

OCTOBER 17, 2021



29TH 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



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, 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)

Monday, October 18 SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST
7:00 am, Rectory † Jefferey Wynne (His Estate)

Tuesday, October 19 Saints John de Brébeuf and
Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
5:30 pm, Troy † Mary "Mae" Barnosky

Wednesday, October 20 Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † John Petro
6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, October 21 Weekday
No Mass

Friday, October 22 Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Gene & Mary McMahon
(Mike & Jean Herman)

Saturday, October 23 Weekday
Vigil - 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Marie O'Hara (John & Pat Rushin)

Sunday, Oct 24 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His Estate)
11:15 am, Troy † Barbara & Lefty Shanley
(Barbara Wyworski)

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 that the life of every person, from conception to natural death, will be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Allura Booker, Tom Ambruch,
Betty Brown, Jeremy Colony, Carlene Eck,
Dorland Eck, Melissa Gowan, Susan Hagemayer,
Robert Dale Hostetter, Wanda Jones,
Chris Kopaczewski, Ben Kopetan, Ralph Lepper,
Lanny Lutz, Creighton MacGill, Patti Madigan-Pessoni,
Richard Margeson, Bunny Meuse, Marie Miele,
Bernadette Moore, Cathy Ostaszewski,
Pauline Pazzaglia, Jody Schefsky, Mike Slocum,
Andrea Smith, Rich Stankiewicz, Frank Sullivan,
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.

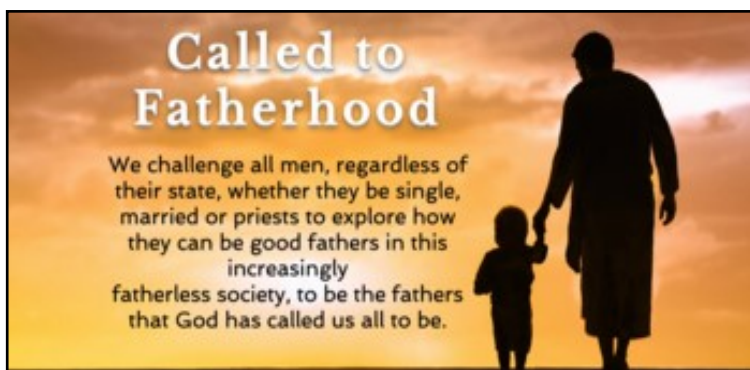
FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

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 18th at 7 pm in the rectory.

In addition to the All Souls Day envelopes that are in your envelope packets, I have made available All Souls Day envelopes in the back of all three churches. Please list the names of all those deceased loved ones you want to be remembered on the front of the envelope, enclose your offering, and drop them in the collection basket on or before November 2nd, All Souls Day.



"BE A MAN" CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC MEN

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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.

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>

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

OCTOBER 4 - 10, 2021

Weekly Offerings: 2,434.50

Electronic Offerings: 520.00

Other Parish Income: 772.00

Total Parish Income: 3,726.50

Average weekly expenses: 3,762.36

Difference: (35.86)

Care & Ed of Priests: 65.00

Thank you for your continued support.





POPE QUOTE: "True encounter arises only from listening."

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.



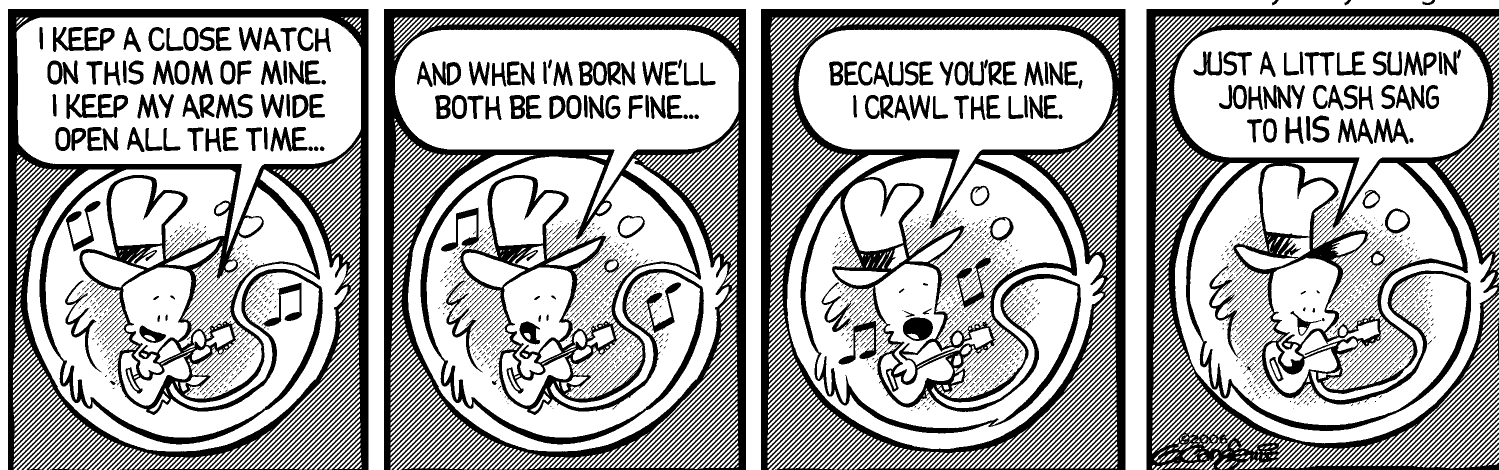
This month our CCD students will be participating in *Box of Joy*, a Christmas gift ministry organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups nationwide. By packing *Boxes of Joy* with toys and other gifts, our students will bless children suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. We encourage every student and every family member to pack a *Box of Joy*! If you need additional boxes, please let us know. In 2018, we participated in the outreach and our students did an amazing job! They were able to bless 41 children suffering from poverty overseas! This year, we have set a goal to bless 50 impoverished children in Latin America!

Materials are available in the back of church. The deadline for returning your packed *Boxes of Joy* to any of our three churches is **Sunday October 31**. Checks to cover the shipping of the gifts overseas should be made out to **Cross Catholic Outreach**. For more info, contact the Project Leader Beth Cole or check out boxofjoy.org

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.

Umbert the Unborn



OCTOBER 18 - 24, 2021 READINGS

Mon - 2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Lk 10:1-9

Tues - Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Ps 40:7-10, 17
Lk 12:35-38

Wed - Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1b-8 Lk 12:39-48

Thurs - Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 12:49-53

Fri - Rom 7:18-25a Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94
Lk 12:54-59

Sat - Rom 8:1-11 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 13:1-9

Sun - Jer 31:7-9 Ps 126:1-6 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52

THIS WEEKEND IS IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Thank you for placing your mailed pledge envelope in the offertory collection. Your generosity will reach thousands of our friends and neighbors in need who depend on your support.

"At one point in time, I was living in my car for about three months. I ended up going to Saint Anthony's Haven and they asked me if I was a veteran. From that point on, I was taken care of...I'm very optimistic now. I've got a lot of things going for me."

James Judge
Catholic Social Services Permanent Supportive Housing Client



Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton has been a lifeline to many during the pandemic. With numerous food pantries, shelters, kitchens and assistance programs, the agency has met the needs of tens-of-thousands of families, children and seniors during the pandemic. James Judge, a U.S. Navy veteran, is currently receiving help through Catholic Social Services' permanent supportive housing program.

Donate now at: annualappeal.org

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ROSARY COAST TO COAST

Saint Michael's Altar & Rosary Society would like to thank everyone who participated in our 1st Rosary Coast to Coast. We had 19 people attend and many more praying from home. Also thank you to those who supplied refreshments afterwards. Thank you again for a successful event.



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October 4, 2021

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In reflecting upon the Gospel stories of Jesus' life and ministry, it is apparent that much of His time was spent in listening – listening to struggling souls who were seeking a better life for themselves and those they loved. What set Jesus apart was that He listened not only to the words they spoke but also to the movement of their hearts as they shared their disappointments and fears, grief and pain, brokenness and sin, hopes and dreams. In every instance, Jesus listened to those who approached him with the merciful heart of God, acknowledging their life's journey and treating them with respect and dignity. Authentic listening – not just with our ears, but also with our head and heart – is a truly powerful, sacred and deeply human experience.

Throughout her history, the Church has valued the art of listening. From the earliest days of Christianity, the Church has used the model of a *Synod* as a means of listening to the voice of Christ alive in each member of the Church. Simply put, a *Synod* is a process to gather Christ's disciples to hear their voices.

On March 7, 2020, His Holiness, Pope Francis announced that a Synod of Bishops would convene at the Vatican in October 2023, the theme of which will be *For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission*. As a vital first step in the Synod process, the Holy Father has invited each diocese around the world to listen to the voices of its people, including those who are marginalized or may have fallen away from the Church.

By virtue of our Baptism, all of us are called to be active participants in the life of the Church through discernment, participation and co-responsibility. Through a process of careful listening, our participation in the Synod process will enable us to better understand how the Christian community participates in the life of our Church in the Diocese of Scranton today and how that shared participation among our members might grow in the future.

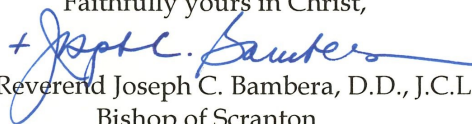
I invite you to join me in-person, as the Diocese of Scranton begins our participation in the Synod process with an opening Mass on Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. Pope Francis will formally open the Synod at the Vatican on the weekend of October 9 and 10.

Our diocese is in the process of developing a broad consultation process for participation in our parishes, schools and other diocesan structures over the next six months. In addition, online opportunities to reach all members of our community will be available. While more details will be shared in the near future, I encourage your participation in this historic moment in the life of Church in the Diocese of Scranton in whatever manner you feel best responds to your situation.

Far from being a temporary or one-time experience in calling the Church to participate in the Synod process, Pope Francis is reminding us that the very mission of the Church requires the entire People of God to be on a journey together, with each member playing his or her crucial role, united with each other. The Holy Father's hope, which is my prayer as well, is that the experience of this unique worldwide opportunity will bring about a new springtime for listening, discernment, dialogue and decision-making in our Church, so that the whole People of God can better journey together with one another and the entire human family, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I look forward to walking together with you during these exciting days in our Church. Thank you and God bless you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,


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



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2021

QUOTES FROM THE MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2021 THE EXPERIENCE OF THE APOSTLES

The first Christians began the life of faith amid hostility and hardship...those experiences impelled them to turn problems, conflicts and difficulties into opportunities for mission... Nothing and no one was to be excluded from the message of liberation. Like the Apostles and the first Christians, we too can say with complete conviction: “We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20). Everything we have received from the Lord is meant to be put to good use and freely shared with others....The first Christians, far from yielding to the temptation to become an elite group, were inspired by the Lord and His offer of new life to go out among the nations and to bear witness to what they had seen and heard: the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand....

THE PANDEMIC NECESSITATES MISSION OF COMPASSION

The pandemic has brought to the fore and amplified the pain, the solitude, the poverty, and the injustices experienced by so many people. In these days of pandemic.... there is urgent need for the mission of compassion, which can make that necessary (social) distancing an opportunity for encounter, care and promotion. “What we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20), the mercy we have experienced, can thus become a point of reference and a source of credibility enabling us to recover a shared passion for building “a community of belonging and solidarity worthy of our time, our energy and our resources” (Fratelli Tutti, 36).

AN INVITATION TO EACH OF US

On World Mission Sunday, which we celebrate on the penultimate Sunday of October, we recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people athirst for its saving message. To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with Him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May His compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples.

READ THE HOLY FATHER’S COMPLETE MESSAGE AT:

www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions/documents/papa-francesco_20210106_giornata-missionaria2021.html



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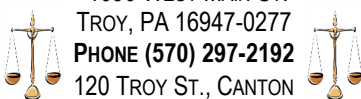
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