

**JANUARY 30, 2022**



**THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# ST. MICHAEL

## CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

Reverend Joseph P. Kutch, MA, Pastor

106 N. Washington Street, Canton, PA 17224

Office phone: (570) 673-5253 E-mail: [office@stmichaelscanton.com](mailto:office@stmichaelscanton.com)

website: [www.stmichaelscanton.com](http://www.stmichaelscanton.com)

Office Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays 8 am - 3:30 pm, Thursdays 8 am - 1 pm

### 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

*1Corinthians 13:4-8*

# LOVE

Love is patient,  
love is kind.  
It does not envy,  
it does not boast,  
it is not proud.  
It does not dishonor others,  
it is not self-seeking,  
it is not easily angered,  
it keeps no record of wrongs.  
Love does not delight in evil  
but rejoices with the truth.  
It always protects,  
always trusts,  
always hopes,  
always perseveres.

*Love never fails.*

 christian faith  
MATRIMONY

### 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, January 29** Weekday

VIGIL: 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Cathy Soprano (Leslie Debach)

**Sunday, January 30** 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Mary Lutz (Dan & Betsy Clark)

9:30 am, Canton † Christine Kirkowski  
(John & Pat Kirkowski)

11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

**Monday, January 31** Saint John Bosco, Priest,  
Religious Founder

7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

**Tuesday, February 1** Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Kevin Rook (Jeff & Beth Cole)

**Wednesday, Feb 2** THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

5:30 pm, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His Estate)

6:00 pm, Holy Hour

**Thursday, February 3** Weekday

No Mass

**Friday, February 4 (FIRST FRIDAY)** Weekday

7:00 am, Canton † Craig Stanton (Chris & Chrissi Stanton)

**Saturday, February 5** Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

VIGIL: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Richard Blaszczyk (Mary Blaszczyk)

**Sunday, February 6** 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Kathie Lepper (Jeff & Beth Cole)

11:15 am, Troy † Rich Carlonas (Cheryl Carlonas)

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 healing for Rev. Joseph Staszewski  
by Kathryn Skipper.

*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, Robert Dale Hostetter, 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, Rev. Joseph Staszewski,  
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.*

## BLESSING OF THROATS

The Feast of Saint Blaise is on Thursday,  
February 3rd. Father Joe will bless  
throats at the evening Masses on both  
Tuesday and Wednesday evening this week.



## WHAT IS A "FIRST FRIDAY"?

By FATHER FRANCIS HOFFMAN

A "First Friday" is the first Friday of the month and  
is often marked by special devotion to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus since Jesus died for us and won our salvation on  
a Friday. Every Friday of the year, and not only the Fri-  
days in Lent, is a special day of penance as stipulated in  
the Code of Canon Law: "The penitential days and  
times in the universal Church are every Friday of the  
whole year and the season of Lent" (Canon 1250).

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) reported  
visions of Jesus Christ directing her to promote devotion  
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on nine consecutive First  
Fridays in reparation for sins and in order to show love  
to Jesus. In return for this act of devotion, which usually  
includes Mass, Communion, confession and even an  
hour of Eucharistic Adoration on the eve of the first Fri-  
day of the month, our blessed Savior reputedly promised  
St. Margaret Mary the following blessings:

"In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise  
you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who  
will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine  
consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they  
will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the  
sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in  
that last hour."

The devotion is officially sanctioned, but it was not  
so at first. In fact, St. Margaret Mary met with re-  
sistance and incredulity from the start in her own reli-  
gious community, and not until 75 years after her death  
was the First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart offi-  
cially recognized. Almost 240 years after her death,  
Pope Pius XI stated that Jesus had appeared to St. Mar-  
garet Mary in his encyclical *Miserentissimus Redemp-  
tor* (1928), fully eight years after she was formally can-  
onized a saint by Pope Benedict XV.

<https://www.simplycatholic.com/what-is-a-first-friday/>

## SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

January 17 - 23, 2022

Weekly Offerings:	2,019.00
Electronic Offerings:	520.00
Other Parish Income:	344.00



Total Parish Income:	2,883.00
Average weekly expenses:	3,762.36
Difference:	(879.36)

Care & Education of Priests:	10.00
------------------------------	-------

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## 2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS NOW AVAILABLE

To request a statement, contact the parish office or  
write "Statement" on the back of your offertory enve-  
lope (the side with your name & address). Please advise  
if you want your statement sent via email or USPS.



**POPE QUOTE:** “By the power of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God has come to dwell among us and it desires to continue to dwell in our midst, in order to fulfil our expectations and to heal our wounds.”

**POPE FRANCIS’S PRAYER INTENTION:**

**FEBRUARY- FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS AND CONSECRATED WOMEN:** We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

**JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 6, 2021 READINGS**

**Mon** - 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20

**Tues** - 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Ps 86:1-6  
Mk 5:21-43

**Wed** - Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

**Thurs** - 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12  
(Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-11b, 11d-12 Mk 6:7-13

**Fri** - Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51 Mk 6:14-29

**Sat** - 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34

**Sun** - Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-5, 7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11

Lk 5:1-11

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND SENDING FORTH  
FOR BISHOP-ELECT JEFFREY J. WALSH  
SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 15**

The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to participate in a Mass of Thanksgiving and Sending Forth for Bishop-elect Jeffrey J. Walsh on Tuesday, February 15, 12:10 pm in the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Everyone is invited to participate and greet Bishop-elect Walsh, who was appointed by Pope Francis to be the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, Michigan, on December 21, 2021. His episcopal ordination and installation is scheduled for early March.

Many parishioners and friends of Bishop-elect Walsh plan to attend the Mass. They were ... excited to find out the announcement late last month.

As of January 24, 2022, we have reached \$13,690 in pledges and donations, which is 114% of our Diocesan Annual Appeal Goal of \$12,000!

**NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING  
SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis) To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

A Communal Rosary is prayed at 9:30 am  
Thursday mornings in St. Michael’s Church.  
All are invited to participate.

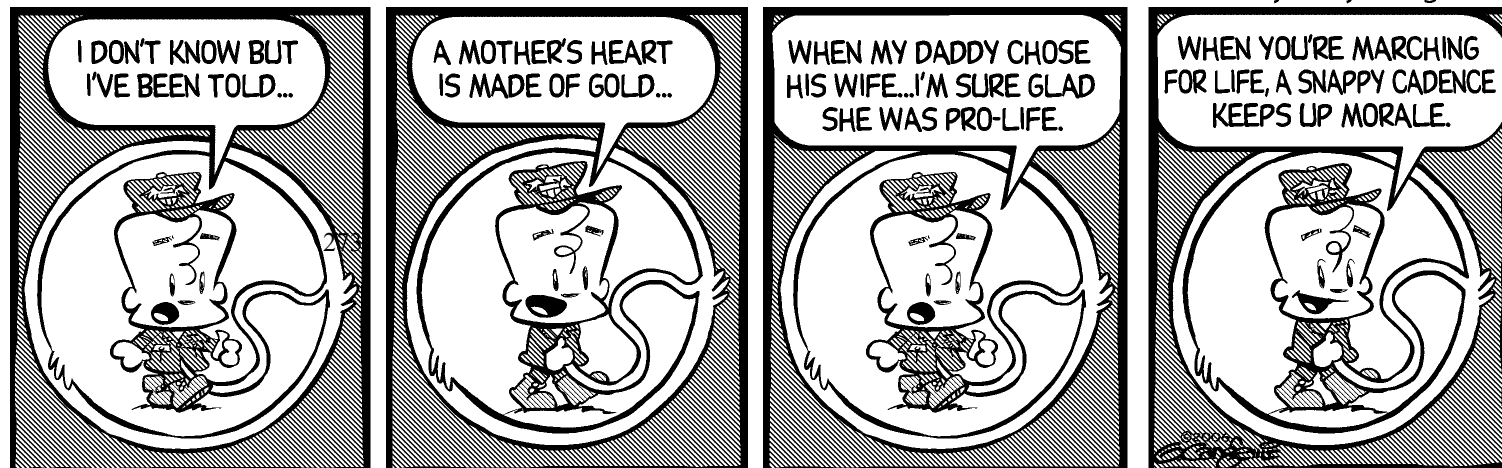


**FORMED**

Have you signed up for FORMED? A whole world of amazing Catholic content is available to you for FREE during our 1 year parish subscription. Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) and sign up today!

**Umbert the Unborn**

by Gary Cangemi







### Knights of Columbus Council #5517

Looking for new members.  
Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 7:15 in St. Michael's Hall.



4423 Leona Road  
Columbia Crossroads, PA 16914  
Phone/Fax: 570-297-4711  
Email:  
hawthornridge@gmail.com  
PA030014  
St. Michael Parish member



1961 Leona Road,  
Troy, PA 16947  
Hours:  
Monday - Friday: 7am - 5pm  
Saturday: 7am - 3pm  
Closed on Holidays  
For information or to place an order call us at:  
Local: (570) 297-3574, Toll Free: (800) 416-3968  
Fax: (570) 297-3562  
e-mail: sales@LeonaMeatPlant.com

**The Golden Oak Inn**  
**Bed and Breakfast**  
477 Canton Street  
Troy, PA 16947  
570-297-4315  
www.TheGoldenOakInn.com



### ENDLESS MOUNTAINS PREGNANCY CARE CENTER FIRST LOOK PREGNANCY CENTER - LIMITED ULTRASOUND

26 WEST MAIN STREET, CANTON, PA 17724  
13 STATE STREET, TOWANDA, PA 18848  
209 WEST LOCKHART STREET, SAYRE, PA 18840  
FREE PREGNANCY TESTS  
(570) 721-2936 OR CONTACT@EMPCCFREE.COM  
WWW.EMPCCFREE.COM



(Formerly the Law Offices of Leslie Wizelman)

**PAElderCounsel.com • 570.746.3844**

*In loving memory of*  
*John Peter and*  
*James Paul*  
*Pazzaglia*



**CF LAW OFFICE OF  
CHRISTINA FLEURY**  
[www.ChristinaFleury.com](http://www.ChristinaFleury.com)  
517 Main Street, Towanda  
570.265.6000

Wills, Powers of Attorney,  
Estates, Family Matters,  
Preservation of Assets in  
Nursing Home Crisis  
*Respecting the dignity and  
lifetime of experiences  
of every client*

**SAINT LUKE FOUNDATION FOR HAITI**  
Founded by Fr. Rick Frechetti,  
Catholic Priest and Physician. In  
partnership with the Scranton  
Team learn how you can help by  
going to [stlukehaiti.org](http://stlukehaiti.org), or talk to  
David Beahm, St. Michael's parishioner.  
Videos of Father Rick can be found on  
Youtube.



**WYALUSING  
WYSOX**

**CLOTHING STORE**

**TROY, PA.**  
[www.hooverclothingstore.com](http://www.hooverclothingstore.com)  
754 Canton Street • Troy, PA  
Monday-Saturday • 8am-5pm • 570-297-7770

### Pepper Funeral Home

and Cremation Facility, Inc. Paul (P.D.) Pepper, Owner/Supervisor  
Services with love and compassion.  
Springbrook Drive, Rt. 14 South, Canton, PA 17724  
(570) 673-4333 • [www.pepperfuneralhomes.com](http://www.pepperfuneralhomes.com)  
WITH SPRINGBROOK DRIVE CREMATORY ON-SITE



**Trinity Family Health Care**  
*"Serving all your health care needs - naturally!"*  
**Paul J. Hamburger, B.S., D.C.**  
Doctor of Chiropractic  
18109 Route 14, Troy, PA 16947  
570-297-0471 - 570-297-5434 (Fax)  
St. Michael Parish member

### "Serving The Community With Dignity and Respect" MORSE & KLEESE FUNERAL HOME, INC.

Areas Most Affordable Prices • Locally Owned and Family Operated  
Telephone Inquiries Welcome • Inflation Proof  
Pre-Need Planning Available • Personalized Cremation Service Available  
KENNETH H. ROBERTSON, SUPERVISOR/OWNER  
94 N. CENTER ST. **570-673-3193** CANTON

### BRANN, WILLIAMS, CALDWELL & BLANEY

*Attorneys and Counselors at Law*

1090 WEST MAIN ST.  
TROY, PA 16947-0277  
PHONE (570) 297-2192  
120 TROY ST., CANTON  
PA 17724-0146  
PHONE (570) 673-5495  
*A Time-tested partnership  
You can trust.*

*In loving memory of*  
*Carol Ann*

*Gergel*

Saint Jude,  
Pray for us.



**ABC St. AGNES SCHOOL**  
102 Third St.,  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-6803  
[www.stagneselem.com](http://www.stagneselem.com)  
Pre-K (3 & 4 year olds) to Grade 6  
Middle States Accredited

### SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

St. Michael's  
Altar & Rosary  
Society is open to  
all women of  
the parish. We meet on the  
2nd Wednesday of each month  
in Saint Michael's church hall  
at 12:30 pm. We always wel-  
come new members.

### BARRETT LAW OFFICES Patrick J. Barrett, III

*Attorney and Counselor at Law*  
17-21 Troy St. - PO Box 157  
Canton, PA 17724  
570-673-5180  
Fax: 570-673-5780  
[patbar.law@frontiernet.net](mailto:patbar.law@frontiernet.net)  
507 West Pine Street  
Athens, PA 18810  
570-888-0297  
Fax 570-888-4142  
[patrick@barrettlawofficepa.com](mailto:patrick@barrettlawofficepa.com)



**Jennings  
Coal Sales**  
(570) 673-4125

Canton, PA 17724  
Bulk • Bagged • Stoves • Parts • Service  
**Blacksmith Coal Available**



### tributes of life

Gerald W. Vickery, Jr.  
*Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc.*  
1093 West Main Street, Troy, PA 16947  
[vickeryfh.com](http://vickeryfh.com)  
Daniel Gilliland, Supervisor

Daniel Gilliland  
Funeral Director  
[dgilliland@tributesoflife.com](mailto:dgilliland@tributesoflife.com)

p 570-297-3030  
c 570-506-3665  
f 570-297-4093

### WOLF'S VALLEY MART

Route 14, Ralston, PA  
(570) 995-5225

**Open 7 Days**

ATM - Groceries - Tobac-



### Midway truck stop

Owner: The Lees  
PHONE 570-673-4328  
State route 14  
Roaring Branch Pa

Monday-Friday: 11 am - 8 pm  
Saturday: 6 am - 2 pm  
Closed Sunday



### Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company

Located in Troy, PA since 1877.  
• Homeowners • Mobile Homeowners  
• Farm Owners • Rental and Seasonal Properties  
Wendy Howe, secretary Tom Elliott, agent  
570-297-4779 570-358-3940

### TROY VETERINARY CLINIC

LA: 673-3181 / SA: 673-3182  
15579 RT. 14, TROY PA 16947



Thank you to all our bulletin  
advertisers for making our  
weekly bulletin possible.  
Contact the parish office for  
information about placing  
your own ad.