

NOVEMBER 7, 2021



32ND 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*

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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

**Saturday, November 6** Weekday  
Vigil - 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
4:00 pm, Canton - For the special intentions of  
Rich Stankiewicz (Dawn Manley)

**Sunday, November 7** 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo  
9:30 am, Canton † Mr. & Mrs. William J. & Rose K.  
Brann (Gerald & Joy Brann)  
11:15 am, Troy † Audrey & Stephen O'Kula  
(Dr. Barbara Wyworski)

**Monday, November 8** Weekday  
7:00 am, Rectory † Dennis P. Fries

**Tuesday, November 9** THE DEDICATION OF THE  
5:30 pm, Troy † Alice Kaier LATERAN BASILICA

**Wednesday, November 10** Saint Leo the Great, Pope,  
Doctor of the Church  
5:30 pm, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His Estate)  
6:00 pm, Holy Hour

**Thursday, November 11** Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop  
No Mass

**Friday, November 12** Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr  
7:00 am, Rectory † Deceased members of the Altar &  
Rosary Society (Saint Michael's A&R)

**Saturday, Nov 13** Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin  
Vigil - 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
4:00 pm, Canton - For the special intentions of  
Deacon Bill & Mary Graham (Dawn Manley)

**Sunday, Nov 14** 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo  
9:30 am, Canton - For the special intentions of  
Sharon & John Mulno (Dawn Manley)  
11:15 am, Troy † Larry Kieslor (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 the repose of the soul of  
Katherine Lepper and for consolation for  
her family and friends.

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

### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS OCTOBER 25 - 31, 2021

Weekly Offerings:	2,635.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,500.00
Other Parish Income:	203.00
Total Parish Income:	4,338.00
Average weekly expenses:	3,762.36
Difference:	575.64



Care & Education of Priests: 1.00  
All Souls Day envelopes: 742.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We have held several Inquiry Sessions of the RCIA program, yet have not had any candidate or catechumen attend. It is with regret, therefore, that we will discontinue RCIA sessions for this year. If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, please encourage them to contact the rectory office so that we can begin planning for next year.



## SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY HARVEST SUPPER

This year the dinner will be take-out only. Orders are due by 6 pm on Nov. 7th. Three ways to order:

- Sign up on the sheets in the back of all 3 churches
- Call Sharon Mulno at 570-673-5857
- Complete the form on the parish website

Adults: \$10.00

Children 6-12: \$7.00

Children 5 and under: Free

Pick up day: Wednesday, November 10th

Pick up times: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Pick up location: St. Michael's Church hall

Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, stuffing,  
gravy, squash, green beans, coleslaw,  
applesauce, roll & dessert.

*There will be a work bee on  
Tuesday, November 9th  
from 9:00 am until we're done!*



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Rich Stankiewicz, Frank Sullivan, Cassie Twist,  
Elias Vroman, Wanda Wennerholt, Steven Wilber,  
Anthony Wolf, Donna Wolf, Johnathan 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.*





**POPE QUOTE:** "The saints, who often count for little in the eyes of the world, are in reality the ones who sustain it, not with the weapons of money and power, but with the weapon of prayer."

**POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION:**  
NOVEMBER - PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM

**DEPRESSION:** We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

## SUPPORT PARISH LIFE INITIATIVES

*"Our primary goal is to share the Gospel, evangelize and share our faith and bring people back to the Church if they are not there"*

— Jose Flores  
Coordinator for Hispanic Ministry  
Diocese of Scranton



The Diocesan Annual Appeal supports the Office for Parish Life, which works directly with parishes to provide training and support services to guide the faithful.

This summer, the office launched a new weekly radio program in Spanish to share the Gospel message with the Hispanic community.

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Diocese of Scranton  
**2021 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**  
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**RISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST**

Our Parish Goal for the 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal is \$12,000.00. As of 10/25/2021, we have reached 36% of our goal. (This does not include In-Pew Commitment weekend information.) Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far.

### NOVEMBER 1 - 7, 2021 READINGS

**Mon** - Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-4b, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3  
Mt 5:1-12a  
**Tues** - Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9  
Jn 6:37-40  
**Wed** - Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 Lk 14:25-33  
**Thurs** - Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 Lk 15:1-10  
**Fri** - Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 16:1-8  
**Sat** - Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11  
Lk 16:9-15  
**Sun** - 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7-10 Heb 9:24-28  
Mk 12:38-44

### MONTH OF THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." We know that a defiled soul cannot enter into heaven. *Excerpted from Liturgical Meditations, The Sisters of St. Dominic*

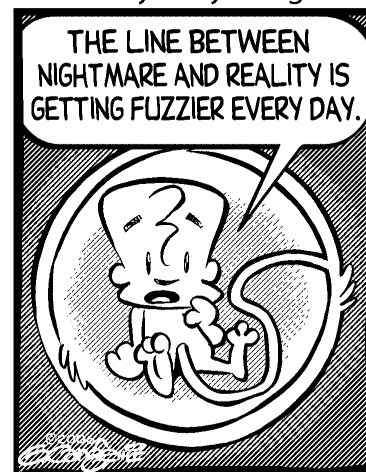
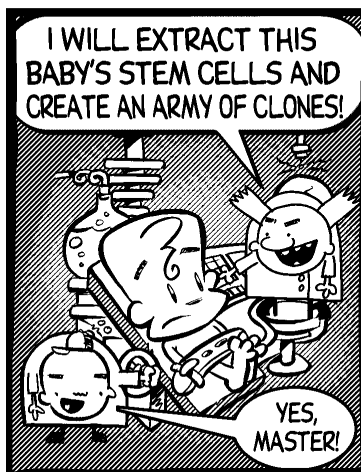
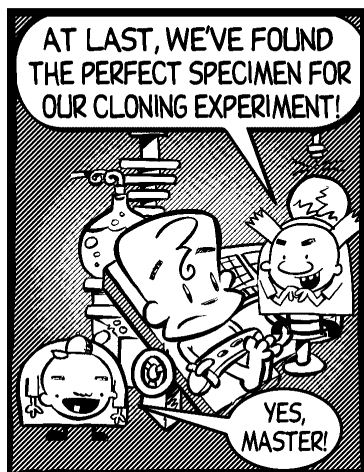
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God, Lord of mercies, grant to the souls of Your servants and handmaids, the place of refreshment, the bliss of eternal rest and the splendor of Your light.

## Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



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## One Minute Meditations

### Happiness

As a loving Father, God wants us to be happy. True happiness is: "Joy and beatitude over receiving the fulfillment of our vocation as creatures: a sharing in the divine nature and the vision of God. God put us into the world to know, love, and serve Him, and so come to the happiness of paradise" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, # 1720). The happiness the world offers doesn't last, but the happiness God offers is forever.

### Nurture faith

Spiritual growth doesn't stop with formal religious education. To know God better, start with the Bible and consider adding spiritual reading. (Hint: ask a priest for recommendations.) Read so that you may learn more about God's ways.

### Patience makes sense

Don't be tempted to compare yourself to others. God's plan for you is unique. *"Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over him who prospers in his way"* (Psalm 37:7).

## Prepare for an amazing truth

At Christmas we celebrate the truth that God came and lived among us. What's even more amazing is that He will come again at our death or at the end of the world, whichever comes first. To help us prepare, the Church created the season of Advent, beginning this year on November 28. It is a watchful time during which we can ...

Live intentionally. If you knew that Jesus would come for you tomorrow, how would you spend today? Chances are you would devote the day to asking and granting forgiveness, spending time with loved ones, and preparing your heart for your Savior.

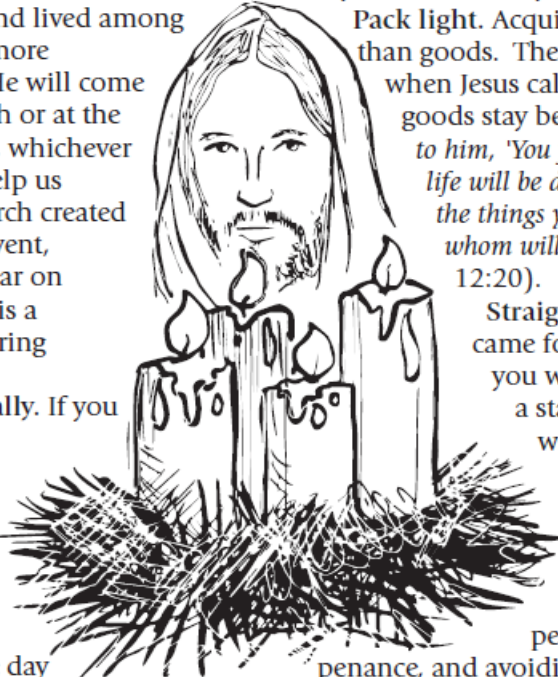
Try to live each day that way.

Pack light. Acquire graces rather than goods. The graces come along when Jesus calls for you, but the goods stay behind. *"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'"* (Luke 12:20).

Straighten up. If Jesus came for you tomorrow, you would need to be in a state of grace to go with Him. Prepare now by never missing Mass, going to Confession regularly, performing heartfelt

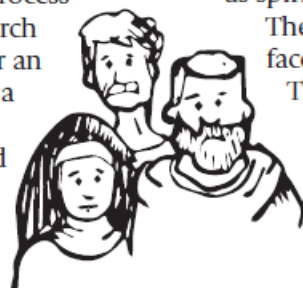
penance, and avoiding sin so that you'll be ready to greet Jesus with joy anytime.

The truth is, Jesus really could come tomorrow – or even today!



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

Canonization is the process through which the Church acknowledges that, after an extensive investigation, a person demonstrated extraordinary virtue and is now in Heaven, face-to-face with God. Saints are offered to us



## Why do Catholics honor saints?

as spiritual guides to lead us to God.

The saints were real people who faced problems similar to our own.

They allowed God's grace to transform them. When we are facing difficulties, trials, and temptations, we can look to the saints and be encouraged by their faithfulness.



# Thankfulness is good for the health

Studies show that people who are thankful are less likely to be depressed or unhappy, and find they enjoy simple pleasures like sunsets and good health. Here is how you can join them ...

Calculate your ratio. For three days straight, keep track of how many times you think grateful thoughts versus complaining. This is your Grateful to Grumbling Ratio. The higher your G2G Ratio, the happier you will be.

Gather inspiration. Ask others what inspires their gratitude. You will probably discover something for which

you can also be thankful but haven't thought of.

Fast. Forgo something you like such as food, TV, the internet. It will make you thankful for it when you get it back.

Guard the company you keep. Attitudes are contagious. Do the people around you encourage gratitude or griping? Consider changing your environment or your friends to lean toward gratitude.

Detach. Have you noticed that the people who have the least seem the happiest? Take stock of your possessions. Keep only what you need.



## from Scripture

### Luke 21:25-28, 34-36, the Advent of hope

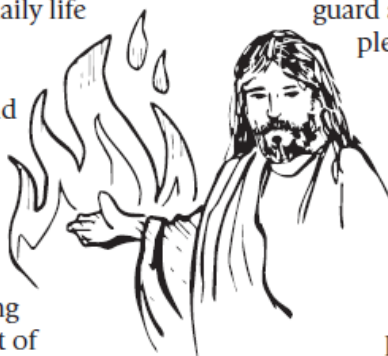
The virtues of patience and perseverance aren't strengths for most of us. Often the concerns of daily life overshadow our pursuit of holiness. We can get lured into sin by the comforts and pleasures the world has to offer. We can forget our ultimate goal is Heaven. Knowing this, Jesus warned His followers about the end times, hoping to shake them (and us) out of "drowsy" complaisance.

Imagine the terrifying scene Jesus described – the shaking of the earth, sea, and sky and people dying of fright. In the midst of that terror, though, people living

in God's friendship will have no reason to fear. The key is, He said, to stay on guard against sin and worldly pleasure.

Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of Christ. God has promised us that if we are faithful to Him, we will be rewarded. This is a time when we must pray for patience and perseverance to keep us ready

for the arrival of our Savior. Then we can hold our heads high and stand confident expecting our promised reward.



## Feasts & Celebrations

November 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1231). The daughter of the King of Hungary, she married at the age of 14. Her beloved husband was killed after only six years of marriage. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order and spent her life caring for the poor.

November 21 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. God promised his people a king who will be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.

November 22 – St. Cecilia (230). A native of Rome, St. Cecilia was forced to marry although she wanted to consecrate herself to God. She eventually converted her husband and both were martyred for the faith.

November 28 - First Sunday in Advent. During Advent, we prepare to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas 2,000 years ago at Bethlehem. For four weeks, we light candles in an Advent wreath and recall that Jesus is the "Light of the world" (John 8:12).



## Q & A Is our belief in Purgatory rooted in the Bible?

In the Old Testament, the Jewish leader Judas Maccabee required his soldiers to offer prayers and sacrifices for dead comrades who died wearing "magic" amulets in service of pagan gods – a serious violation of the covenant. *"Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out"*

(Maccabees 12:42). By offering prayers on their behalf after their death, Judas Maccabee demonstrated his faith that the prayers could still benefit the dead.

In the New Testament, Jesus speaks of the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit that won't be forgiven in this life or in the next (Matthew 12:32). We conclude that other sins are forgiven in the next life.

If we die in God's friendship but still have attachment to venial sin, purification will be necessary. It is difficult to see a beautiful landscape through a dirty window. To enjoy the view, the window must be cleaned. Likewise, Purgatory cleans us up so we can enjoy the view, in this case, the beatific vision of God.

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