

**FEBRUARY 27, 2022**



**THE 8TH SUNDAY IN 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

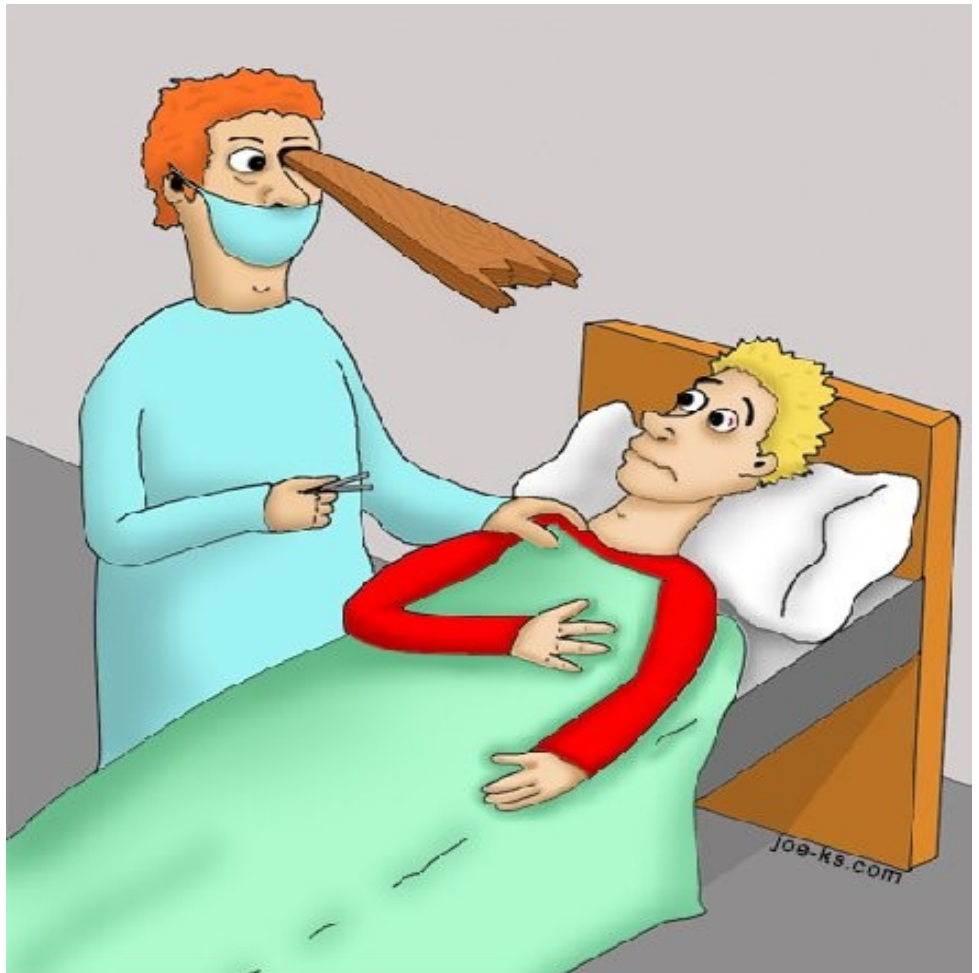
### **First Fridays**

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



**Let me take that speck out of your eye.**

### **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, February 26** Weekday

VIGIL: 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Ben & Peggy Bulkley (Susan Schiess)

**Sunday, February 27** 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Bonnie Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)

11:15 am, Troy † Don Wilber (Louise Wilber)

**Monday, February 28** Weekday

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

**Tuesday, March 1** Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Bonnie Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)

**Wednesday, March 2** ASH WEDNESDAY

12:10 pm, Troy † Thomas J. Karaban

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

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Thursday, March 3** Thursday after Ash Wednesday  
**No Mass**

**Fri, March 4 (1st Friday)** Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 am, Canton † Kathie Lepper

(Mary Pfeffer & George Rogers)

**Saturday, March 5** Saturday after Ash Wednesday

VIGIL: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm, Canton † Jefferey Wynne

(Mrs. Walburga Koval & Family)

**Sunday, March 6** 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am, Ralston † Jack Rushin (John & Pat Rushin)

9:30 am, Canton † Robert Fleury (Christina Fleury)

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 in memory of William & Bonnie Spencer by Aldi & Rosemary Fitzwater.

*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, Paul Dean, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Melissa Gowan, Robert Dale Hostetter, Ben Kopetan, Ralph Lepper, Lanny Lutz, Creighton MacGill, Tom McBlane, Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, John Orr, 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.*



**Tuesday, March 1st**

**Saint Michael's Church Hall**

**6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Activities for all ages!**

**Bring a Dish-to-Pass**

**Coffee, tea & water will be provided**



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Prayers are requested for Owen Watson as he prepares for his First Reconciliation at 10 am on March 5th in Saint Michael's Church. Father Joe will also be available for the confession of any parishioner wishing to avail themselves of the Sacrament.

Next week we will take up the **COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccce](http://www.usccb.org/ccce). Envelopes are next to the bulletins.

### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS February 14 - 20, 2022

Weekly Offerings:	1,268.00
Electronic Offerings:	520.00
Other Parish Income:	88.00



Total Parish Income:	1,876.00
Average weekly expenses:	3,762.36
Difference:	(1,886.36)

Care & Education of Priests:	35.00
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*Thank you for your continued support.*

To request a 2021 Contribution Statement, contact the parish office.





**POPE QUOTE:** “Pessimism and complaining are not Christian. We were not made to be downcast, but to look up to heaven.”

**POPE FRANCIS’S PRAYER INTENTION:**

**MARCH - FOR A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO BIOETHICAL CHALLENGES:** We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

**FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 6, 2021 READINGS**

**Mon** - 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c Mk 10:17-27

**Tues** - 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1-4 Mk 10:28-31

**Wed** - Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17

2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thurs** - Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25

**Fri** - Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

**Sat** - Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

**Sun** - Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13

**SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION**

The Knights of Columbus of Saint Michael’s Parish, Canton, PA, will host a one hour presentation of the Shroud of Turin on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. following the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. The presentation will be given by Alex Piechocki and will include a full sized replica of the Shroud of Turin.

The talk will consist of many of the details discovered in this studied fabric. Enhance your Lenten experience. Come and spend some time and discover for yourself if Our Father, in heaven, left a photograph of His Son’s passion for us.

The presentation is free. A light meal, refreshments and fellowship will follow the presentation.



**LENTEN REGULATIONS 2022**

**WEEKDAYS OF LENT:** There is no obligation to fast.

Voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

**ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY:** These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

**DAYS OF ABSTINENCE:** (All Fridays in Lent) All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

THE  
**SEARCH**

BROUGHT TO YOU FROM  
**FORMED**

This is the week small groups begin *The Search!* View episode 1, *What Do You Seek?* To get the conversation started, discuss at least one of these questions:

- At your funeral, how do you want to be remembered?
- Where are you looking to get your happiness?
- If Jesus of Nazareth were to ask you, “*What do you seek?*” how would you respond?

**Lent Is...**

Lent is a time of preparing,

A time for forgiveness and a time for sharing;

A time to give to others and show some caring,

Lent is a direction with just the right bearing.

A forty day period of penitence and fasting,

That should remain in our hearts for a time everlasting.

Although it’s observed from Ash Wednesday to Easter by many churches,

It should affect everyone’s life, for we’re all searchers;

Looking for a purpose in life, a new direction;

And Lent is a way filled with affection,

For it paved the way for Christ’s resurrection.

Lent is a time for feeling sorrow for our misdeeds.

It provides us with a way of fulfilling our needs;

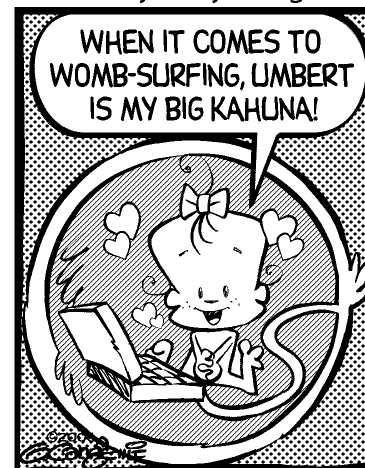
The need to abstain from what is wrong,

And follow in the footsteps of Christ all along.

Author: Father Joe Kutch (1981)

**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.



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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.

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