

JULY 31, 2022



THE 18TH 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

## The Parable of the Rich Fool



### Pastoral Council

David Beahm, David Brann, 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, July 30** Weekday

VIGIL: 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Jeannette Oeller (Bob & Diane Jones)

**Sunday, July 31** 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Susie Abbott (The Bradford Family)

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

**Monday, August 1** Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop,  
Doctor of the Church

7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Asbury (Cathy Asbury)

**Tuesday, August 2** Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Theresa Hubler (Tressa Wells)

**Wednesday, August 3** Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Robert Fleury (Christina Fleury)

6:00 pm Holy Hour

**Thursday, August 4** Saint John Vianney, Priest  
No Mass

**Friday, August 5 (1st Friday)** Weekday

7:00 am, Canton † Patricia Mack (Bob & Diane Jones)

**Sat, August 6** THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

VIGIL: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Ann . Dorsey (Walburga Koval)

**Sunday, August 7** 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton - For the intentions of Lisa Darrow-  
Eagleberger (Bob & Diane Jones)

11:15 am, Troy † Don Wilber (Barb, Leona & Tim)

Fellowship is held in St. Michael's Church  
hall following the 9:30 am Mass each Sunday.



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



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn  
this week for women who are unexpectedly preg-  
nant to be filled with trust in God's providence and  
lovingly welcome the gift of their child.

### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, Tom Ambruch,  
Jason Bellows, Betty Brown, Jeremy Colony,  
Paul Dean, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Leon English,  
Melissa Gowan, Robert Dale Hostetter, Antoinette King,  
Ben Kopetan, David Kule, Jo Kule, Ralph Lepper,  
Tom McBlane, Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, B  
ernadette Moore, Donna Noble, Steve Noble,  
Pauline Pazzaglia, Michelle Redline,  
Raegan Isabelle Redline, Rich Stankiewicz,  
Frank Sullivan, Steven Wilber, Anthony Wolf,  
Donna Wolf, Nicholas Wolf,

Contact the parish office to add a name to the prayer list.  
Names remain on the list for 3 months per request.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On Sunday, August 14th, at the  
9:30 am Mass, the Knights of Co-  
lumbus will offer the Mass intention  
for the Canonization of Blessed Fa-  
ther Michael McGivney. A Rosary  
and Litany of Blessed Father Michael  
McGivney will begin at 8:45 am led by the Knights of  
Columbus.

Michael McGivney was born August 12, 1852. He  
was Ordained December 22, 1877. He founded the  
Knights of Columbus in 1882. He died August 14, 1890  
at the age of 38 after serving in the Priesthood for 13  
years. He was declared Venerable on March 15, 2008.  
A miracle was approved for his Beatification on May 27,  
2020. Venerable Father Michael McGivney was beati-  
fied on October 31, 2020. His Feast Day is established  
as August 13th.

### BIOGRAPHY OF BLESSED

FATHER MICHAEL

McGIVNEY

Michael McGivney  
was born in Waterbury,  
Ct. on August 12, 1852.

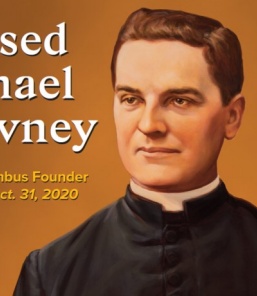
He was the first of 13  
children born to the par-  
ents of Irish immigrants.

He left school at the age of 13 to work in a spoon mak-  
ing factory in order to help the family survive. With the  
priesthood in mind, he left the factory at the age of 16  
and moved to Montreal to attend seminary classes at the  
Jesuit run St. Mary's College. He left the seminary  
when his father died in 1873 and returned to Waterbury  
for a time in order to help the family. At the request of  
the local bishop he entered St. Mary's Seminary in Balti-  
more Md. After four years of study he was ordained on  
December 22, 1877. in 1881, Father McGivney envi-  
sioned a fraternal benefit society as a way to strengthen  
religious faith and provide families with financial sup-  
port after the death of the breadwinner. The first  
Knights of Columbus was formed in 1882 on the princi-  
ples of Unity and Charity. Father McGivney was strick-  
en with pneumonia in January of 1890 and died on Au-  
gust 14, 1890 at the age of 38.



Blessed  
Michael  
McGivney

Knights of Columbus Founder  
Beatification Oct. 31, 2020



### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS July 18 - 31, 2022

Weekly Offerings:	1,774.00
Electronic Offerings:	485.00
FORMED renewal donation:	100.00
Other Parish Income:	643.75
Total Parish Income:	3,002.75
Average weekly expenses:	3,721.88
Difference:	(719.13)
Care & Education of Priests:	21.00



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## One Minute Meditations

### Get involved

Catholics have a long history of action – feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the poor, praying for souls. Are you doing all you can to help? If not, find out if there is a parish ministry that could use your time, talent, or treasure. Catholics are meant to make a difference.



### Run, don't walk

If you think you don't sin and don't need the Sacrament of Reconciliation, run – don't walk – to the nearest confessional. *"If we say, 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves"* (1 John 1:8). Unconfessed sin, especially when it goes unnoticed, forms a barrier between us and God. Penance, absolution, and life amendment helps to break it down.

### A Novena

Do you have a particular concern or an upcoming challenge? A novena – a prayer offered over nine consecutive days in preparation for a feast day or a special need – is a great way to ask for God's particular help.



## Jesus, I trust in you!

We fully trust in someone when we have a firm belief in his or her reliability, truth, ability, and strength. Do you trust God? He really is *"faithful and true"* (Revelation 19:11). You can trust Him ...

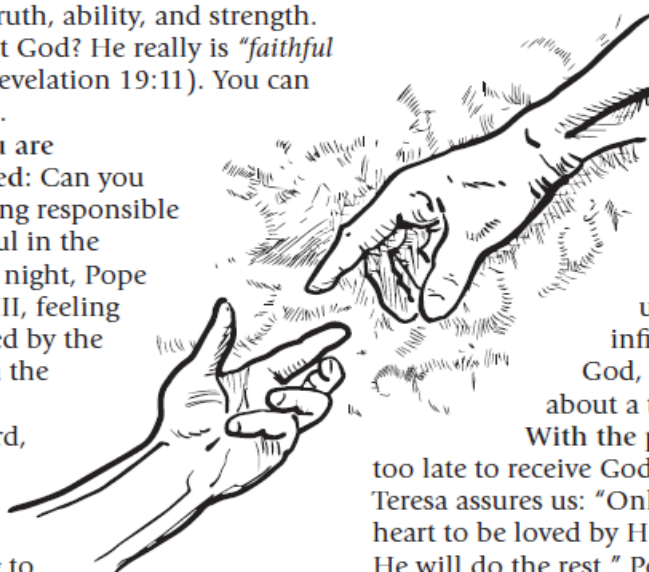
When you are overwhelmed: Can you imagine being responsible for every soul in the world? One night, Pope St. John XXIII, feeling overwhelmed by the problems in the Church, prayed, "Lord, it's Your Church; You take care of it. I'm going to bed." That's the perfect model for us. Surrender concerns to God, trust Him to handle them, and relax.

With the future: St. Padre Pio said, "You say you are anxious about the

future, but don't you know that the Lord is with you always and that our enemy has no power over one who has resolved to belong entirely to Jesus?"

When we understand the infinite love of God, we won't worry about a thing.

With the past: It's never too late to receive God's mercy. Mother Teresa assures us: "Only open your heart to be loved by Him as you are. He will do the rest." Pope Francis has said that God is never tired of dispensing His mercy. We are the ones who tire of asking. Never tire of asking. Absolution is as close as your nearest Catholic church.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics bury loved ones' remains?

Everything the Church teaches about care for the dying, funeral rites, and burial is out of respect for the body. For Catholics, the body has the added dignity of participating in the Sacraments during life: *"your body is a temple of*



*the Holy Spirit"* (1 Corinthians 6:19). In the Creed, we profess belief in the resurrection of the body. Therefore, the Church permits cremation as long as the cremains are buried in sanctified ground. Scattering ashes is prohibited.

# Discerning God's will

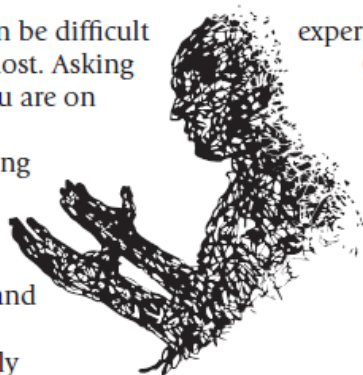
Do you have a big decision to make? It can be difficult to hear God's voice just when you need it most. Asking the right questions and looking for signs you are on track can help you make the right choice.

"Will it help me get to Heaven?" Answering this question first will weed out extraneous options quickly. Then, when deciding between two good choices, consider which one makes best use of your strengths, gifts, and your state in life.

Deep peace. In heartfelt prayer, you'll likely

experience a deep peace for one of your options. Only God gives this kind of peace (John 14:27). It's a good sign when that peace lasts throughout the decision process. Lack of peace is usually God saying, "no."

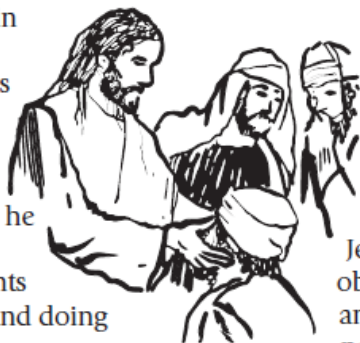
Good fruits. These are easiest to see after you have taken steps toward your decision. If you see spiritual fruits like generosity, joy, patience, and self-control growing in your soul, you're on the right track. Anxiety, turmoil, anger, tension are signs that you made a misstep.



## from Scripture

### Luke 14:1, 7-14, Unreciprocated kindness

Jesus was under close and careful scrutiny by the Pharisees who were watching for a misstep in order to discredit him. They were afraid that his "radical" ideas would undermine the religion and tradition they protected. Nonetheless, he never let this critical scrutiny by his opponents keep him from saying and doing the right things.



"networking" – entertaining people who can further our personal or professional goals. There is usually an exchange of favors implied in this kind of a relationship, "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours."

In this parable, however, Jesus urged us to forget about obtaining benefit or admiration and instead serve people in need. He said that doing favors

for and being kind to the disadvantaged can be very rewarding and will bring blessings to the host. The guests won't be able to reciprocate, but God will certainly repay the kindness.

## Q & A What does Mary's Assumption mean for us?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII infallibly declared that, "having completed the course of her earthly life," the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up, body and soul, into heavenly glory.



Although this doctrine was declared relatively recently, the Church's belief in it isn't new. Sacred Scripture and Tradition repeatedly emphasize Mary's

sinlessness and holiness (Luke 1:28), and her deep involvement in the mysteries of Christ's life. Given this, we believe Jesus preserved her body from decay and raised her to heavenly glory.

For us, the Assumption, is a "sneak preview" of what our ultimate destiny can be if we are faithful to Christ, as Mary was - having our glorified bodies, sinless and perfectly happy. What she is now, we hope someday to be. Moreover, the Assumption reveals the value of our bodies in God's plan. When God created us in His image, He created us body and soul and said it was "very good" (Genesis 1:31). It's so good, that He intends to raise us, bodily, into His glory.

## Feasts & Celebrations

August 2 – St. Peter Julian Eymard (1868). Born in France, Peter was ordained in 1834 and earned a reputation as a preacher. He was friends with St. John Vianney. He founded the Congregation of the Priests of the Blessed Sacrament to increase devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

August 9 – St. Edith Stein (1942). Born Jewish, she was a brilliant atheist intellectual in Germany. Edith converted to Catholicism after studying St. Teresa of Avila, and became a Carmelite nun. Although her order tried to shelter her

from the Nazis, she was arrested and executed at Auschwitz.

August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption. Declared a dogma of faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.

Aug. 24 – St. Bartholomew the Apostle (1st Century). Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the apostle, Nathanael (John 1:46). After Jesus's Ascension, Nathanael spread Christianity to India and Armenia, where he was martyred.



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You can also visit the Retrouvaille website at <http://helpourmarriage.org/>

## 2023 MASS INTENTIONS CALENDAR NOW OPEN

The 2023 Liturgical Desk Calendar has arrived. There are still plenty of Masses available in 2022, but now is the time to call the parish office if you have specific dates you would like for 2023.

The usual offering for a Mass intention is \$10, and is paid to the celebrant from the parish's Mass Stipend Account, so checks should be payable to St. Michael Parish. *No intention is refused for inability to pay.*

## AUGUST 1 - 7, 2022 READINGS

**Mon** - Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102  
Mt 14:13-21

**Tues** - Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Ps 102:16-23, 29  
Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wed** - Jer 31:1-7 (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13 Mt 15:21-28

**Thurs** - Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Mt 16:13-23

**Fri** - Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd  
Mt 16:24-28

**Sat** - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19  
Lk 9:28b-36

**Sun** - Wis 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19  
Lk 12:35-40

## CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

### "BE A CATHOLIC MAN" 2022 EVENT

On October 8, 2022, The Catholic Men's Conference will be held at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid" under the patronage of Saint Joseph. This event (from 8 am to 3 pm) will be favored with nationally known Catholic Speakers, among them are: Father Stan Fortuna, Dr. Ralph Martin and Kevin Wells.

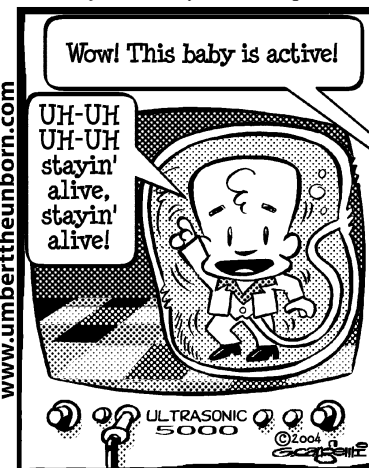
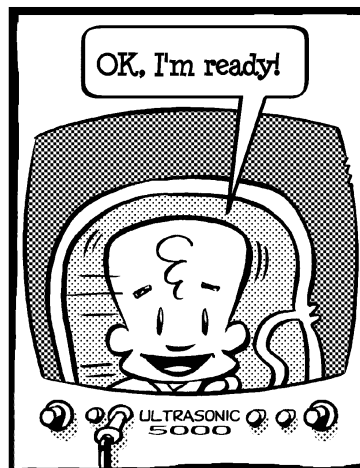
All of us are challenged to live virtuous lives in this secular world, --- whether single, married, or clergy, --- Men are encouraged to set this date aside and attend. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacramental Confession, and lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera.

*Saint Michael's Parish has a private sponsor who will pay the registration fee for any man in the parish to attend this Conference. To take advantage of this generous offer, call the parish office at 570-673-5253 or email [office@stmichaelscanton.com](mailto:office@stmichaelscanton.com)*

Registration is \$40.00 per man with an early bird price of \$30.00 till September 9th. For reservations, mail checks payable to "Be A Catholic Man" to: Bill Leandri, 239 Hayfield Road, Shavertown, Pa. 18708; or Online at [beacatholicman.com](http://beacatholicman.com). Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer, Conference Chairman, at 570-746-0100 or [michaelkilmer71@gmail.com](mailto:michaelkilmer71@gmail.com).

## Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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