OCTOBER 2, 2022



THE 27TH 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

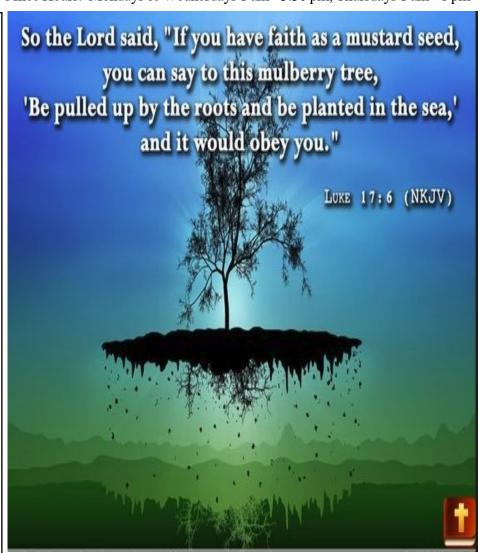
Wed: 6:00 pm, St. Michael's Church following 5:30 pm Mass, Benediction at 7:00 pm First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

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, October 1 Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm, Canton † Alan Kelley (Family)

Sunday, October 2 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Albert Davis

(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

11:15 am, Troy - For the special intentions of

Dorris McClure (Pauline Pazzaglia)

Monday, October 3

7:00 am, Rectory † Michael Vayansky

(Betty & James Rieppel)

Tuesday, October 4
No Mass

Saint Francis of Assisi

Wednesday, October 5
No Mass or Holy Hour

Weekday

Weekday

Thursday, October 6

Weekday

No Mass

Weekday

First Friday, October 7 7:00 am, Canton † Francis Jacquis

(Saint Michael's Altar & Rosary Society)

Saturday, October 8

Weekday

Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm, Canton † Marjorie Maloney (Family)

Sunday, October 9 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Agnes & Helen Shon (Terri Kelley)

11:15 am, Troy † Carolyn Mosher

(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

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 Catholics on this Respect Life Sunday to resolve anew to protect the gift of every human life.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS September 19 - 25, 2022

Weekly Offerings:		2,391.00
Vacation Make-Up:		790.00
Electronic Offerings:		485.00
Bulletin Ad Renewals:		225.00
Other Parish Income:		374.00
	Total Parish Income:	4,265.00



Average weekly expenses: 3,721.88

Difference:

Care & Education of Priests: 100.00

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 next session will be at 7 pm on Monday, October 10th in the rectory.

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.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

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



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.

TODAY IS
RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY,
which kicks off Respect
Life Month. We consider
more deeply why every human life is valuable
and reflect on how
to build a culture that protects life from conception
to natural death.

"The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our



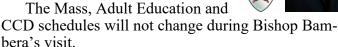
own parishes and communities... Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children. How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?"

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: "Called to Serve Moms in Need"

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/



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

FORMED

Week of October 02, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction

From 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a breathtaking film on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. A fool according to the standards of the world, St. Francis' life was a sign of contradiction,



life was a sign of contradiction, convicting others of the beauty of Christ and his Gospel.

MISERY MEETS MERCY: SAINT FAUSTINA

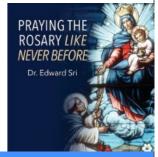
St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His unfathomable mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of



they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

PRAYING THE ROSARY LIKE NEVER BEFORE BY DR. EDWARD SRI

In this talk, Dr. Edward Sri discusses the main tenets of his book, *The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries.* He shares Pope St. John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better so you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer.



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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. Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

October 2022

St. Michael Parish

One Minute Meditations

Our home is not here

No one wants to stand out or appear different from the norm. Yet, in the prayer, "Our Father," we are reminded that our real Father is in Heaven. Our life on Earth is temporary. By asking us to pray this prayer, Jesus reminds us that our Father waits for us in Heaven, our true home.

Choose entertainment wisely

Those who make movies. television



shows, video games, or other forms of entertainment make what sells. They don't necessarily intend to enlighten or uplift. A steady diet of violent entertainment and media helps us become comfortable with violence and to see people as characters rather than humans. Instead, choose entertainment that inspires you to live a better life, and pray for victims of violence and for the souls of those who perpetrate it.

From St. Therese of Liseux

"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing." (Story of a Soul)

What gifts did God gift just to you?

God gave us each a distinctive set of talents and gifts that make us unique and special. He intends us to use those gifts to bring others to Him and encourage us to grow in love and

knowledge of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Here are some practical tips for discerning your spiritual gifts and how to use them:

Take a clue from what you enjoy. How do you

like to spend your time? Do you enjoy teaching, creating, singing, reading, constructing, instructing, socializing? We often enjoy doing what we do best. God often wants us to use those competencies to share His love with others.

Tap into your personality. God

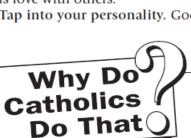
loves and delights in each of us. He will purify our sinfulness, but what is essential to us. He wants to develop and strengthen. If God made you

humorous, artistic, pragmatic, or athletic, grow your best qualities for His use.

How are you living your vocation? Whether we are married, single, or consecrated religious, it's the "role" in which we serve God best. All

priorities should be ordered around that vocation.

Make your gift a gift to others. Our gifts are meant to be given away in service of the Kingdom. We give away and God gives us more. Ask God where your gifts can do the most good.



Why do Catholics honor the saints?

Non-Catholics often wonder at the hundreds of calendar days, prayers, and statues devoted to the saints. The Church recognizes and celebrates men and women of extraordinary holiness who we realize are in heaven. We look

to them as examples to follow and

cooperate fully with God's grace. God's goodness, beauty, and love is reflected in the saints' lives. Just as complimenting an artwork is honoring the artist, so by honoring the

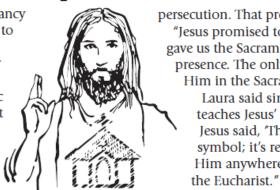
what we can become when we

saints, we glorify God.

Why are you Catholic?

Even adults who have been Catholic since infancy ought to be able to provide a deliberate answer to the question, "Why are you Catholic?" The answers will be varied, personal, and may differ from time to time.

Kara said, "I am Catholic because the Catholic Church is the one that Jesus founded. He gave it to Peter and the Apostles, and they passed His teaching on to their successors, the Pope and the bishops. That Church is still standing, despite 2,000 years of scandal and



persecution. That proves its divine foundation." "Jesus promised to stay with us," said Nick. "He gave us the Sacraments so we can experience His presence. The only Church in which I can meet Him in the Sacraments is the Catholic Church." Laura said simply, "The Catholic Church teaches Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist. Jesus said, 'This is My Body.' It's not a symbol; it's really Him. I won't encounter Him anywhere else as fully and directly as in

from cripture

Luke 19:1-10, Don't judge by public perception

Jesus didn't evaluate people the way others did. Instead of calling the best

of society to follow Him, He included people others often excluded. Consider Zacchaeus, the tax collector. We know he was unpopular, small in stature, dishonestly wealthy, and he really wanted to see Jesus.

As the chief tax collector in Jericho, Zacchaeus was rich but unpopular. Tax collectors often overcharged and kept the extra money. Something about Jesus must have intrigued Zacchaeus, who climbed a tree to see Him. Imagine his shock when Jesus called him down and invited

Himself over for dinner. Deeply moved, Zacchaeus was shocked into repenting, promising to generously reimburse the people he robbed -

> and to donating half his wealth to the poor.

Iesus saw Zacchaeus as a child of God. In return, Zacchaeus' eagerness for Jesus' friendship changed his life forever, beginning with

generous restitution. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be open, forgiving, and accepting of others. We never know their full story. Look past the gossip and adopt Jesus' habit of forgiving quickly and being welcoming in your relationships.



October 2 - Feast of the Guardian Angels. All of us have a guardian angel, in charge of protecting us and watching over us day and night. On this feast day, remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

October 6 - St. Bruno (1101). St. Bruno was born in Germany, studied in France and became a theology professor. He founded the Carthusian Order in 1084, whose life was based on prayerful solitude, manual labor, and poverty. He was never formally canonized.

October 16 – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1690). St. Margaret joined the Sisters of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial. In 1673, she began having visions of Jesus Christ, in which He asked for a feast to his Sacred Heart. The Church officially recognized the devotion to the Sacred Heart in 1765.

October 18 – St. Luke, Evangelist (1st century). St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.



Q Why are we & asked to pray A the Rosary?

When Our Lady appeared at Fatima, Portugal, she asked that the Rosary be prayed for peace. As an immensely powerful prayer, the Rosary also has benefits for our:



Minds: Even on our busiest days, we need to spend time reflecting on Jesus. A whole Rosary takes a mere 20 minutes. The

Rosary should be part of every day. Take breaks, pray for souls, receive graces.

Hearts: The Rosary is a Christ-centered, deeply Scriptural prayer. By meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary – important events in the life of Christ - we recall evidence of God's love in history. We can ask for the graces to imitate the virtues of Jesus and Mary. Gradually, our hearts will be conformed to Jesus' Heart.

Souls: The Rosary prepares us for deeper prayer. Switching from "active working mode" to "contemplative prayer mode" may not happen right away. The repetition of the Our Father and Hail Mary prayers creates a space in our minds and hearts, so we can enter into deep, intimate prayer with God.

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MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/ overviews/months/10 1.cfm

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and

told him to preach it to others.

"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources - from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church - it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

"If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects,



we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. ... St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once ... threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

"Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers." -

- Mary in our Life by Fr. William G. Most The Rosary and the Liturgical Year

The Rosary had its origin in the liturgical mentality of former ages. Even at the present time it is called "Mary's Psalter." There still are Catholics who consider the 150 Hail Marys a substitute for the 150 psalms for those persons who neither have the time, the education, nor the opportunity to pray the

Hours of the Divine Office. Thus "Mary's Psalter" is a shortened, simplified "breviary" - alongside the common Hour-prayer of the Church. - *The Church's Year of Grace*, Dr. Pius Parsch

The Rosary is Christocentric setting forth the entire life of Jesus Christ, the passion, death, resurrection and glory. Of course, the Rosary honors and contemplates Mary too, and rightly so, for



the same reason that the Liturgical Year does likewise: "Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she" 142 (Mediator Dei). Meditation on this cycle of Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries makes the Rosary not only "a breviary or summary of the Gospel and of Christian life," (*Ingravescentibus malis*) but also a compendium of the Liturgical Year. Therewith the Rosary stands revealed as a dynamic teacher and nurturer of Christian faith, morality, and spiritual perfection, fostering in various ways faith, hope, charity, and the other virtues, and mediating special graces, all to the end that we may become more and more like unto Christ. - *Mariology*, Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M.

THE ROSARY AND THE POPES

No form of extra-liturgical devotion to Mary is more widely practiced among the faithful or found by them to be more satisfyingly complete than the Rosary, which has come to be regarded as the very badge of Catholic piety. No form of extra-liturgical devotion to Mary has been recommended more warmly or frequently by the Popes. With perhaps two exceptions, all the Sovereign Pontiffs from Sixtus IV in 1478 down to John XXIII, especially Leo XIII (in 23 documents, ten of them encyclicals entirely on the Rosary) and his successors, have extolled this form of prayer, which has been the favorite, moreover, of such saints as Teresa of Avila, Francis de Sales, Louis de Montfort, Alphonsus Liguori, Don Bosco, Bernadette, and many more.

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THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Until about the 15th century hundreds of mysteries were part of the Rosary devotion, then the 15 mysteries that we know today were definitively fixed as "the Mysteries of the Rosary." Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, in 2002 added the five Luminous Mysteries.

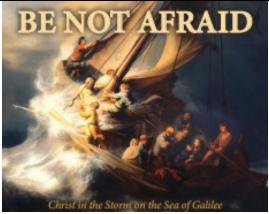
Through the meditations of the complete Rosary one

recalls and has impressed on his mind, the Popes tell us, "the chief mysteries of the Christian religion," "the mysteries of our Redemption," "the great mysteries of Jesus and His Mother united in joys, sorrows, and triumphs." The twenty mysteries are divided into four equal groups, known as "The Joyful," "The Sorrowful," "The Glorious," and "The Luminous Mysteries."



POPE QUOTE: "The rich man does not even have a name; instead the poor man has a name, Lazarus, which means "God helps". Despite his marginalised condition, his dignity is intact because he lives in a relationship with God, the unshakeable hope of his life."

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION: OCTOBER - A CHURCH OPEN TO EVERYONE: We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



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.

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

Registration is \$40.00/man. Register online at *beacatholicman.com*. Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer, Conference Chairman, at 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 3 - 9, 2022 READINGS

Mon - Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c Lk 10:25-37

Tues - Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15 Lk 10:38-42

Wed - Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Lk 11:1-4

Thurs - Gal 3:1-5 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13

Fri - Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1b-6 Lk 11:15-26

Sat - Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-7 Lk 11:27-28

Sun - 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1-4 2 Tm 2:8-13

Lk 17:11-19

Adult Education is held on Sundays in the rectory chapel at 8:15 am. We are going through the program LECTIO: EUCHARIST with Dr. Brant Pitri of



the Augustine Institute. Please join us even if you have missed some of the sessions.

SULLIVAN COUNTY FAITHFUL CELEBRATE 150th Anniversary of Saint Basil Church

DUSHORE – Hundreds of people came together in prayer and thanksgiving on Saturday, September 17, 2022, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first Mass said inside Saint Basil Church.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, served as principal celebrant of the Mass.

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After more than a century and a half of doing Christ's work, celebrating life, teaching people about Jesus and the faith, and helping those in need, the people in Dushore show no signs of slowing down.

"We as a Catholic community really strive to help out wherever we can in the community and the community in general is just one wonderful community to live in," parishioner Donn Tourscher said.



Umbert the Unborn







by Gary Cangemi





Knights of Columbus Council #5517

Looking for new members. Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 7:15 in St. Michael's Hall.



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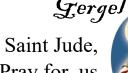
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St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Society is open to all women of

the parish. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Saint Michael's church hall at 12:30 pm. We always welcome new members.

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