

DECEMBER 12, 2021



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 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, December 11 Advent Weekday
Vigil - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm, Canton † Mike Acresti (Jeff & Beth Cole)

Sunday, December 12 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His Estate)
11:15 am, Troy † Audrey & Stephen O'Kula
(Dr. Barbara Wyworski)

Monday, December 13 Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
7:00 am, Rectory † Dr. Charles Driscoll

Tuesday, December 14 Saint John of the Cross, Priest,
Doctor of the Church
5:30 pm, Troy † Catherine McMahon

Wednesday, December 15 Advent Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Our deceased grandparents
6:00 pm, Holy Hour (Jeff & Beth Cole)

Thursday, December 16 Advent Weekday
No Mass

Friday, December 17 Late Advent Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Kathie Lepper (Knights of Columbus)

Saturday, December 18 Late Advent Weekday
Vigil - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm, Canton † Bill & Bonnie Spencer
(Jeff & Beth Cole)

Sunday, December 19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † Gene & Mary McMahon
(Mike & Jean Herman)
11:15 am, Troy † Marjorie Malone (Tressa Wells)

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 Theresa Nybeck and for consolation for her family and friends.

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

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, Jason Bellows,
Allura Booker, Tom Ambruch, Betty Brown,
Jeremy Colony, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck,
Melissa Gowan, John Hamburger (great uncle),
Susan Hagemayer, Robert Dale Hostetter, Wanda Jones,
Chris Kopaczewski, Ben Kopetan, Ralph Lepper,
Lanny Lutz, Creighton MacGill, Richard Margeson,
Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore,
Cathy Ostaszewski, Pauline Pazzaglia, Mike Slocum,
Andrea Smith, 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.

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

Oplatki wafers are available at the entrances of all three churches. All we ask is a \$2.00 donation per packet to defray the cost.

Each packet contains 6 wafers of different colors, all of which are edible. I hope you enjoy this custom!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Dec 12: 2 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wyalusing
4 pm - Immaculate Heart of Mary, Dushore

Dec 19: 3 pm - Epiphany, Sayre

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th

4:00 pm, St. Michael's Church, Canton

7:00 pm, St. Aloysius Church, Ralston

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th

Midnight, St. John Nepomucene Church, Troy

10:00 am, St. Michael's Church, Canton

There will not be a 4:00 pm Vigil Mass on December 25th. December 26th will follow the regular Sunday Mass Schedule.



SAINT MICHAEL PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31, 2021

5:30 pm Vigil Mass, St. John's Church

Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:30 am, St. Michael's Church

There will not be a 4:00 pm Vigil Mass on January 1st. January 2nd will follow the regular Sunday Mass Schedule.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS November 29 - December 5, 2021

Weekly Offerings: 5,652.00

Electronic Offerings: 1,500.00

Other Parish Income: 657.50



Total Parish Income: 7,809.50

Average weekly expenses: 3,762.36

Difference: 4,047.14

Care & Education of Priests: 738.00

Mission Appeal: 25.00

CCHD: 6.00

Thank you for your continued support.

As of December 6, we have reached \$11,835 in pledges and donations, which is 98% of our Diocesan Annual Appeal Goal of \$12,000.



POPE QUOTE: “In this Season of Advent, let us ask the Lord, through the fatherly intercession of Saint Joseph, to remain always like sentinels in the night, attentive to see the light of Christ in our poorest brothers and sisters.”

POPE FRANCIS’S PRAYER INTENTION: DECEMBER - CATECHISTS: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

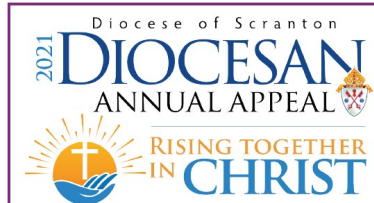
SAINT MICHAEL’S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY would like to thank every one who helped and donated food and money toward the Christmas Bazaar. It went very well and was a success. God bless you all!
Diane Jones

Help Our Parish Reach its Goal!

Gifts to the 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal change lives every day. As Christmas draws near, please support the diocesan ministries that help our children and families as well as the poor, lonely and vulnerable.



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DECEMBER 13 - 19, 2021 READINGS

Mon - Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27
Tues - Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23 Mt 21:28-32
Wed - Is 45:6b-8, 21b-25 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Lk 7:18b-23
Thurs - Is 54:1-10 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b Lk 7:24-30
Fri - Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17
Sat - Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25
Sun - Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

DIocese ADDS NAME TO LIST OF CREDIBLY ACCUSED

Following the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report in August 2018, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera made a promise that he would be open and transparent in the way that the Diocese of Scranton handles occurrences of child sexual abuse. That commitment remains true.

In August 2018, the Diocese published on its website a list of all clergy, staff and volunteers who had been credibly accused of child sexual abuse. Since that time, additional names have been added to the online list as necessary, with public notification.

The Diocese was recently notified by the Franciscan Friars, Holy Name Province, that the name of a friar who had previously been stationed in ministry within the Diocese was being included on its listing against whom credible sexual abuse/misconduct claims have been made. As a result of this information, the Diocese of Scranton has also decided to add the following name to its original list of credibly accused individuals:

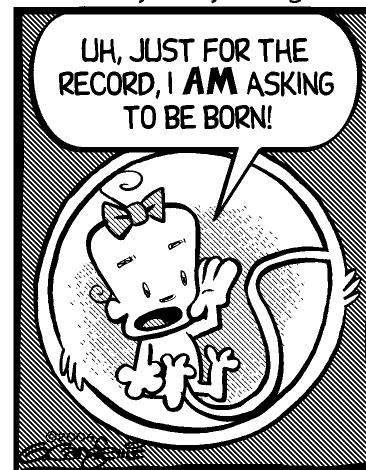
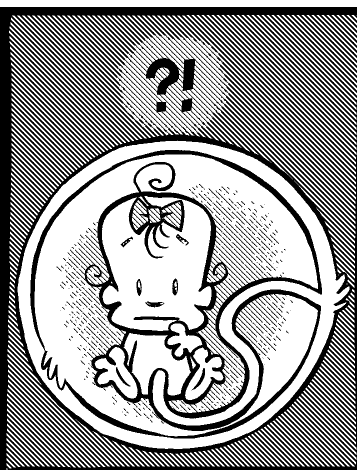
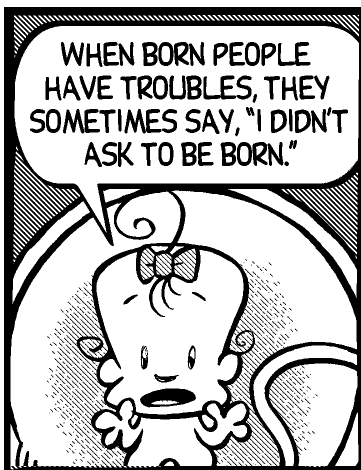
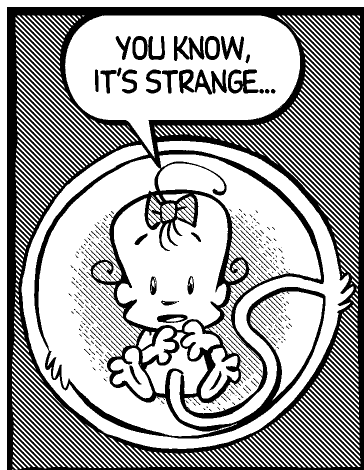
MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDER

Hennessy, Placid (OFM)

If you are aware of additional allegations of wrongdoing or any information that should be included on this list, please contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551 or Father Gerald W. Shantillo, Vicar General, at (570) 207-2269. If you have suffered abuse by clergy or anyone working on behalf of the Diocese, you are encouraged to immediately contact law enforcement and/or Mary Beth Pacuska.

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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