

**AUGUST 28, 2022**



**THE 22ND 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

**FOR EVERYONE WHO  
EXALTS HIMSELF WILL  
BE HUMBLLED, AND HE  
WHO HUMBLLES  
HIMSELF WILL BE  
EXALTED.**

Luke 14:1,7-11

He Who Humbles Himself



### **Pastoral Council**

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### **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, August 27** Saint Monica

VIGIL: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Rich Carlonas (Cheryl Carlonas)

**Sunday, August 28** 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Jeannette Oeller (Bob & Diane Jones)

11:15 am, Troy † Theresa Hubler (Pauline Pazzaglia)

**Monday, August 29**

The Passion of  
Saint John the Baptist

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

**Tuesday, August 30**

Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Joseph Pica (Leslie & Chick Debach)

**Wednesday, August 31**

Weekday

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

6:00 pm Holy Hour

**Thursday, September 1**

Weekday

No Mass

**Friday, September 2 (First Friday)**

Weekday

7:00 am, Canton - For the Special Intentions of

Lisa Darrow-Eagleberger (Bob & Diane Jones)

**Saturday, September 3**

Saint Gregory the Great,  
Pope, Doctor of the Church

VIGIL: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Gary Blaney

(St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Society)

**Sunday, Sep 4**

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Lanny Lutz

(St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Society)

9:30 am, Canton † Julia Elizabeth Hamburger

(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

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 those who are imprisoned, especially  
those facing the death penalty, to be treated with  
the respect due to every human person.

## SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS August 7 - 14, 2022

Weekly Offerings: 1,821.00

Electronic Offerings: 485.00

Other Parish Income: 170.50

Total Parish Income: 2,476.50

Average weekly expenses: 3,721.88

Difference: (1,245.38)

Care & Education of Priests: 25.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*



## FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?

RCIA is for anyone interested in becoming Catholic. It is also an excellent continuing education opportunity for Catholics who would like a refresher on their faith. For more information or to register, call Father Joe at 570-673-5253.



### PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE

The Pennsylvania Family Institute will be hosting the **2nd Annual Pennsylvania March for Life** in Harrisburg on Monday, September 19th. There will be a bus leaving Bradford-Sullivan Counties to attend the Rally and March. There will be NO COST to ride the bus. The schedule is:

- 6:15 am depart Sayre from the old Kmart Plaza
- 6:50 am depart Towanda from the Bradford Towne Ctr.
- 7:30 am depart Dushore
- Return trip includes a dinner stop, arriving 6-7 pm.

Reserve your seat(s) by calling Frank Socha at 570-772-6524 or emailing him at fes701@yahoo.com. Please leave a name, contact number, and the number of seats.

**PLEASE HELP FILL THIS BUS AND SHOW OUR  
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### REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR CCD

Please register your school-aged children for CCD. It will be held in person at St. Michael's church on Sunday mornings from 8:15 - 9:15 am and at St. John's church on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Registration forms can be found at stmichaelscanton.com by clicking on the Faith Formation tab and then on CCD. Paper copies are available in the back of all 3 churches. Registration is open through September 11.

**Classes begin the week of September 25th.**

*The annual CCD Bake Sale to raise money  
for materials and supplies will be on  
Catechetical Sunday, September 18th.*

Adult Education is resuming this year in the rectory chapel at 8:15 am on Sunday mornings. In honor of the National Eucharistic Revival that began on the feast of Corpus Christi, June 16, 2022, we will begin with the ten session program LECTIO: EUCHARIST with Dr. Brant Pitri of the Augustine Institute. Study Guides are not necessary, though five copies have been donated for anyone who would like to use one.

### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

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Bernadette Moore, Donna Noble, Steve Noble,  
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## One Minute Meditations

### The most important thing

When Jesus promised to be with us always, He wasn't just talking symbolically. He meant that He would stay with us – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In fact, when we go to Mass, we meet Jesus, Himself, "truly, really, and substantially contained" in Holy Communion (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1374). Don't miss a single Sunday Mass. He is there every time.



### Our "Call"

When God calls, He asks that His children respond. Throughout history, when the Father called a chosen people, prophets, and kings to service, they responded. Jesus called His apostles and disciples. They responded. God calls each of us. Have you responded? Are you where He wants you to be?

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths"*

(Proverbs 3:5-6).



## Four tools for spreading the Good News

Before He ascended, Jesus told His disciples, "Go...make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). We are all called to preach the Gospel, sometimes by words, but always by the holiness of our lives. Jesus gave us four must-haves for this task:

**Peace:** The confidence that all things, even our greatest sufferings, will be for our good is peace. Living a Gospel-centered life brings peace and sets us apart in what we choose: music, recreation, dress. These choices are counter-cultural and testify to our faith. Be at peace: our security is in the Truth, not others' opinions of us.

**Simplicity:** We can't give what we

don't have. To give Christ to others, we must make room for Him in our own hearts. For example, buy only what's necessary and limit time on social

media. Frequent the Sacraments and Mass. Pray daily.

**Charity:** Jesus uses us to communicate His love to others. In addition to acts of mercy for the poor, charity requires treating others with dignity, respect, patience, and kindness – even when it's challenging.

**Joy:** We experience joy when we receive God's love. This means keeping our hearts open to accepting the Good News, not giving into bitterness and resentment, reminding ourselves of the ways God has shown His love for us. Don't keep it to yourself. Tell others.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do some churches have altar rails?

Altar rails, or "Communion rails," located between the sanctuary and the front pews, helped facilitate the Communion distribution when everyone received Communion on the tongue while kneeling. The rails encouraged the faithful to be reverent before the Face of God –



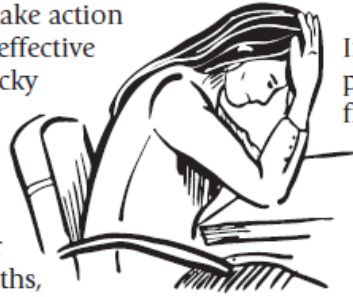
literally. Called, "the people's altar," the rails were also where communicants offered their spiritual sacrifices to God directly as they received Him. We can do this without rails, but kneeling for Communion is a

powerful reminder of Who we are receiving.

# Managing sticky situations, gracefully

When we find ourselves in a difficult situation, it can be tough to know how to respond. We want to take action that comes from our faith perspective and is effective at the same time. Try these tips to manage sticky situations with grace:

**Stay calm.** We are more likely to make regrettable decisions when we're anxious, afraid, or angry. We make it worse by raising our voices, storming around, saying whatever comes into our heads. Instead take deep breaths, pray a calming prayer, invoke your guardian angel.



Staying calm is key.

**Be realistic.** Accept that you can't fix everything. Instead, focus on what you can do. Leaning on prior experience and advice from experts or trusted friends, pick the best course of action. Surrender the outcome to God.

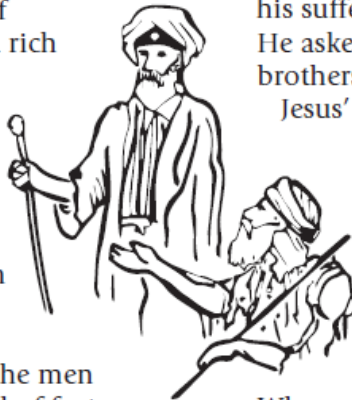
**Learn.** God often allows difficulties to bring about a greater good. Maybe the experience helped you grow in virtue, taught you a new skill, gave you a new perspective. It's okay to ask God, "why?" Keep what you learn for the future.

## from Scripture

### Luke 16:19-31, Riches okay, but not hard-heartedness

In this Gospel passage, Jesus directed a parable to those who turn a blind eye to the suffering of others. In His story, a rich man ignored a desperately hungry man, Lazarus, lying in misery at his gate. The rich man feasted daily and lived in luxury. The poor man hoped for scraps and dodged dogs.

After their deaths, the men experienced a reversal of fortunes. Lazarus rested with Abraham and the patriarchs – the closest thing to heaven prior to Jesus' Resurrection. The rich



man was in agony. He begged Abraham to send Lazarus to alleviate his suffering but Abraham refused. He asked Lazarus to warn his brothers but was denied again.

Jesus' parable isn't condemning wealth, but the hard-heartedness of the rich man. The rich man knew Lazarus by name but was insensitive to his plight. He wasn't evil, but he knew what God asked him to do and didn't do it.

When we live our faith, we transform our prayers into deeds of love as Jesus asked. The reward for doing what Jesus asked will be eternal joy.

## Q & A

### Why do some parishes pray the St. Michael prayer after Mass?

The Leonine prayers were first promulgated by Pope Leo XIII in 1884, for recitation after Mass but not as part of Mass itself. They consisted of the Hail Mary (three times), Hail, Holy Queen,



O God our Refuge and strength, the Prayer to St. Michael, and the invocation to the Sacred Heart (three times) and were said

kneeling at the foot of the altar. Although abolished in 1964 they are still sometimes used after Masses in the extraordinary form.

Other popes have invoked St. Michael's protection. Pope St. Gregory the Great invoked St. Michael's protection during a plague. Pope St. John Paul II recommended saying the St. Michael prayer daily to protect the family. And Pope Francis, in the light of recent crises, recommended all Catholics recite the prayer. Some bishops have joined the call by recommending Catholics pray it after Mass.

St. Michael led the faithful angels in overthrowing Satan and his rebellious angels (Revelation 12:7). Scripture tells us he is tasked with protecting God's people against the devil.

## Feasts & Celebrations

September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows. In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sufferings as "a sword piercing" her soul. In her sorrow, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, dignified and fearless while others ran away. Instead, she responded with faith and love.

September 17 – St. Hildegard of Bingen (1179). Born in 12th century Germany to noble parents, St. Hildegard had visions from when she was very young. She joined the Benedictines and eventually became an abbess. She wrote

on spirituality, music, medicine, and science. She is a Doctor of the Church.

September 26 – Sts. Cosmas and Damian (c.303). These saints were Arab brothers who studied medicine in Syria and lived their Christian faith by treating people without charge. They were martyred for their faith.

September 29 – Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Rafael, Archangels. Three archangels who were entrusted with important missions to mankind, such as St. Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Mother to tell her she had been chosen as the Mother of God.



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**POPE QUOTE:** "The Gospel sets us in motion, and drives us to open up to God and our brothers. It is just like fire: while it warms us with God's love, it wants to burn our selfishness, enlighten the dark sides of life, consume the false idols that enslave us."

**POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION:** SEPTEMBER - FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

### 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 from 8 am to 3 pm. This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid" under the patronage of Saint Joseph.

Men are encouraged to 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*

Early Bird Registration is \$30.00/man with the price increasing to \$40.00 after September 9th. Register online at [beacatholicman.com](http://beacatholicman.com). To register by mail, send payment along with the names, addresses & phone numbers of the men in your party to: Bill Leandri, 239 Hayfield Road, Shavertown, Pa. 18708. Checks should be payable to "Be A Catholic Man". Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer, Conference Chairman, at 570-746-0100 or [michaelkilmer71@gmail.com](mailto:michaelkilmer71@gmail.com).

### NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

A list of the foods products needed on a weekly basis by **THE CANTON AREA FOOD PANTRY** is on the parish website on the NEWS page under *Knights of Columbus Food Drive*.



### AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 READINGS

**Mon** - 1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Mk 6:17-29

**Tues** - 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14 Lk 4:31-37

**Wed** - 1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44

**Thurs** - 1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11

**Fri** - 1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39

**Sat** - 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-521 Lk 6:1-5

**Sun** - Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-6, 12-17 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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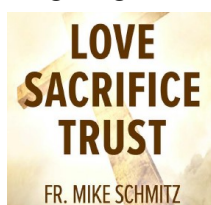
**WATCH** Among many other things, Pope St. Gregory the Great is known for his incredible pastoral presence and servant leadership. In honor of this magnanimous Saint, enjoy this episode of Into the Breach! Although primarily targeted at men, this video and its emphasis on service will be fruitful to anyone who desires sanctity and self-mastery!



**LEARN** In the history of the Church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title "the Great." One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. As a late sixth century leader, Gregory is known for his prolific writing, his radical humility, his emphasis on missions, and his dedication to almsgiving.



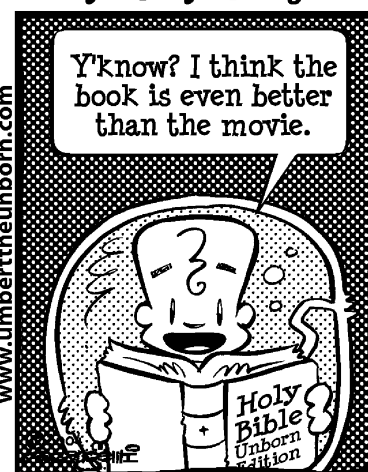
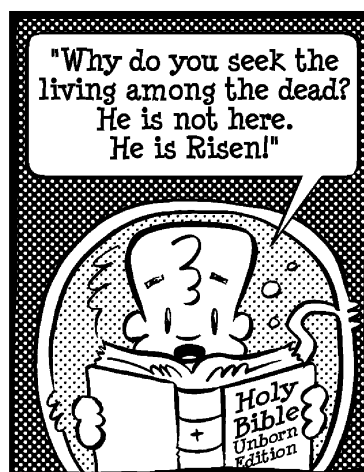
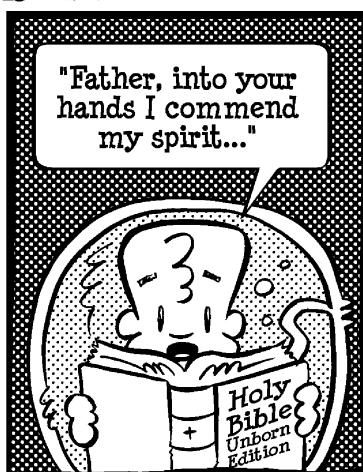
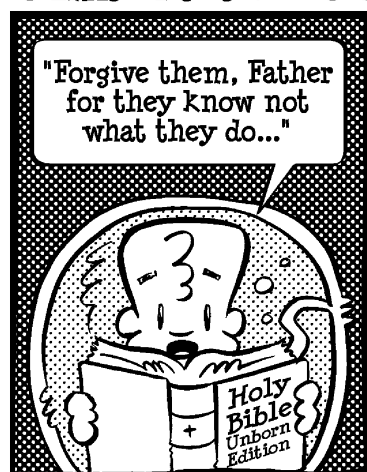
**LISTEN** In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!



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by Gary Cangemi



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come new members.


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