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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022



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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

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, January 1</b>	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
9:30 am, Canton † Kathie Lepper (Christina Fleury)	
<b>Sunday, January 2</b>	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo	
9:30 am, Canton † William Saxe (Mike & Jean Herman)	
11:15 am, Troy † Marjorie Maloney (St. Michael's A&R)	
<b>Monday, January 3</b>	Christmas Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Kathie Lepper (Jeannette & Family)	
<b>Tuesday, Jan 4</b>	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
5:30 pm, Troy - For the special intentions of	Laura Brann
<b>Wednesday, January 5</b>	Saint John Neumann, Bishop
5:30 pm, Canton † Kathie Lepper (Susan Schiess)	
6:00 pm, Holy Hour	
<b>Thursday, January 6</b>	Christmas Weekday
<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday, January 7 (First Friday)</b>	Christmas Weekday
7:00 am, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His Estate)	
<b>Saturday, January 8</b>	Christmas Weekday
VIGIL: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
4:00 pm, Canton † Tom Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)	
<b>Sunday, January 9</b>	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:00 am, Ralston - For the special intentions of	
Lisa Eagleberger-Darrow (Bob & Diane Jones)	
9:30 am, Canton † Mark Kingsley	(George & Theresa Kingsley)
11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo	

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 Church, the People of Life, to bear joyful witness that each human life comes from God, belongs to God, and is meant to return to God.

### 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, Robert Dale Hostetter, Ben Kopetan, Ralph Lepper, Lanny Lutz, Creighton MacGill, Richard Margeson, arlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, Cathy Ostaszewski, Pauline Pazzaglia, Mike Slocum, Andrea Smith, Rich Stankiewicz, Frank Sullivan, 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.

## 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."



**POPE QUOTE:** "Let us embrace Jesus in the little ones of today, love Him in the least of our brothers and sisters, serve Him in the poor. They are most like Jesus who was born poor. It is in them that He wants to be honored."

**POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION:** JANUARY - FOR TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

### JANUARY 3 - 9, 2021 READINGS

**Mon** - 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 Ps 2:7bvc-8, 10-12a  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
**Tues** - 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44  
**Wed** - 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52  
**Thurs** - 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17  
Lk 4:14-22a  
**Fri** - 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16  
**Sat** - 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 3:22-30  
**Sun** - Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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† **ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS** †  
† Bill & Bonnie Spencer, Monty & Kathie Spencer †  
† and all our other deceased relatives by Jeff & Beth †  
† Cole. †  
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## SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

December 20 - 26, 2021

Weekly Offerings:	1,811.95
Christmas Offerings:	4,251.00
Patricia Mack Trust partial distribution:	12,107.05
Electronic Offerings:	520.00
Other Parish Income:	148.50



Total Parish Income: 18,838.85  
Average weekly expenses: 3,762.36  
Difference: 15,076.14

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**As of December 20, we have reached \$12,990 in pledges and donations, which is 108% of our Diocesan Annual Appeal Goal of \$12,000!**

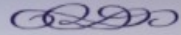


## CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER JEFFREY J. WALSH

### POPE FRANCIS APPOINTS



REVEREND  
JEFFREY J. WALSH



*Bishop of Gaylord, Michigan*

SCRANTON – On December 21, 2021, Pope Francis appointed the Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale, as the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, Michigan.

Bishop-elect Walsh succeeds Most Reverend Steven J. Raica, J.C.D., D.D., who was installed as Bishop of the Diocese of Birmingham, Alabama, on June 23, 2020. Since that time, Bishop Walter A. Hurley has been serving as the apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Gaylord.

Bishop-elect Walsh's episcopal ordination and installation as Bishop of Gaylord are scheduled for March 4, 2022, at 2 p.m. in Saint Mary Cathedral, Gaylord.

"With gratitude to our Holy Father Pope Francis, and joy in the Lord, I am eager to begin a new chapter in my life of discipleship among the good people of the Diocese of Gaylord! I am also most grateful to God for 27 years of priestly ministry in the Diocese of Scranton. I have been inspired and challenged to grow in faith through various diocesan assignments and will forever prayerfully remember all the lay faithful, religious, deacons, priests and bishops with whom and for whom I have served," Bishop-elect Walsh said. "In particular, I would like to acknowledge the kind support of Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. The most important act of gratitude I can offer is for my parents, Jerome and Nancy (Doud)

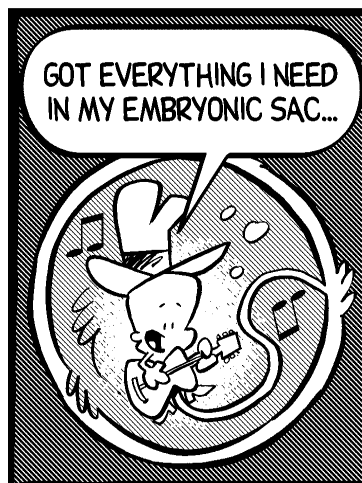
Walsh. They, as well as my deceased grandparents, have been the most significant formators of my life. I have been blessed with a solid, but by no means 'perfect,' family that also includes my two brothers, two nieces, one nephew, aunts and uncles and many close first cousins. Looking forward, I hope to bring a missionary spirit to my episcopal ministry under the mantle of Divine Providence. From 'Penn's Woods' to the land of 'Great Lakes,' I trust God's loving plan."

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In reaction to Pope Francis' appointment, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, commented, "With pride and gratitude to God, we celebrate Pope Francis' appointment of Father Walsh to serve as the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord. This announcement brings great joy in the Diocese of Scranton as the Holy Father has chosen a native son, nurtured and formed locally, to the office of episcopal leadership and service in the Church. Having known and served alongside Father Walsh for many years, he has shown himself to be a caring, compassionate and skilled pastor. His deep love for the Lord is evident in the loving service that he has shared with the flock of Christ entrusted to his care in a wide range of parishes, ministries and apostolates. Father Walsh has generously shared his talents and his love for the Church in so many ways, especially with our youth, elderly, the poor, sick and those on the periphery. While this appointment is somewhat bittersweet for many of us in the Church of Scranton, especially those of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Saint Rose of Lima Parish, where Bishop-elect Walsh currently serves as pastor, we are grateful to God that he has chosen Father Walsh to serve the broader Church and particularly our brothers and sisters in the Church of Gaylord as bishop. Please join me in giving thanks for the years of priestly service that Father Walsh has shared so generously with the faithful of our Diocese and in asking the Lord Jesus to fill his heart with joy as he begins his episcopal ministry among the good people of Michigan."

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(read the entire article at [www.dioceseofscranton.com](http://www.dioceseofscranton.com))

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by Gary Cangemi





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in Saint Michael's church hall  
at 12:30 pm. We always wel-  
come new members.

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*The blessing of a home and inscription of the initials of the three Magi above each door can be performed either by a priest or the head of the household. To ask Father Joe to bless your home with the Epiphany Blessing, please contact Father Joe directly.*

## BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON EPIPHANY

**PRIEST:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Who made heaven and earth.

**PRIEST:** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE:** And with your spirit

**PRIEST:** Let us pray.

Peace to this house, and to all who enter here. Sprinkle me, O Lord, with blessed water, and I shall be purified; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Have mercy on me, O God, in your great mercy. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Blessed be your name, our God, our shelter from all that homelessness and lack of place can mean. Blessed be your name, for you have sheltered us. Bless now this house, this dwelling place of life and love, for you alone assure the peace and strength, the care that covers all our differences. You make these rooms a source of confidence, of dignity and freedom, for the members of our family household, and therefore for our country and the world. Let your Spirit dwell in us and open us to all who need our hospitality and care. Amen.

(SPRINKLE ALL THE ROOMS)

**PRIEST:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen.

**PRIEST:** From the East, the Maji have come to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; Opening their treasures, the offered Him gifts; gold to the Great King; frankincense to the true God; and myrrh for His burial.

(Priest then marks the door with blessed chalk in honor of the Three Kings: Casper, Melchior and Balthasar. Letters are written first, then crosses, then numbers.)

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**PRIEST:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**ALL:** Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**PRIEST:** Oh Lord, hear our prayer

**ALL:** And let our cry come unto you.

**PRIEST:** The Lord be with you,

**ALL:** And with your spirit.

**PRIEST:** Let us pray.

Oh Lord, God Almighty, bless this home † and under its shelter let there be peace, health, happiness, humility, chastity, goodness, kindness, prosperity, obedience to Your Commandments, and thanksgiving. Protect this house from fire, disaster or anyone who would want to enter it unlawfully. May these blessings descend abundantly on this home, and remain always in the heart of those who dwell here.

**ALL:** Amen

(CONCLUDING PRAYER)

**PRIEST:** Come, Lord God, we humbly beg you, and fill this house with the serenity of your love, joy and peace. Shower your benediction and grace in abundance upon all who dwell herein. May the peace and blessing of almighty God rest upon this house and all who dwell in it.

**ALL:** Amen.