### SEPTEMBER 4, 2022



# THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **CATHOLIC PARISH** (covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

**ST. MICHAEL** 

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy) Reverend Joseph P. Kutch, MA, Pastor 106 N. Washington Street, Canton, PA 17724 Office phone: (570) 673-5253 E-mail: office@stmichaelscanton.com website: www.stmichaelscanton.com Office Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays 8 am - 3:30 pm, Thursdays 8 am - 1 pm

#### 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.

#### <u>Baptism</u>

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**

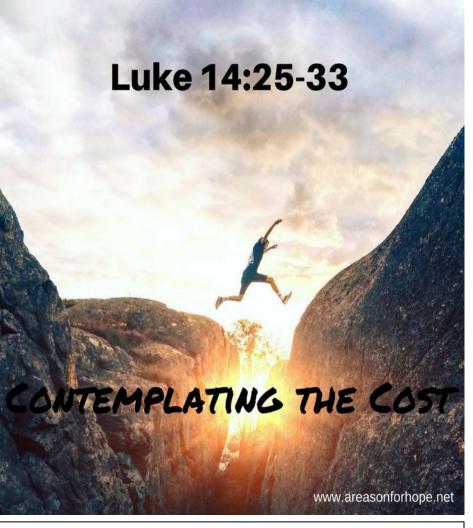
Wed: 6:00 pm, St. Michael's Church following 5:30 pm Mass, Benediction at 7:00 pm First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

#### **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, 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

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Saturday, September 3Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church VIGIL: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME4:00 pm, Canton † Gary Blaney (St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Society)
Sunday, Sep 423RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME8:00 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
Monday, September 5Weekday7:00 am, Rectory - For the special intentions of Jerry & Alice Rushin (John & Pat Rushin)
Tuesday, September 6Weekday5:30 pm, Troy † Joseph Pica (Leslie & Chick Debach)
Wednesday, September 7Weekday5:30 pm, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His Estate)6:00 pm Holy Hour
Thursday, September 8The Nativity of the BlessedNo MassVirgin Mary
Friday, September 9Weekday7:00 am, Rectory - For the Special Intentions of Lisa Darrow-Eagleberger (Bob & Diane Jones)
Saturday, September 10WeekdayVIGIL: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME4:00 pm, Canton † Patricia Mack (Bob & Diane Jones)
Sunday, Sept 1124TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo9:30 am, Canton † Mark Kingsley (George & Theresa Kingsley)11:15 am, Troy † Rich Carlonas (Cheryl Carlonas)
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 the life of every human person, from conception to natural death, be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts.
Saint Michael's Parish Offerings August 22 - 28, 2022

1,958.00
485.00
243 <u>.50</u>
2,686.50
3,721.88
(1,035.38)
70.00
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#### FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

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

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way for non-Catholics to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church and for



Catholics who have not been fully initiated to receive Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. If you or any one you know is interested in becoming Catholic, the RCIA is for you. For Catholics who would like a "refresher" on their faith, this is an excellent continuing education opportunity. For more information or to register, please call Father Joe at 570-673-5253.



**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 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, Bernadette Moore, Donna Noble, Steve Noble, Pauline Pazzaglia, Michelle Redline, Raegan Isabelle Redline, Rich Stankiewicz, Frank Sullivan, Steven Wilber, John Wilcox, Anthony Wolf, Donna Wolf, Nicholas Wolf

#### THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY: WHY YOU SHOULD KNOW THEM AND PRAY THEM by Becky Roach

excerpted from: https://catholic-link.org/the-seven-sorrows-ofmary-why-you-should-know-them-and-pray-them-2/

The Seven Sorrows of Mary are important for us to know and pray. They are all based on scripture and help us recall Mary's role in salvation history.

Though the practice of praying the Seven Sorrows of Mary dates back to the thirteenth century, there has been a resurgence of this devotion due to the apparition of Our Lady of Kibeho that took place in the 1980's in Rwanda. It was there that Our Lady urged people to pray the Seven Sorrows.

It is said that Mary revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden seven promises to those who will pray these sorrows. After reading the promises, you will surely want to implement this devotion in your own prayer life.

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

- 1. The Prophecy of Simeon
- 2. The Flight into Egypt
- 3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days4. The Carrying of the Cross
- 5. The Crucifixion of Jesus6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross
- 7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb

THE 7 PROMISES TO THOSE WHO PRAY THE 7 SORROWS 1. *I will grant peace to their families*.

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- They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
  I will console them in their pains and I will accom-
- 3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
- 4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
- 5. *I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.*
- 6. *I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.*
- 7. I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.



September 15th is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

# THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FEAST: SEPTEMBER 8TH The birthdates of great men and women are remembered for posterity. The presidents of the United States are commemorated near the February birthday of George Washington. .... The Church celebrates its birthday,



so to speak, on the Feast of Pentecost. However, the Church typically commemorates its saints on their date of death, ordination, or other significant milestone. Only Christ Himself, Saint John the Baptist, and the Virgin Mary have feasts commemorating their births, because only they were holy from the start. They were sanctified by God in the womb, not made holy through grace and long trial during their earthly lives.

Nowhere in Scripture is the place and date of birth of the Virgin Mary recorded. Nor are the names of her parents found in Scripture, although tradition tells us they were Joachim and Anne. It is not until the sixth century that there is certain knowledge of a liturgical commemoration of Mary's birth. This is not unusual. Mary lived a largely hidden life, and her theological and historical significance remained somewhat veiled until the Council of Ephesus in 431 formally declared her the Mother of God. Since that definition, every aspect of her life has become the source of a rich spiritual and theological heritage.

The silence of Mary, the hiddenness of so much of her life, is intriguing. It is an invitation to prayer and spiritual reflection. Her silence, and the silence of Scripture on so many events which must have occurred but are not referenced, means that there is, and will always be, more for the Church to reveal about Her greatest truths. It is not just Scripture that is inspired but the Church as well. She pulls from Her storehouse things old and new, polishes them off, and offers them to the faithful in culturally compelling language to deepen the content of faith and the faithful's response to it.

... the Church is a generator of revelation. She is the Living Word in the world of today, the vibrant Magisterium who absorbs the world's questions and challenges in every age and gives them compelling answers. Tradition for the Church, then, is not just a jewel to be guarded. Tradition is forward-looking, dynamic, and active. And this positive tradition continues to celebrate the birth of the Virgin Mary because it was she, the last great figure of the B.C. era, whose birth itself gave birth to a new world. No Mary, no Christ. Her birth was the start of the future we all now inhabit.

Saint Mary, we celebrate your holy birth in the land your Son made holy. Your discreet life of prayer and service obscures so much but speaks loudly as well. May our lives be discreet in their goodness, known to God and to those few who have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/

september-8the-nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin/

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Father Joe celebrates his 34th anniversary of ordination on September 3rd.

Thank you, Father, for your commitment to Christ's Church and service to the people of His flock.

### **ANNUAL FRUIT PIE SALES**



ATTENTION ALL BAKERS! It is time for our annual fruit pie sale! <u>The Pumpkin Festival</u> will be held on October 1st & 2nd at the Firemen's Field

in Canton. Don't think you're locked in to apple pies, people love the fun and unusual flavors, so let your creativity flow! Pie tins and boxes will be available for pickup in all three churches beginning next weekend.



Pie drop-off will be on Friday, September 30th in Saint Michael's Church hall. (Times to be announced). *Please print the pie flavor neatly on the post-it note on the box.* 

You can also volunteer to work the booth on the sign -up sheet in the back of St. Michael's Church, or call the rectory during office hours to see what times still need coverage.

This fundraiser has been very helpful to the fiscal health of our parish, but it is also a great way to build relationships within our community. This year, both of those things are especially important. Your help is needed to continue that tradition.



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 Center
- 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 LEGISLATORS THAT WE SUPPORT LIFE!!!

#### Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

#### Aviso al Respecto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor

De Edad Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley. Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. De conformidad con la Comunidad de los Servicios de Protección Infantil de Pennsylvania Leyes, informes de sospecha de abuso de niños también debe hacerse inmediatamente por teléfono las 24 horas maltrato infantil hotline (ChildLine) al 1-800-932-0313 o electrónicamente en www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

Al fi n de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual. Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551).



**POPE QUOTE:** "Mercy is the experience of feeling welcomed, put back on our feet, strengthened, healed, encouraged. To be forgiven is to experience here and now that which comes closest to being resurrected." **POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION:** SEP-

TEMBER - 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.

## FORMED<sup>®</sup> PICK OF THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

**WATCH** Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of charity who saved the



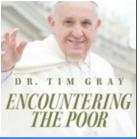
lives of thousands of French refuges by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.

**LEARN** As we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary this week, listen as Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the traditions surrounding Mary's life and how her



life is a model of humility for Christians.

**LISTEN** Dr. Gray expounds upon the teaching of the Catholic Church surrounding social justice in light of Sacred Scripture. Discover how social justice in regards to the poor is not one small piece in the puzzle, but instead frames the entire mosaic of Scripture.



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# Umbert the Unborn





SEPTEMBER 5 - 11, 2022 READINGS Mon - 1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-7, 12 Lk 6:6-11 Tues - 1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 6:12-19 Wed - 1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12, 14-17 Lk 6:20-26 Thurs - Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6abc Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 Fri - 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Ps 84:3-6, 12 Lk 6:39-42 Sat - 1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 Lk 6:43-49 Sun - Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 1 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32

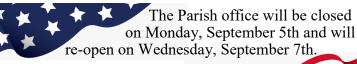
#### CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE "BE A CATHOLIC MAN" 2022 EVENT

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*. 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.



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY LABOR DAY !



