### SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



## THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ST. MICHAEL

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

(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**

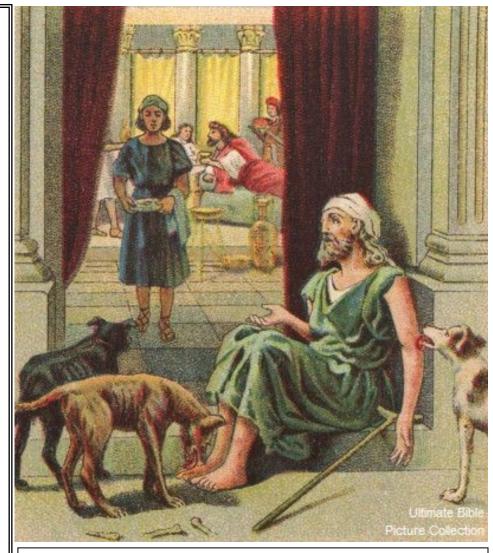
Wed: 6:00 pm, St. Michael's Church following 5:30 pm Mass, Benediction at 7:00 pm First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

#### <u>First Fridays</u>

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



#### <u> Pastoral Council</u>

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 24	Weekday		
VIGIL: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY 7 4:00 pm, Canton † Elaine Shedden (Susan Sch			
Sunday, Sept 25 26TH SUNDAY IN ORE	DINARY TIME		
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo			
9:30 am, Canton † Marjorie Maloney (Family)	)		
11:15 am, Troy † Theresa Hubler (Cheryl Carlo	onas)		
Monday, September 26	Weekday		
7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James	-		
	- /		
Tuesday, September 27 Saint Vincent de	· ·		
5:30 pm, Troy † Mary Rosendo Garcia & Fa:	mily line Pazzaglia)		
Wednesday, September 28	Weekday		
5:30 pm, Canton † Joseph, Rita & Margarita			
6:00 pm, Holy Hour	(Terri Kelley)		
Thursday, September 29 SAINTS MICHAE	el, Gabriel		
No Mass AND RAPHAEL, A			
Fri, Sept 30 Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor of	the Church		
7:00 am, Rectory † Gary Scranton (John & Pat			
Saturday, October 1 Saint Thérèse of the C			
Virgin, Doctor of VIGIL: 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY			
4:00 pm, Canton † Alan Kelley (Family)	IME		
4.00 pm, Canton   Alan Keney (Family)			
Sunday, October 2 27th SUNDAY IN ORD	INARY TIME		
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo			
9:30 am, Canton † Albert Davis	Б 11. )		
(The Bradford & Hambu 11:15 am, Troy - For the special intentions of			
Dorris McClure (Paul			
Fellowship is held in St. Michael's Church			
hall following the 9:30 am Mass each Sunda	ay.		
A Communal Rosary is prayed at 9:30 ar	n S		
Thursday mornings in St. Michael's Churc			
All are invited to participate.			
The sanctuary lamps in all three chu			
this week for all who are forgotten or ca	· · ·		
pecially the unborn, the poor, the sick, a			
to be treated according to the dignity with the dignity w	iin which		
SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERIN	GS		
September 12 - 18, 2022	<b>2</b> 00 <b>7</b> 00		
Weekly Offerings:	2,085.00		
Electronic Offerings:	485.00		
CCD Bake Sale: Bulletin Ad Renewals:	629.00 975.00		
Other Parish Income:	973.00 194.50		
Total Parish Income:	4,368.50		
Average weekly expenses			
	ce: 646.62		

Difference: 646.62 Care & Education of Priests: 5.00Thank 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.



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.

#### **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, vid Kule, Jo Kule, Ralph Lepper, Tom McBlane, lene 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.

12 - 18, 2022		V
,	2,085.00	Dav
	485.00	Dar
	629.00	
	975.00	

### **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 are available for pickup in all three churches.



Pie drop-off will be on Friday, September 30th in Saint Michael's Church hall from 10 am until 6 pm. *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.

#### 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.

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, Dushore, PA 18614. Final payment is due the day of the trip. Make check payable to: KOC #12406.



National Shrine of St. John Nepomucene Neumann Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



## Week of September 25, 2022

Thérèse

A pampered child from a middle-class 19th century French family, Thérèse Martin journeys to Rome to beg Pope Leo XIII for permission to enter the Carmelite monastery at



the unheard-of age of 15. Once admitted she experiences the joys and rigors of monastic life, and makes the surprising yet simple discover that holiness can be achieved by small acts of love and compassion, a spiritual path she calls her Little Way

FORMED Now! Who are the Archangels?

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.



ANGELS: BISHOP FULTON SHEEN

In this compilation of three episodes from his classic television program, "Life is Worth Living," Bishop Fulton Sheen delivers his thoughts on various elements of the Catholic Faith



with his ever-present humor, animated presentation, and captivating mode of speaking. In this first segment entitled "Angels," Bishop Sheen explains the nature of angels and the meaningful role they play in our world.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and use zip code 17724 to find our parish.



This year's Animal & Pet Blessing in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi will be held on Sunday, October 2nd at 2:00 pm in the parking lot of Saint Michael's Church at 107 North Washington Street in Canton.



https://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine/ feast-of-the-archangels-5894

On September 29th the Church honors the Holy Archangels. Although there are believed to be seven archangels (based on Tobit 12:15 and Rev. 8:2), only these three are mentioned by name in the Catholic Bible:

St. Gabriel St. Michael St. Raphael Only one of them, St. Michael, is specifically called an archangel in Scripture. According to Catholic tradition, the archangels are an order of angels within a hierarchy of angelic hosts. In all, there are nine ranks, or choirs, of angelic beings.

As derived in part from the teaching of St. Paul the Apostle and later developed by Church theologians, these nine choirs of angels are (in ascending order):

1) Angels, 2) Archangels, 3) Virtues, 4) Powers,

5) Principalities, 6) Dominions, 7) Thrones, 8) Cherubim, and 9) Seraphim.

The nine choirs of angels are broken into three groups of three, but beyond this basic organization there is not much more in Sacred Tradition about the specific duties and distinctions of these mysterious creatures of God. I.

- 1. Seraphim (highest)
- 2. Cherubim
  - 3. Thrones
- II. 4. Dominions
  - 5. Virtues
  - 6. Powers
- III. 7. Principalities
  - 8. Archangels
  - 9. Angels (lowest)

According to this chart, it may be surprising that the archangels are one of the lowest ranks of angelic creatures. Archangels are called such because their choir is above that of the lowest angels (among these are our Guardian Angels), therefore they are referred to as the "princes" of the angels that rank beneath them.

We can discern from this ranking of angels that the lower choirs have closer dealings with events on earth, while the higher choirs attend the throne of God in heaven.

Both angels and archangels are the angelic beings that have direct dealings with humans as recorded in the

Catholic Bible. The archangels are seen to be the highest of all God's messenger angels and they are given the most important missions. Of the seven, St. Michael is regarded as the highest ranking.

#### Saint Michael the Archangel

Michael means, "Who is like God?" Of the three angels mentioned by name in the Catholic Bible, St. Michael the Archangel is mentioned the most. He is found in the Old Testament in Daniel 10:13-21, 10:21, 12:1. and in the New Testament in Rev. 12:7-9 and Jude 1:9.

St. Michael is most known for doing battle against Lucifer (who could have been a seraph) and casting him and the other fallen angels out of heaven. Because of this feat, he is known as the leader or prince of the angels.

St. Michael is the champion of God's people and the protector of the Church. He is also regarded as the angel who brings the souls of men to their judgment before God, thus being the angel of judgment.

#### Saint Gabriel the Archangel

Gabriel means "Power of God." St. Gabriel the Archangel is mentioned the most in the Bible after St. Michael. He is found in the Old Testament in Daniel 8:15-26 and 9:21-27, and in the New Testament in Luke 1:11-38.

St. Gabriel is most known for his messenger role in the Annunciation. He is the angel who appeared to Zachariah and the Blessed Virgin Mary announcing the birth of St. John the Baptist and Incarnation of Jesus Christ, respectively.

He is also believed by some to be the angel who appeared to St. Joseph and the shepherds at Christ's nativity, as well as the angel who comforted Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Because of this he is known as the herald angel, and the angel of mercy and consolation.

#### Saint Raphael the Archangel

Raphael means "God has healed." St. Raphael the Archangel is only mentioned once in the Catholic Bible, in Tobit chapter 12.

In this passage he was a companion, protector, and healer. He is also believed to be the angel who stirred the water in the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem, giving it its healing properties, as mentioned in the New Testament. He therefore is regarded as a healing angel and a companion angel.

Learn more about these amazing creatures that God has appointed to lead us to our salvation by looking up each Bible reference mentioned above and read the accompanying stories. Consider also having a special devotion to one (or all!) of these angelic saints.

From the Responsorial Psalm of [the] Mass reading for the Feast of the Archangels:

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name.



POPE QUOTE: "The lamp of faith will always be lit on earth as long as there is the oil of prayer."

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 per-

son, 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-acatholic-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.

## Umbert the Unborn



SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 2, 2022 READINGS Mon - Jb 1:6-22 Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 Lk 9:46-50 Tues - Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 Ps 88:2-8 Lk 9:51-56 Wed - Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 Ps 88:10b-15 Lk 9:57-62 Thurs - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51 Fri - Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14b Lk 10:13-16 Sat - Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17

Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 Lk 10:17-24 Sun - Hb 1:2-3: 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10

#### **News from the Knights**

The Knights of Columbus are discontinuing the Food Collection until November 6th, when they will run their regular Thanksgiving Food Drive.



# SUPPLIES DRIVE

In the meantime, we will be collecting school supplies for the Troy and Canton school districts. Boxes are in all three churches.



#### THE 2022 CCD BAKE SALE

This year's bake sale to raise money for materials and supplies for our Religious Education and Faith Formation program was a rousing success! Purchases and donations added up to \$629! This is \$152.25 more than the next



highest year - way back in 2014! Thank you to everyone who baked, purchased and donated!!

