

MAY 8, 2022



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 Beahm, David Brann, Beth Cole, Leslie Debach, Will Hawrylo,
Jean Herman, Ralph Lepper, Sherry Vargson
Sarah Watson - 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, May 7 Easter Weekday

VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 pm, Canton † Bonnie Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)

Sunday, May 8 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 am, Ralston † Mother's Day envelope intentions

9:30 am, Canton † Mother's Day envelope intentions

11:15 am, Troy † Mother's Day envelope intentions

Monday, May 9 Easter Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Robert Fleury (Christina Fleury)

Tuesday, May 10 Easter Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Francis Barry

Wednesday, May 11 Easter Weekday

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

6:00 pm Holy Hour

Thursday, May 12 Easter Weekday

No Mass

Friday, May 13 Easter Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Theresa Nybeck (St Michael's A & R)

Saturday, May 14 SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

VIGIL: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 pm, Canton † John Vineski

(Alden & Rosemary Fitzwater)

Sunday, May 15 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Kathie Lepper

(Hon. & Mrs. Matthew Brann & Family)

11:15 am, Troy † Josephine Szczech (Tim, Barb & Leona)

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 hearts of those struggling with infertility to rest in the Good Shepherd, whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Sanctuary lamp intentions may be requested by contacting the parish office.

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



SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS April 25 - May 1, 2022

Weekly Offerings: 1,772.00

Electronic Offerings: 1,500.00

Other Parish Income: 305.00

Total Parish Income: 3,577.00

Average weekly expenses: 3,762.36

Difference: (185.36)

Care & Education of Priests: 358.00

Thank you for your continued support.



FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS

In addition to the Mother's Day intention envelopes that are in your offertory packets, Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards are in all three churches. If you choose to use these cards, there is an envelope for your intentions and donation that goes in the collection basket, and another envelope with a beautiful Mother's Day card that you can give to your living mother, grandmother, or great grandmother. Just take that card out of the intention envelope and only bring the sealed intention envelope with the information filled out on the envelope,

Please pray for

Owen Vincent Watson

as he prepares to receive his
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
during the 9:30 am Mass
next Sunday, May 15th.



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

We will hold our Mothers Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 8th from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in St. Michael's Church hall.

Menu: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, beverages.

FREE TO ALL WOMEN IN HONOR OF MOTHERS DAY.

Adult Men: \$8 - School-aged children: \$5

Preschool children: Free



Sunday, June 19th, we will be serving sausage egg and cheese sandwiches after the 9:30 Mass in honor of Father's Day. Donations will be accepted.

Knights of Columbus welcomes any Male member of our parish over the age of eighteen to join our organization. The first year of membership dues will be waived until January 1, 2023. If you would like to become a Knight please contact: Ralph Lepper, John Rushin, Jim Ross, or any Knight in the Parish. If you are a visiting Knight please join us for meetings or events.



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

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May 2022

St. Michael Parish

One Minute Meditations

Your turn

No parish can do the work of the Church without support from parishioners. For example, parishioners may bring Communion to the sick or infirm, clean the church, staff parish ministries, teach faith formation and give money to keep church facilities operating. It is this vital participation that brings the heart of Jesus to His people. Ask your pastor what your parish needs from you.

Sunday reminder

The Church requires that Catholics participate in Mass on Sunday and other holy days of obligation. It's the best way we regularly encounter Christ. We are also to abstain from work on Sunday that could interfere with the attention and worship due to God. God wants us to rest on Sunday to gather strength for the week ahead.

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor"

(Romans 12:9-10).



Virtues are the antidotes to sin

Virtues are good moral habits that shape our hearts to be like God's. They help us habitually do what is good. As the building blocks for Christian moral living, virtues help to counter sin. For example:

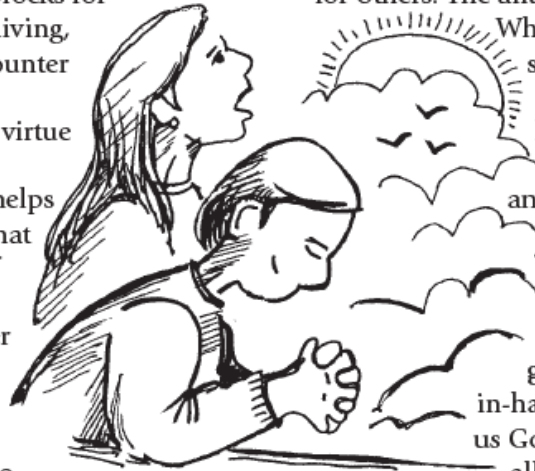
Humility: This virtue is the antidote to pride. Humility helps us to recognize that God is worthy of our worship and obedience. Rather than focusing on ourselves, humility helps us to be willing to focus on God, live according to His ways. Ideas for practicing this virtue include always taking the less important position, drawing attention to others rather than ourselves, learning to love simple things.

Forgiveness: The sin of anger is

defined as an uncontrolled feeling of hatred and wrath. Indulging in anger causes us to hold onto hateful feelings for others. The antidote is forgiveness.

When offended by someone, forgive quickly and work to heal the relationship. Refrain from gossip and avoid criticizing unless you can offer reasonable and useful solutions. Gratitude and generosity go hand-in-hand. They remind us God is the source of all good, and that

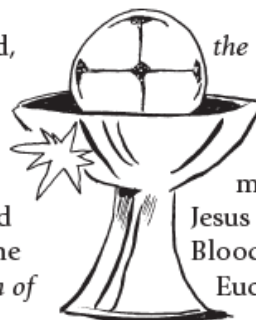
everything good we have is a gift to be enjoyed and shared. Stop the "compare-despair" cycle of envy and greed. Limit your time on social media and impulse shopping. Name something you appreciate daily, or find a way to show kindness each day.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

At the Last Supper, Jesus said, "This is my body...this is the cup of my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28) over the bread and wine, and so it was. He commanded His Apostles, and the priests after them, to do the same at every Mass (*Catechism of*

Why do Catholics call the Eucharist the "Real Presence?"



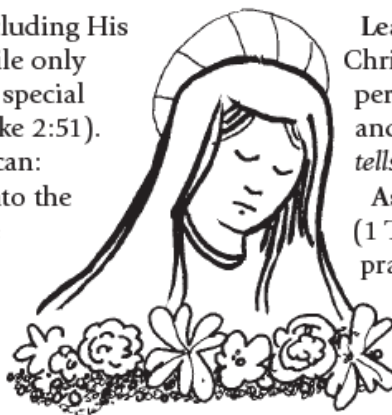
the Catholic Church, #1375).

When we receive Communion, we're literally heart-to-Heart with Jesus. The details are a mystery, but that doesn't stop Jesus from coming to us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist.

"Behold your mother" (John 19:27)

On the Cross, Jesus gave us everything, including His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). While only God is worthy of worship, Mary is accorded special honor in imitation of Jesus' love for her (Luke 2:51). To demonstrate honor and love for her, we can:

Call her "Mom." When we are baptized into the Church, Mary becomes our mother by grace (CCC #967), and we can address her with confidence and affection as her children. Mary wants the best for us. She always leads us to her Son by the quickest and safest route.



Learn from her. Want to know how to follow Christ faithfully – daily? Mary was the first – and the perfect – Christian. She continually trusted God and followed His will, and tells us, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

Ask her for prayers. Christ is the one Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5). However, she also receives our prayers for others. Because she is His mother and the Queen of Heaven, Mary's prayers are powerful. She will keep praying for us until we are in Heaven.

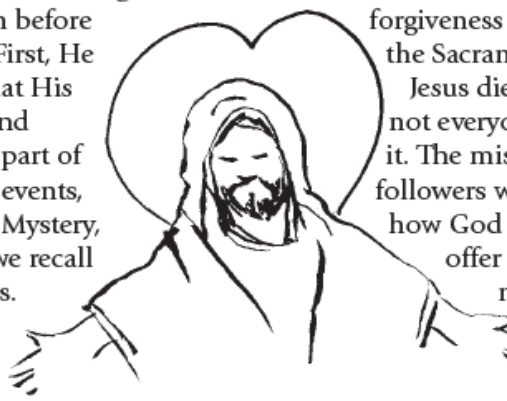
from Scripture

Luke 24:46-53, Our mission from God

This passage is Luke's version of the Ascension when Jesus ascends to His Father in Heaven. Jesus gave his disciples a mission before entering Heaven. First, He reminded them that His suffering, death, and Resurrection were part of God's plan. These events, called the Paschal Mystery, are so important we recall them at every Mass.

Then, Jesus sent His disciples out to call others to repentance and discipleship. Having heard about Christ's suffering, death and Resurrection for their salvation, the next logical step would be to repent

– literally, to "go beyond their usual way of thinking." People were and are invited to reconcile with God by the forgiveness of their sins through the Sacraments.

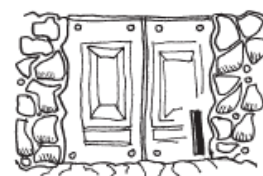


Jesus died for everyone, but not everyone knew about it. The mission of His first followers was to tell everyone how God saved them and to offer them, in Christ's name, a way forward:

repentance and forgiveness. If we know Christ, His sacrifice, His love, and the eternal life He offers us, we are commanded to tell others, whether by word, deed, or living example.

Q & A What is the feast of our Lady of Loreto?

In 2019, Pope Francis set aside a day specially devoted to Our



Lady of Loreto. Loreto, Italy, is believed to be where the house in which Mary grew up is located. According to tradition, angels carried the house from Israel to Italy in the thirteenth century when the Holy Land was under attack.

Whether angels really transported the house, or a devout, wealthy family paid to have it moved, scientific findings have verified that the house itself is not from thirteenth-century Italy. The architectural style, construction, and the pollen granules found in the mortar are not characteristic of thirteen-century Italy, but of first-century Palestine.

We are not required to believe in the miraculous transportation of the House of Loreto, but the significance of this devotion still applies. We are reminded of her universal motherhood (John 19:27). We're encouraged to ask her intercession for families today, and to remember the importance of the family in God's saving plan.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 12 – St. Pancras (c. 304). Orphaned at an early age, he was brought by an uncle to Rome and, inspired by Christians, they converted. Both were beheaded for refusing to sacrifice to idols during the reign of Emperor Diocletian. St. Pancras was only fourteen years old.

May 14 – St. Matthias (1st century). When the apostles met to choose Judas' successor, Peter said that the new Apostle must have followed Jesus from his baptism to his Ascension and

witnessed his Resurrection. St. Matthias was chosen by lots to fill Judas' place.

May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia (1457). Unwillingly married off to a cruel husband at the age of twelve, St. Rita spent eighteen unhappy years before being widowed. After her sons died of illness, she became an Augustinian nun. She was known for her devotion to prayer and charity.

May 29 – Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into Heaven.



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POPE QUOTE: “In this month dedicated to the Virgin Mary, let us learn from her that prayer is the best weapon of Christian life; without persistent prayer, no victory over evil is possible.”

POPE FRANCIS’S PRAYER INTENTION:

MAY - FOR FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary’s life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

For the Easter Season on **FORMED**, small groups and individuals are encouraged to check out **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist**. There are 3 regular episodes, one bonus episode, a special episode for children and one for parents preparing children for First Holy Communion.

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life. **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist** explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. The Eucharist is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation. This series is available in Español.

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SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL ENVELOPES

The St. Vincent DePaul envelope in the most recent mailing replaces the Mid-Year envelope. Funds are for the pastor to use when a parishioner has an emergency need. Our parish has had a St. Vincent DePaul account for decades with no regular source of funding.

St. Vincent de Paul is the patron saint of charitable societies and is primarily recognized for his charity and compassion for the poor, though he is also known for his reform of the clergy and for his early role in opposing Jansenism.

MAY 9 - 15, 2021 READINGS

Mon - Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10

Tues - Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30

Wed - Acts 12:24—13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Jn 12:44-50

Thurs - Acts 13:13-25 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27

Jn 13:16-20

Fri - Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11b Jn 14:1-6

Sat - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

Sun - Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

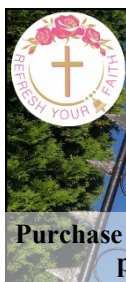


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Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, June 11, 2022

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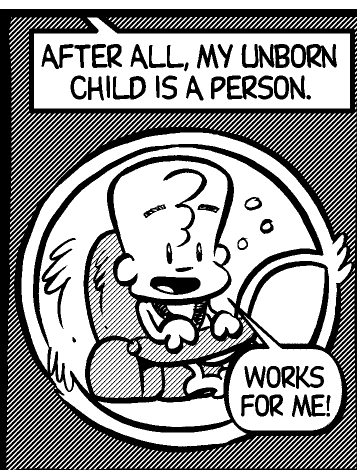
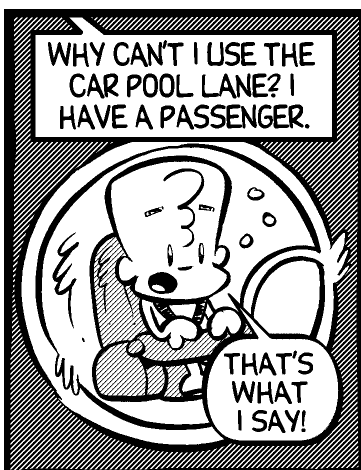
CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE

“BE A CATHOLIC MAN” 2022 EVENT

The 7th annual Catholic Men’s Conference, sponsored by “Be A Catholic Man”, is planned for Saturday, October 8th, 8 am - 3 pm, at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd, Wilkes-Barre. Registration details will soon be available, so save the date!

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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