

JANUARY 15, 2023



THE 2ND 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

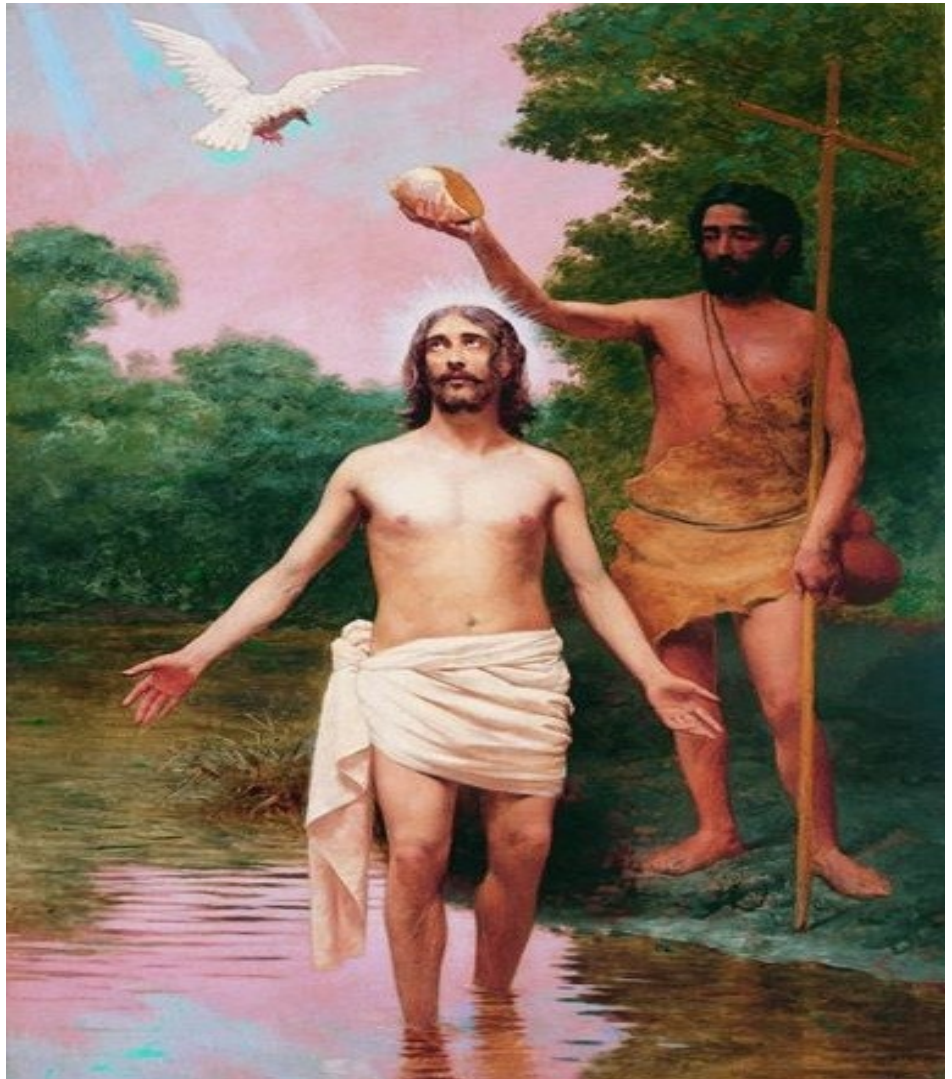
To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know the month before.

C.C.D. (2022/23)

(Religious education classes
held during the school year)

Sun: 8:15 am, St. Michael hall

Tue: 6:00 pm, 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, January 14 Weekday

VIGIL: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Rich Carlonas (Cheryl Carlonas)

Sunday, January 15 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Robert DePalma (Jayne Cleveland)

11:15 am, Troy † Jim Pazzaglia (Pat & Joel Heiland)

Monday, January 16 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Dr. Charles Driscoll

Tuesday, January 17 Saint Anthony, Abbot

5:30 pm, Troy † John Petro

Wed, January 18 Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Catherine Dalton (Bob & Carol Dalton)

6:00 pm Holy Hour

Thursday, January 19 Weekday

No Mass

Friday, January 20 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Floyd Nowak (Frank & Mary Burke)

Saturday, January 21 Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Anna Capaldi (Jayne Cleveland)

Sunday, January 22 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Frank & Joey Herman

(Mike & Jean Herman)

11:15 am, Troy † Audrey & Steve O'Kula

(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

Fellowship is held in St. Michael's Church hall following the 9:30 am Mass each Sunday.



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week for all Christians to live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel of God's love and the dignity of every human life.

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

A Communal Rosary is prayed at 9:30 am Thursday mornings in St. Michael's Church. All are invited to participate.



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.

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?

We are now in the catechumenate phase, the period of formal preparation for entrance into full membership in the Catholic Church. The catechumenate period is a time of focused learning on topics related to Catholic belief and practice, training you in the Christian life. It is a time of "more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation". The next session is at 7 pm on Monday, January 16th, 2023 in the rectory.



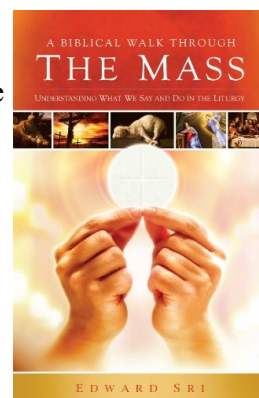
A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

The 5-session program *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* is now a part of the Confirmation curriculum in Saint Michael's Parish! You are warmly invited to join us for this program, upstairs in St. John's on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm January 24th through February 28th.

(We will not meet on February 14th.)

DISCOVER THE BEAUTY AND RICHES OF THE MASS

The words, the gestures, and the rituals of the Mass are rich in meaning. Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.



Go to https://youtu.be/Du_7GGoRZXs for a teaser of the program. No materials are needed. If you want them, they can be purchased here:

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/a-biblical-walk-through-the-mass>

CONFIRMATION CHOIR

On May 24, 2023, Bishop Bambera will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation for all the students in our deanery. This celebration will take place at SS. Peter & Paul Church in Towanda, beginning at 5 pm. We would like to have a choir composed of singers from all our parishes. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Marie Seibert at seibertspace2@comcast.net.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

January 2 - 8, 2023

Weekly Offerings:	3,036.25
Electronic Offerings:	485.00
Other Parish Income:	274.80
Total Parish Income:	3,796.05
Average weekly expenses:	3,721.88
Difference:	74.17
Care & Education of Priests:	50.00




Thank you for your continued support.



POPE QUOTE: “The paths of peace are paths of solidarity, for no one can be saved alone. We live in a world so interconnected that, in the end, the actions of each person affect everyone.”

POPE FRANCIS’S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION: EDUCATORS: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



Mass for
LIFE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH

7:00PM | CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER, SCRANTON

CELEBRANT: MOST REV. JOSEPH C. BAMBERA
BISHOP OF SCRANTON

Join us on the eve of the 50th annual March for Life to pray for a greater respect of all human life, from conception to natural death, and every moment in between.

JANUARY 16 - 22, 2023 READINGS

Mon - Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22

Tues - Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c Mk 2:23-28

Wed - Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3:1-6

Fri - Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8, 10-14 Mk 3:13-19

Sat - Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Mk 3:20-21

Sun - Is 8:23—9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mt 4:12-23



WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

SAINT ANTHONY OF EGYPT

St. Anthony was a saint whose heroic life of humility and prayer inspired many other great Saints, including St. Athanasius and St. Augustine. Sit down with Taylor Kemp and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they explore the life of this great saint.



RESPECT LIFE | THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE SHOW
Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Lynn Grandon on to his show to discuss what it means to respect life. You will leave this conversation with great ideas for how you can get involved in the pro-life movement.

How Do We Live Pro-Life?

The Catholic Church is committed to being pro-life. What does this mean and how are we called to live this out? Join Dr. Ben Akers and Lynn Grandon as they discuss what it means to live pro-life.



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As of December 12th, we are at 126.13% of our \$12,000 parish goal.

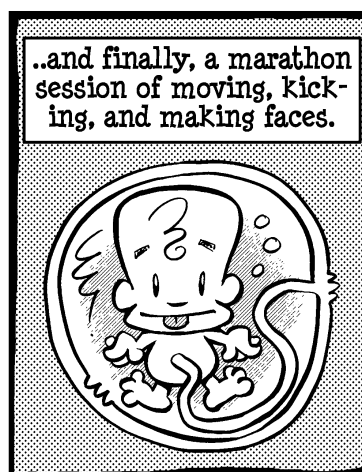
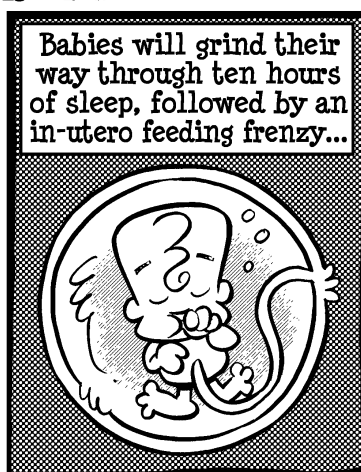
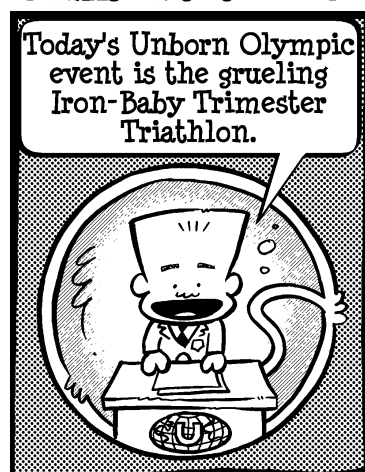
\$15,135 has been donated or pledged.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

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by Gary Cangemi





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SUNDAY-THURSDAY - 7:30AM - 8:00PM
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in Saint Michael's church hall
at 12:30 pm. We always wel-
come new members.

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The blessing of a home and inscription of the initials of the three Magi above each door can be performed either by a priest or the head of the household. To ask Father Joe to bless your home with the Epiphany Blessing, please contact Father Joe directly.

BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON EPIPHANY

PRIEST: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Who made heaven and earth.

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit

PRIEST: Let us pray.

Peace to this house, and to all who enter here. Sprinkle me, O Lord, with blessed water, and I shall be purified; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Have mercy on me, O God, in your great mercy. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Blessed be your name, our God, our shelter from all that homelessness and lack of place can mean. Blessed be your name, for you have sheltered us. Bless now this house, this dwelling place of life and love, for you alone assure the peace and strength, the care that covers all our differences. You make these rooms a source of confidence, of dignity and freedom, for the members of our family household, and therefore for our country and the world. Let your Spirit dwell in us and open us to all who need our hospitality and care. Amen.

(SPRINKLE ALL THE ROOMS)

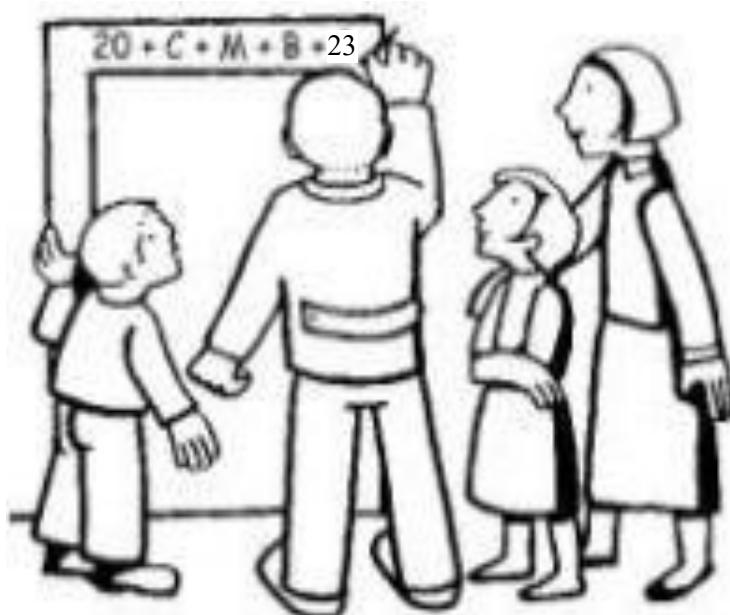
PRIEST: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PRIEST: From the East, the Maji have come to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; Opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts; gold to the Great King; frankincense to the true God; and myrrh for His burial.

(Priest then marks the door with blessed chalk in honor of the Three Kings: Casper, Melchior and Balthasar. Letters are written first, then crosses, then numbers.)

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PRIEST: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

ALL: Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

PRIEST: Oh Lord, hear our prayer

ALL: And let our cry come unto you.

PRIEST: The Lord be with you,

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Let us pray.

Oh Lord, God Almighty, bless this home † and under its shelter let there be peace, health, happiness, humility, chastity, goodness, kindness, prosperity, obedience to Your Commandments, and thanksgiving. Protect this house from fire, disaster or anyone who would want to enter it unlawfully. May these blessings descend abundantly on this home, and remain always in the heart of those who dwell here.

ALL: Amen

(CONCLUDING PRAYER)

PRIEST: Come, Lord God, we humbly beg you, and fill this house with the serenity of your love, joy and peace. Shower your benediction and grace in abundance upon all who dwell herein. May the peace and blessing of almighty God rest upon this house and all who dwell in it.

ALL: Amen.