41). Overcome temptation by being alert to it and praying instead of indulging in it.

Run from it.

Sometimes fleeing temptation is the best way to resist it. *"God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it"* (1 Corinthians 10:13). Avoid people, places or situations that give you trouble.

Don't start it. It is easier to resist temptation if you stop it when it starts. Then it won't have the force of habit. Though it is never too late to ask for God's help, the longer you live with the temptation, the harder it will be to turn to Him.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

In Old Testament kingdoms, the queen mother played a significant role in her son's governance of His kingdom. Her power and authority flowed from her position as it related to her son.

## Why do Catholics turn to Mary?

His subjects often petitioned her to speak for them. As Queen Mother of Heaven, Mary's purpose is to further her Son's kingdom. When we turn to her, she acts with her authority to bring our concerns to her Son, and He is always inclined to fulfill her wishes.



# God's love never changes

It's only human to want to be loved. Unfortunately, even the best friend or lover will let us down once in a while. That can leave us lonely or searching for the wrong kind of love. Fortunately, God will never let us down. His love is the right kind of love to have.

His love never changes. Standards set by humans change over time. Something considered "in" today, can be "out" in no time. God's love is unchanging and unending.

Friends come and go. Sooner or later, you have



to leave your friends or they leave you. But Jesus said, "... behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). God never leaves.

He loves us for who we really are.

There's nothing God doesn't know about us, and He adores us anyway. If God likes you, others will, too. To please God we have to fill ourselves with love for Him and other people, and that makes us even nicer to be around. Pass it on.

## from Scripture

### Mark 12:28-34 - The first Commandment

The Jewish authorities often tried to draw Jesus out and get Him to say something counter to Jewish law. That way He could be discredited – or worse. Yet, the strategy never worked for them. In fact, one of the scribes was so impressed by Jesus' response to a challenge by the Sadducees that he posed a question of his own. He sincerely wanted to learn from Jesus' answer.

The scribe asked which of the commandments was most important. Jesus said everything starts and ends with love – love of God and love of each other. To love God is to



love one another. They are as inseparable as the beams of the cross. While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult.

But true love of neighbor is measured by how we treat those who are neither family nor friends. It means including people when the natural inclination is to exclude or avoid them. Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even His political enemies. This is how God loves and He calls us to do no less.

## Feasts & Celebrations

In October we celebrate the Rosary especially on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. The Rosary helps us to meditate on Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

October 6 – St. Bruno (1101). Bruno was born in Germany, studied in France and became a theology professor. With six other companions, Bruno founded the Carthusian Order in 1084 and helped reform the clergy in Rome.

October 14 – St. Callistus I (222). A Roman slave, Callistus obtained his

freedom and was ordained a deacon by Pope Zephyrinus, whom he later succeeded. Callistus's election caused an eighteen-year schism, spawning the first anti-pope. In a time of trial and confusion, he reopened the Church to all. He was martyred in Rome.

October 20 – St. Paul of the Cross (1775). Paul was inspired by a vision to start a religious order dedicated to the Passion of Christ.

He founded the Passionists in 1720, lived a penitential life, worked miracles, and cared for the poor and sick.



## Q & A Why is a Catholic Funeral important?

Although no one enjoys dwelling on death, most of us will mourn and bury loved ones in our lifetimes. Friends may counsel us to skip the church funeral and just "get it over with," but our faith provides the strength we need to deal with death.



The Church has created Rites to help us face the difficulties and reality of death.

Every baptized Catholic has a right to a Catholic funeral. The Rites of a Catholic Funeral include Prayers after Death, Prayers in the Presence of the Body, the Scripture Prayer Service at the Wake, the Funeral at Church (with or without Mass), and the Internment Prayer Service at the cemetery. Together these services not only make up the total Catholic Funeral Service, but also provide the Church's special prayers for the deceased. The Rites also support families and friends who are grieving for their loved one.

Catholics are entitled to a Catholic Funeral whether they are frequent or infrequent Mass attendees. (For specific questions, check with your local parish.)

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**POPE QUOTE:** "Life is a gift, and when it is long it is a privilege. The "wealth of many years" is a wealth in terms of the persons themselves, their experience and history."

**POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION:**

**OCTOBER - MISSIONARY DISCIPLES:** We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

**OCTOBER 11 - 17, 2021 READINGS**

**Mon** - Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98:1bcde, 2-4 Lk 11:29-32  
**Tues** - Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 11:37-41  
**Wed** - Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 Lk 11:42-46  
**Thurs** - Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1b-6b Lk 11:47-54  
**Fri** - Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11 Lk 12:1-7  
**Sat** - Rom 4:13, 16-18 Ps 105:6-9, 42-43 Lk 12:8-12  
**Sun** - Is 53:10-11 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Heb 4:14-16  
Mk 10:35-45

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT**

The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations are sponsoring a retreat for young adults (aged 18-35) on Saturday, October 16 beginning at Noon. This 24-hour retreat is titled "*Signposts: How to Recognize and Trust the Work of God's Hand in One's Life.*" Registration fee is \$20.00. To register and/or for more information, visit [dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org) or call 570-207-1452.

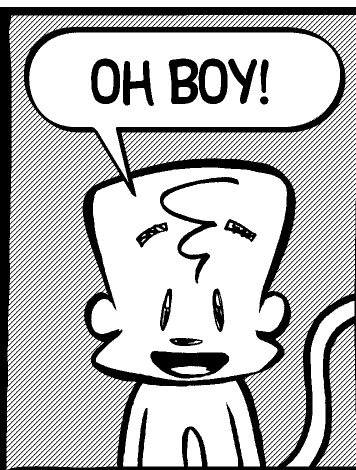
**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The Anointing of the Sick within Mass will be held on Sunday, October 31 at 2:00 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Towanda. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who are elderly, infirm, suffering health or mental problems whether acute or chronic, or who just need a special blessing. Attending this Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation. If you or someone you know needs this special anointing, please come join us. A social hour with refreshments will follow in Grotto Hall.

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



**Umbert the Unborn**



by Gary Cangemi

**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)

**NEXT WEEKEND IS IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

Please bring your mailed pledge envelope to Mass the weekend of Oct. 16 & 17 and drop it in the offertory collection.

Prayer intentions submitted by parishioners will be remembered at the 10:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021.

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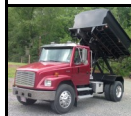
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