

DECEMBER 19, 2021



# FOURTH 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 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)

**Monday, December 20** Late Advent Weekday  
7:00 am, Rectory † John Petro

**Tuesday, December 21** Late Advent Weekday  
5:30 pm, Troy † Bruno Najaka

**Wednesday, December 22** Late Advent Weekday  
5:30 pm, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His Estate)  
6:00 pm, Holy Hour

**Thursday, December 23** Late Advent Weekday  
**No Mass**

**Friday, December 24** Late Advent Weekday  
Vigil: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
4:00 pm, Canton † Christmas Mass Intention  
7:00 pm, Ralston † Christmas Mass Intention

**Saturday, December 25** THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
12:00 am, Troy † Christmas Mass Intention  
10:00 am, Canton † Christmas Mass Intention

**Sunday, December 26** THE HOLY FAMILY OF  
JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH  
8:00 am, Ralston † Jack & Judy Callahan (Susan Schiess)  
9:30 am, Canton † Richard D. Ross (Family)  
11:15 am, Troy † Robert DePalma (Jayne Cleveland)

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 parents awaiting the birth of their child to look to the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph and follow their example of cherishing and protecting human life.

### 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

## 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!

## 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 December 6 - 12, 2021

Weekly Offerings: 1,689.00

Electronic Offerings: 520.00

Other Parish Income: 606.50



Total Parish Income: 2,815.50

Average weekly expenses: 3,762.36

Difference: (946.86)

Care & Education of Priests: 45.00

Mission Appeal: 50.00

Religious Retirement Fund: 341.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*

**As of December 13, we have reached \$12,615 in  
pledges and donations, which is 105% of our  
Diocesan Annual Appeal Goal of \$12,000!**



**POPE QUOTE:** “God never tires of waiting for us. When we turn away, He comes to look for us; when we fall, He picks us up; when we return to Him after losing our way, He waits for us with open arms. His love is always gives us the courage to start anew.”

**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.

#### DECEMBER 20 - 26, 2021 READINGS

**Mon** - Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

**Tues** - Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

**Wed** - 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d Lk 1:46-56

**Thurs** - Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14

Lk 1:57-66

**Fri** - 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Lk 1:67-79

#### VIGIL: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Mt 1:1-25

#### SATURDAY: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Night: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7

Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

**Sun** - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21

Lk 2:41-52

#### ST MICHAEL'S HARVEST SUPPER

We would like to thank all who donated items and time to make our Harvest Supper a success. We could not do this without your help.

Thank You & God Bless

Sharon Mulno, Jim Ross, Pat Pepper

Co-chairpersons

*My apologies for the delay in publishing this, it came through just as I began isolation. Cathy Asbury*

#### OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE NEAR

#### NATIONAL SHRINE IN WASHINGTON VANDALIZED

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Days ahead of a major Marian feast day in the Catholic Church, a marble statue of Our Lady of Fatima near the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington was vandalized, with Mary’s hands and nose cut off, her face scratched and the cross on her crown broken off.

On Dec. 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, a spokesman at the national shrine told Catholic News Service that around 10:45 p.m. Dec. 5, the perpetrator got to the statue by climbing a locked fence that surrounds a rosary walk and garden that includes the statue.

Video footage showed a masked person doing the damage, which was discovered the next morning. Police were investigating the vandalism.

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The Fatima statue and the garden around it were completed in 2017, the 100th anniversary of Mary’s appearances to three shepherd children in a field near Fatima, Portugal, with her message that eucharistic prayer, recitation of the rosary and penance would save souls and bring peace to the world.

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On Sept. 23, 2017, Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of Bridgeport, Connecticut, blessed the new garden, walking to the Fatima statue, then around the path.

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Four years later, the attack on the national shrine’s statue of Our Lady of Fatima became one of the latest attacks in dozens of incidents of arson, vandalism and other destruction that have taken place at Catholic sites across the United States since May 2020.

In an Oct. 14, 2021, news release, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said the bishops’ Committee for Religious Liberty began tracking such incidents that May and by the time the release was issued, there had been 100 such incidents.

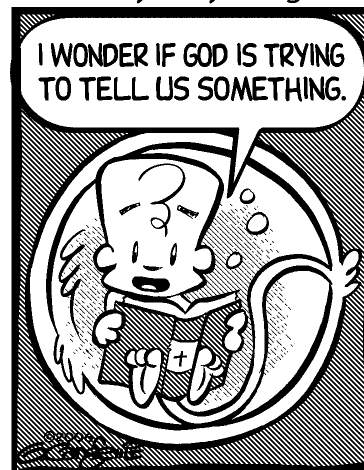
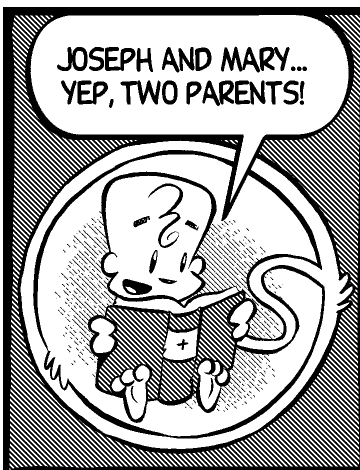
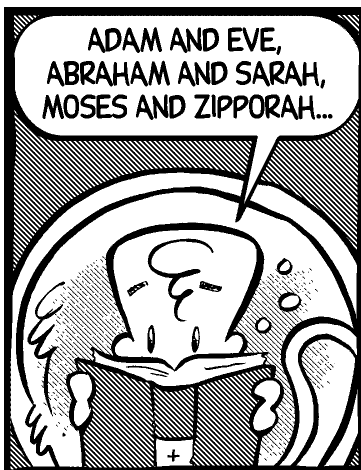
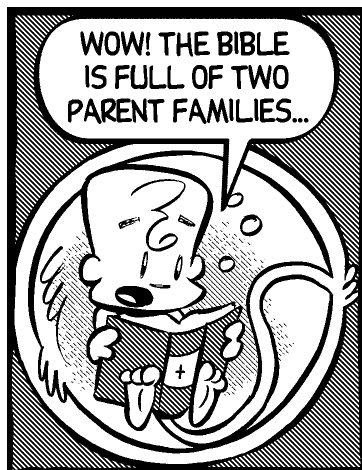
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...These are not mere property crimes – this is the degradation of visible representations of our Catholic faith. These are acts of hate.”

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/our-lady-of-fatima-statue-near-national-shrine-in-washington-vandalized/>

## Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi







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come new members.

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