

DECEMBER 18, 2022



# 4TH 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 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  
(Barb, Leona & Tim)

**Monday, December 19** Late Advent Weekday  
7:00 am, Rectory † For the special intentions of Rev.  
Charles Kinsella (The Bogaczyk Family)

**Tuesday, December 20** Late Advent Weekday  
5:30 pm, Troy † Pauline Pazzaglia  
(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

**Wednesday, December 21** Late Advent Weekday  
5:30 pm, Canton † Mr. & Mrs. John Kutch  
(Aldie & Rosemary Fitzwater)  
6:00 pm - Holy Hour

**Thursday, December 22** Late Advent Weekday  
No Mass

**Friday, December 23** Late Advent Weekday  
7:00 am, Rectory: † Richard Ross (The Ross Family)

**Saturday, December 24** Late Advent Weekday  
VIGIL: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
4:00 pm, Canton † Christmas Mass Intentions  
7:00 pm, Ralston † Christmas Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 25** THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
12:00 am (Midnight), Troy † Christmas Mass Intentions  
9:30 am, Canton † Christmas Mass Intentions

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 parents awaiting the birth of their child to look to the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph and follow their example of cherishing and protecting human life.

### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS December 5 - 11, 2022

Weekly Offerings:	2,020.00
Electronic Offerings:	485.00
Other Parish Income:	598.00
<b>Total Parish Income:</b>	<b>3,103.00</b>
Average weekly expenses:	3,721.88
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>(618.88)</b>
Religious Retirement Fund:	389.00
Care & Education of Priests:	181.00



*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 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, January 2nd, 2023 in the rectory.



ADVENT  
PENANCE  
SERVICES



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

3 pm, Church of the Epiphany, Sayre



## 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 this Sunday, December 18th, fellowship will include a CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY! Please join us downstairs after Mass to congratulate the children and enjoy some fellowship.

### 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 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*



**POPE QUOTE:** "I invite you to pray, before the creche, that the Nativity of the Lord will bring a ray of peace to children all over the world, especially those forced to live the terrible and dark days of war."

**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!

### ADORING ANGELS STATUES

The new Adoring Angels statues in Saint Michael's Church are given in honor of William & Bonita Spencer. Bonnie, especially, maintained a true devotion to the Angels of Heaven throughout her life. She always believed in their larger than life presence in our midst.

These large Adoring Angels also remind us of the continual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by all the Heavenly Hosts. *(by Beth Cole)*

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

This is a thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Bazaar & Café. As always, we had a great crew and many good cooks.

*Saint Michael's Altar & Rosary Society*

### 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 19 - 25, 2022 READINGS

**Mon** - Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

**Tues** - Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38

**Wed** - Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

**Thurs** - 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 Lk 1:46-56

**Fri** - Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66

**Sat** - 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Lk 1:67-79

### Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord

Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25

### The Nativity of the Lord

Night: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7

Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18



### WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

#### CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY

Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus.

#### THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

Enjoy this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity as we enter into the joyful season of Advent. Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.

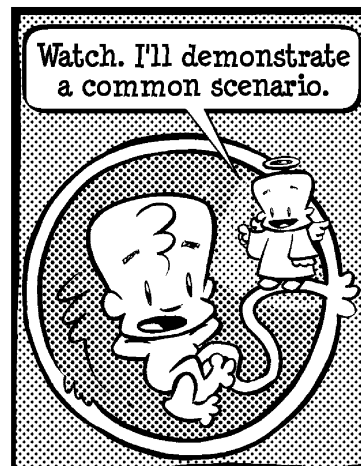
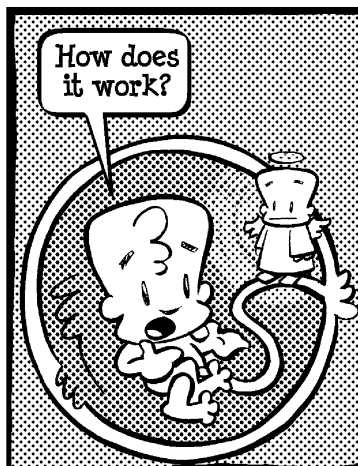
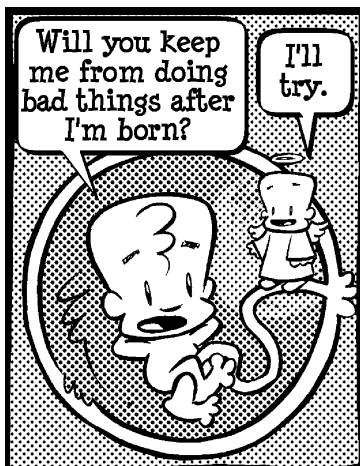
#### THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS BY FULTON SHEEN

This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

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## Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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at 12:30 pm. We always wel-  
come new members.

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