

DECEMBER 11, 2022



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 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

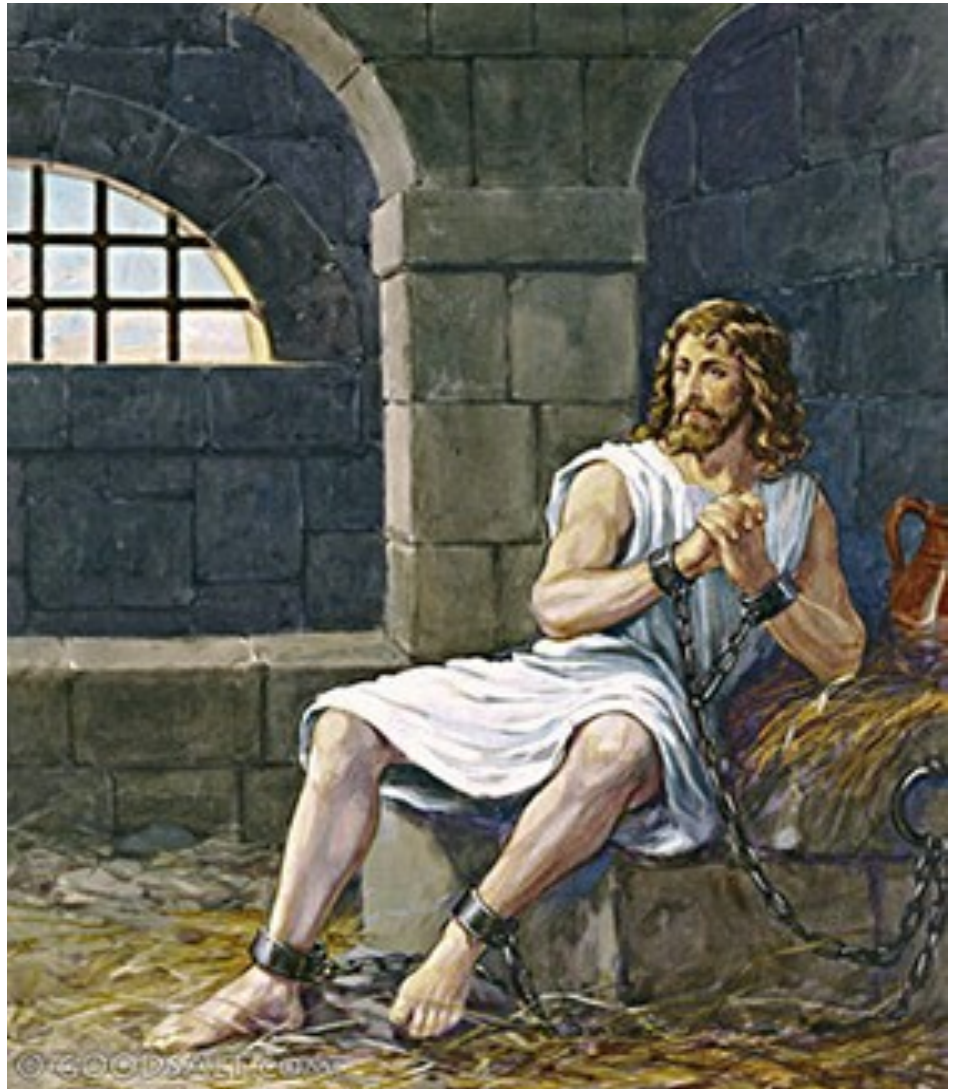
To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know the month before.

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, December 10 Advent Weekday

VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, December 11 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am, Ralston † Betty Shanley (St. Michael's A&R)

9:30 am, Canton † Mary Small

(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

11:15 am, Troy † Pamela Keeney (Chick & Leslie Debach)

Monday, December 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

7:00 am, Rectory † John Petro

Tuesday, December 13 Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

5:30 pm, Troy † Dr. Charles Driscoll

Wednesday, December 14 Saint John of the Cross,

Priest, Doctor of the Church

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

Thursday, December 15 Advent Weekday

No Mass

Friday, December 16 Advent Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory: † Patricia Divas (Ann Vayansky)

Saturday, December 17 Advent Weekday

VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 pm, Canton † Pauline Pazzaglia (Jayne Cleveland)

Sunday, December 18 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Pat Mack

(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

11:15 am, Troy † John & Pauline Pazzaglia

(Pat & Joel Heiland)

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 victims of human trafficking to find hope and healing in the Lord who proclaims liberty to captives.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, Tom Ambruch, Gus Branish, Betty Brown, Paul Dean, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Leon English, Melissa Gowan, Robert Dale Hostetter, Victoria Johnson, Beatrice Jones, Antoinette King, David Kule, Jo Kule, Tom McBlane, Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, Delina Morgan, Donna Noble, Michelle Redline, Raegan Isabelle Redline, Jim Seiberlich, 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.

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is currently in the inquiry phase. It's culmination is the inquirer's decision to enter the catechumenate, the period of formal preparation for entrance into full membership in the Catholic Church. The next session is at 7 pm on Monday, December 12th in the rectory.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

2 pm, Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Towanda

4 pm, Church of Our Lady of Perpetual

Help, Wyalusing

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

3 pm, Church of the Epiphany, Sayre

ADVENT
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Christmas Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4 pm, Saint Michael Church, Canton

7 pm, Saint Aloysius Church, Ralston

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

12 am (Midnight), Saint John Nepomucene Church, Troy

9:30 am, Saint Michael Church, Canton

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Following the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 18th, fellowship will include a CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY! Please sign your child/children up on the sheet by the bulletins (in all 3 churches) so that a gift can be given to each child with a personalized name tag.

SAINT MICHAELS' ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

There is a box in the back of Saint Michael's Church for donations for Christmas Gift Bags for shut-in parishioners. Snacks, prayer books & cards, puzzle books, rosaries, etc. are all greatly appreciated. Please drop off by 12/25.



SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

November 28 - December 4, 2022

Weekly Offerings:	2,542.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,365.00
Other Parish Income:	393.50
Total Parish Income:	4,300.50
Average weekly expenses:	3,721.88
Difference:	578.62
Care & Education of Priests:	417.51



Thank you for your continued support.



POPE QUOTE: "We are all together called to develop a renewed society oriented towards freedom, justice and peace so as to overcome every kind of inequality and discrimination so that no one can make another person a slave."

POPE FRANCIS'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: VOLUNTEER NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS: We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

OPLATKI WAFERS

Oplatki wafers are available at the entrances of all three churches. All we ask is a \$2.00 donation per packet to defray the cost. Each packet contains 6 wafers of different colors, all of which are edible. I hope you enjoy this custom!

SAINT JOHN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Saint John's Cemetery Association asks you to please consider donating to the upkeep of Saint John's Cemetery. Checks payable to *St. John Cemetery Association* can be mailed to:

St. John Cemetery Association
Attn: Treasurer
346 Brozowski Way
Troy, PA 16947

St. John's Cemetery Association members are: Robert (Bob) Williams, Judy Brozowski, John Wilcox, Bob Vineski, James Phillips and Robert Brown.

Anyone wanting further details or who may be interested in serving on the Cemetery Association, please contact either Bob Williams or Judy Brozowski.

Diocese of Scranton DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

As of December 5th, we are at 100.03% of our \$12,000 parish goal. \$12,003 has been donated or pledged. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

DECEMBER 12 - 18, 2022 READINGS

Mon - Zec 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
(Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Tues - Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23
Mt 21:28-32
Wed - Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 7:18b-23
Thurs - Is 54:1-10 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Lk 7:24-30
Fri - Is 56:1-3a, 6-8 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Jn 5:33-36
Sat - Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17
Sun - Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY & COOKIE EXCHANGE

December 14, 12:30 pm, St. Michael's Hall

We will have a brief meeting followed by our Christmas Party &

**Cookie
Exchange**

Please bring a plate of your favorite cookies for this event.

THIS WEEK ON
FORMED

WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2022

I AM WHO I AM | LECTIO: GOD | EPISODE 1

Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.

TRUE REFORMERS | SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA:
A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

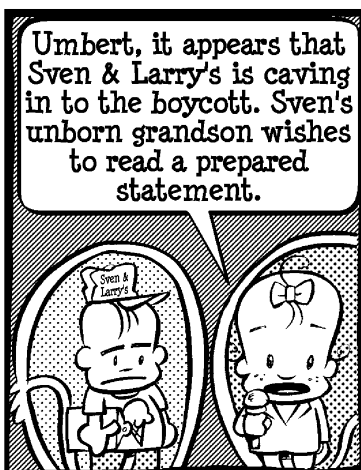
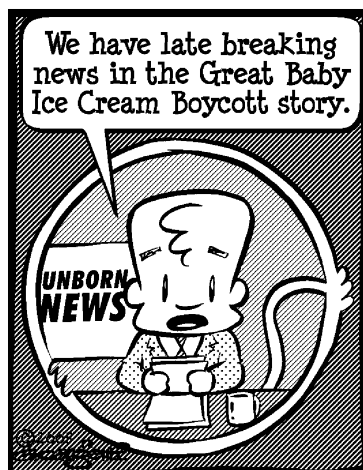
THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift: his Son.

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Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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all women of
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2nd Wednesday of each month
in Saint Michael's church hall
at 12:30 pm. We always wel-
come new members.

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