

MARCH 20, 2022



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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, March 19	SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 4:00 pm, Canton † Theresa Nybeck (Dawn Manley)
Sunday, March 20	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 8:00 am, Ralston † Mr. & Mrs. Jack Callahan (Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hamm) 9:30 am, Canton † Martha Watkins (Chris & Chrissi Stanton) 11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo
Monday, March 21	Lenten Weekday 7:00 am, Rectory † Jefferey Wynne (His Estate)
Tuesday, March 22	Lenten Weekday 5:30 pm, Troy † Claudia Blaney (Jeff & Beth Cole) 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, March 23	Lenten Weekday 5:30 pm, Canton - For the intentions of Saint Michael's Altar & Rosary Society (Dawn Manley) 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Thursday, March 24	Lenten Weekday No Mass
Friday, March 25	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD 7:00 am, Rectory † Russell & Marie O'Neal (John & Pat Rushin)
Saturday, March 26	Lenten Weekday VIGIL: 4RD SUNDAY OF LENT 4:00 pm, Canton † Katherine Lepper (Mrs. Walburga Koval & Family)
Sunday, March 27	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo 9:30 am, Canton † Kathie Lepper (Jeannette & Family) 11:15 am, Troy † Nicholas DePalma Sr. (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 mothers facing difficult pregnancies to be lovingly accompanied as they prepare to encounter Christ anew through the gift of their children.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS March 7 - 13, 2022

Weekly Offerings:	1,569.00
Electronic Offerings:	520.00
Other Parish Income:	178.00
Total Parish Income:	2,267.00
Average weekly expenses:	3,762.36
Difference:	(1,459.36)



Thank you for your continued support.

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

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, March 27th

St. Mary's Church, Wyalusing - 2:00 pm

St. Basil's Church, Dushore - 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 3rd

St. Michael's Church, Canton - 2:00 pm

Sts Peter & Paul, Towanda - 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 10th

3:00 PM: Epiphany, Sayre - 3:00 pm

THE SEARCH

BROUGHT TO YOU FROM
FORMED

This is the 4th week for *The Search*! View episode three, *What's Our Story?* To get the conversation started, discuss at least one of these questions:

- Why can it be difficult to trust that there is a God who loves you unconditionally?
- What kind of God offers his life rather than leaving you in sin and brokenness?
- How is it possible to find joy in the midst of difficult circumstances?

2022 GRADUATES

Planning is underway for the 2022 Senior Mass and Breakfast. If you have a family member who will be graduating from High School or receiving a College Degree, please contact the parish office.

SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

There is a box in Saint Michael's Church for donations to help fill the Easter Gift Bags for shut-in parishioners. Snacks, puzzle books, prayer cards & books, etc. will be greatly appreciated. Call the parish office if you know a shut-in parishioner so they can receive a bag.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH DINNERS



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SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

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Ralph Lepper, Lanny Lutz, Creighton MacGill,
Tom McBlane, Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse,
Bernadette Moore, John Orr, Cathy Ostaszewski,
Pauline Pazzaglia, Dave Shedden, 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



POPE QUOTE: "Temptations often appear seemingly in the form of good: the devil uses deception, he arrives "with an angelic face". If we give in to his flattery, we end up justifying our falsity, masking it with good intentions."

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.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

To make it as easy as possible for every Catholic to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Lent, a noble practice has been set forth in every parish of the Diocese of Scranton. Entitled *The Light Is ON for You*, this initiative provides the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in all parishes of the Diocese of Scranton at the same time during the weeks of Lent. **Confessions will be heard in Saint Michael's Church on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm - through Monday, April 4th.**

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.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION: After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

MARCH 21 - 26, 2021 READINGS

Mon - 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30

Tues - Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9

Wed - Dt 4:1, 5-6 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20

Mt 5:17-19

Thurs - Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

Fri - Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

Sat - Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3+4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14

Sun - Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-7 2 Cor 5:17-21

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

BE A CATHOLIC MAN

A Saturday morning men's conference sponsored by Holy Spirit Parish and the "Be A Catholic Man" (BACM) Initiative (affiliated with the Scranton Diocesan Men's Conference)

Saturday, April 9, 2022

St. Martha's Church

260 Bonnieville Rd, Fairmount Springs

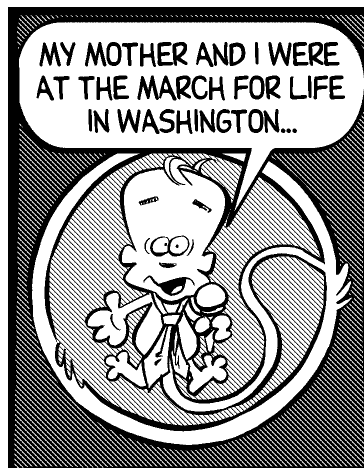
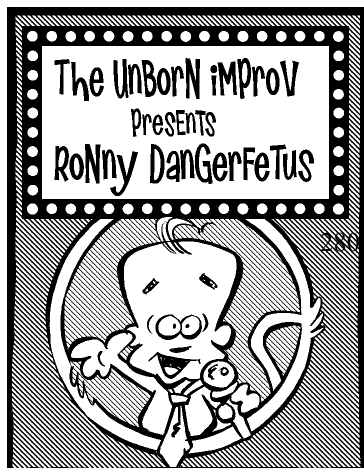
- 7:30 a.m.** Confessions available
- 8:00 a.m.** Holy Mass
- 8:45 a.m.** Registration, breakfast, and fellowship
- 9:30 a.m.** Presentations on Masculinity, Brotherhood, and Fatherhood
- 10:40 a.m.** Presentation: "Why God Is Referred To As He"
Dr. Christopher Carr, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Misericordia University
- 11:30 a.m.** Conference concludes



There is no cost to attend. All men are welcome. Please spread the word! **Pre-registration is appreciated.** Call 570-301-9253 or email rdmicca@aol.com.

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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at 12:30 pm. We always wel-
come new members.

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