

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



THE 25TH 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



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, September 17 Weekday

VIGIL: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, Sept 18 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Theresa Carlson

(Sister, Brother & Family)

9:30 am, Canton † Wilma Brunelle (Sherry Vargson)

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

Monday, September 19

Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † John Petro

Tuesday, Sept 20 Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest

and Paul Chöng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

5:30 pm, Troy † Irene Bitcola (Cheryl Carlonas)

Wed, Sept 21 SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

5:30 pm, Canton † William Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)

6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, September 22

Weekday

No Mass

Friday, September 23 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7:00 am, Rectory † Dr. Charles Driscoll

Saturday, September 24

Weekday

VIGIL: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Elaine Shedden (Susan Schiess)

Sunday, Sept 25 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Marjorie Maloney (Family)

11:15 am, Troy † Theresa Hubler (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 all whose hearts ache from participating in abortion to be strengthened to seek the Lord's compassion, mercy, and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS September 6 - 11, 2022

Weekly Offerings: 1,495.00

Electronic Offerings: 485.00

Other Parish Income: 515.00

Total Parish Income: 2,495.00

Average weekly expenses: 3,721.88

Difference: (1,226.88)

Care & Education of Priests: 6.00

Thank you for your continued support.



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. The first session will be at 7 pm on Monday, September 26th in the rectory.



*The annual
CCD Bake Sale
to raise money
for materials and supplies
is this weekend!
September 18th & 19th!*



Parish Registration: All Catholics should be registered in their local parish. This helps facilitate many church activities such as requests for the sacraments, sponsor forms, marriage in the church and other religious needs. Registration is also part of your commitment to your local church and your desire to be known as a member of the Universal Church. Young adults who have finished high school are encouraged to register in their own name. Call the rectory office at (570) 673-5253 to request a form. Thank you.

BULLETIN ADS

Bulletin ad renewal is underway. There are currently two spots available. Ads are \$75 per year per space and run from October 1st through September 30th. If you would like more information about placing an ad, contact Cathy at the parish office by phone at (570) 673-5253 or by email at office@stmichaelscanton.com.

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, Victoria Johnson, Antoinette King, Ben Kopetan, David Kule, Jo Kule, Ralph Lepper, Tom McBlane, Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, Delina Morgan, Donna Noble, Steve Noble, Pauline Pazzaglia, Michelle Redline, Raegan Isabelle Redline, Rich Stankiewicz, Frank Sullivan, Matthew Warren, Steven Wilber, John Wilcox, 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.

ANNUAL FRUIT PIE SALES

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!

It is time for our annual fruit pie sale! The Pumpkin Festival 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 are available for pickup in all three churches.



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.

BUS TRIP TO NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN

Knights of Columbus, St. John Neumann Shrine Council 12406, is sponsoring a day bus trip on October 22, 2022 to the National Shrine of Saint John Neumann in Philadelphia, PA. The cost is \$50 per adult. Children 12 & under ride free. Reservations must be received by October 1st.

Contact John Silla @ (570) 482-3535 for additional information. To reserve seats please provide contact name and phone #, # of Adults attending; # of Children 12 and under attending, and a \$25 deposit for each adult to: Knights of Columbus, Attn: John Silla, PO Box 583, Dusore, PA 18614. Final payment is due the day of the trip. Make check payable to: KOC #12406.

PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIVE

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!!!

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of September 18, 2022

PADRE PIO BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

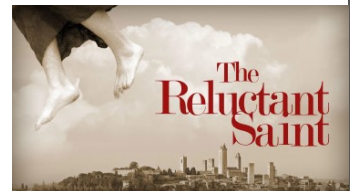
Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.



THE RELUCTANT SAINT

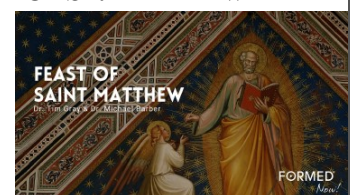
THE STORY OF ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO

This film portrays the life of St. Joseph of Cupertino, the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of seventeenth century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant abbot to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.



FORMED NOW! FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle and evangelist.



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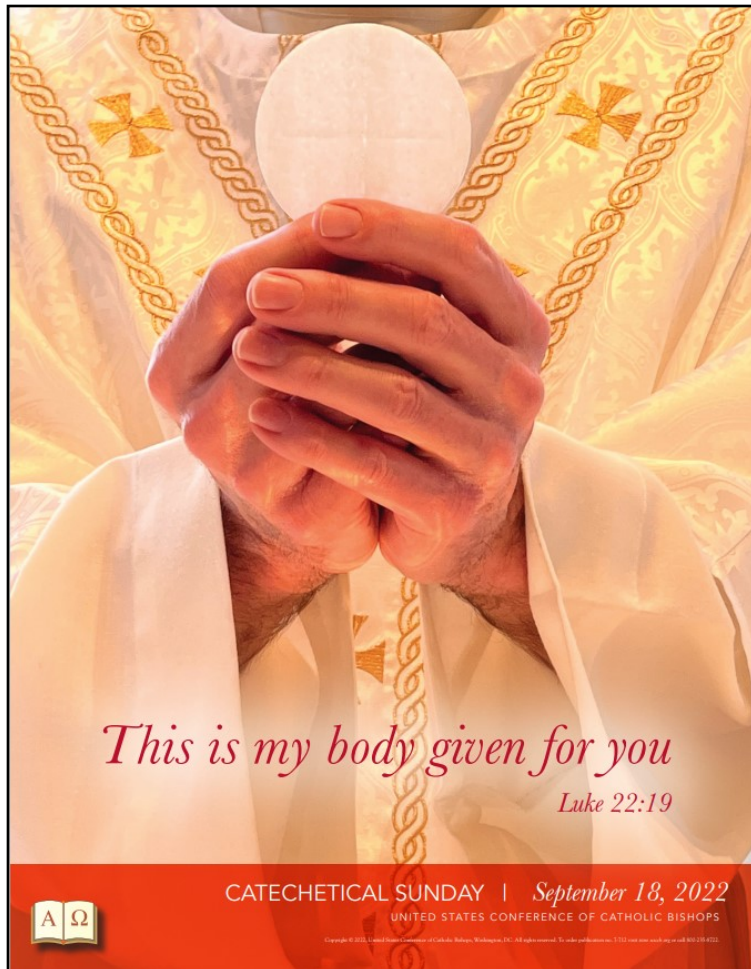


Rachel's VINEYARD

Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time

RACHEL'S VINEYARD POST-ABORTION HEALING NOVEMBER 4-6, 2022

This weekend retreat provides a compassionate and confidential opportunity to those suffering from the impact of abortion to encounter our God of Mercy on a journey of spiritual and psychological healing. To learn more, please visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or contact denisemengaklcs@gmail.com, or at 570-239-6173.



This is my body given for you

Luke 22:19



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY | September 18, 2022

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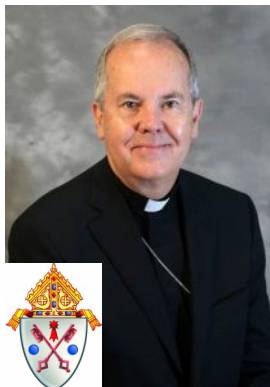
Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the theme is: "This is my body given for you" Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

BISHOP BAMBERA COMING TO SAINT MICHAEL PARISH!

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, will be the celebrant at all Masses in Saint Michael's Parish on the weekend of October 29th and 30th. We welcome His Excellency and look forward to his visit!

To learn more about Bishop Bambera follow this link: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/about/about-the-bishop/>

The Mass, Adult Education and CCD schedules will not change during Bishop Bambera's visit.:



Saturday, October 29th

4:00 pm Vigil Mass, St. Michael Church, Canton

Sunday, October 30th

8:00 am Mass, St. Aloysius Church, Ralston

8:15 am CCD and Adult Education, Canton

9:30 am Mass, St. Michael Church, Canton

11:15 am Mass, St. John Nepomucene Church, Troy

Celebrating Life Community Festival



Saturday, Sept. 24

Noon- 4:00 PM

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Church of Christ Disciples of Christ, Canton

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

The Knights of Columbus will be at the CHURCH OF CHRIST'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL on Saturday, September 24th from noon until 4:00 pm raising money for Special Olympics. We will be selling chicken speedies with all proceeds going to an initiative to raise \$400.00 for Pennsylvania Special Olympics.

Everyone is invited to come out and support the Knights and meet our Christian neighbors.



Adult Education will begin on Sunday, September 25th in the rectory chapel at 8:15 am. We will be going through 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.



POPE QUOTE: “In this moment of prayer, I remember Sister Maria de Coppi, Combonian missionary, killed in Chipene, Mozambique, where she served lovingly for almost 60 years. May her witness give strength and courage to Christians and all the people of Mozambique.”

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. More information about the speakers and the event can be found on this page of the parish website: <https://stmichaelscanton.com/news/be-a-catholic-man-2022-event/>

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.



SEPTEMBER 19 - 24, 2022 READINGS

Mon - Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-4b, 5 Lk 8:16-18

Tues - Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44
Lk 8:19-21

Wed - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

Thurs - Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc Lk 9:7-9

Fri - Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22

Sat - Eccl 11:9—12:8 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17
Lk 9:43b-45

Sun - Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31



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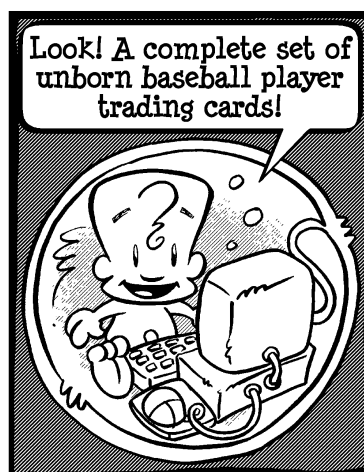


Please let the parish office know if you

- No longer have a landline
- Have a new email address
- Have moved
- Have a new cell phone number
- Have a typo on your offertory envelopes
- Would prefer a different name on your envelopes (ie Mr. & Mrs. instead of Bob & Sue)
- Would like to receive the bulletin via email
- No longer wish to receive the bulletin via email
- Would like to be a Prayer Warrior and receive email prayer requests for St. Michael and Ss. Peter & Paul Parishes
- No longer wish to receive email prayer requests.
- Would like to volunteer in one of the parish ministries.
- Would like some other change not listed here

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come new members.

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