

JANUARY 22, 2023



THE 3RD 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 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)

**Monday, January 23** Day of Prayer for the Legal

Protection of Unborn Children

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

**Tuesday, January 24** Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop,

Doctor of the Church

5:30 pm, Troy † John & Pauline Pazzaglia

(Pat & Joel Heiland)

**Wednesday, Jan 25** THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL,

APOSTLE

5:30 pm, Canton † Linda Gallagher (John & Pat Rushin)

6:00 pm Holy Hour

**Thursday, January 26** Saints Timothy & Titus,

No Mass

Bishops

**Friday, January 27**

Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Mary Kathryn Moyan

(Bob & Carol Dalton)

**Saturday, January 28** Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest,

Doctor of the Church

VIGIL: 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Pauline Pazzaglia (Walburga Koval)

**Sunday, January 29** 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Caitlin Oviedo (Jean & Mike Herman)

11:15 am, Troy † Donna Hess (The Hess Family)

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 God to grant public servants and elected officials the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all 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.



### 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.

## 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 23rd, 2023 in the rectory.

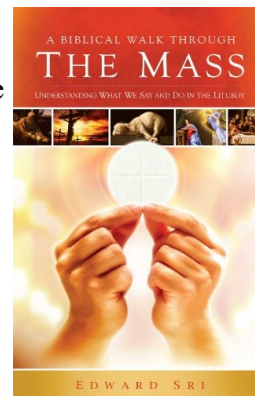
### A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

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

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**2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are available. To request a statement, contact the parish office using 1 of 3 options. Be sure to include your name and address if using option 1 or 2:

- 1) Call (570) 673-5253
- 2) E-mail office@stmichaelscanton.com
- 3) Write “Statement” on your offertory envelope near your name.



### SAINT MICHAEL’S PARISH OFFERINGS

January 9 - 15, 2023

Weekly Offerings:	2,840.00
Electronic Offerings:	485.00
Other Parish Income:	100.00
<b>Total Parish Income:</b>	<b>3,425.00</b>
Average weekly expenses:	3,721.88
Difference:	(296.88)



Thank you for your continued support.



**POPE QUOTE:** "Just as the earth bears abundant fruit when it is well cultivated and cared for, so it is with us. When we cultivate our spiritual health, when we have a well cultivated relationship with the Lord, we begin to bear very good fruit."

**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.

As of January 3, 2023, 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.



**NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS**

The Knights of Columbus food drive is temporarily suspended. If you would like to make a direct donation, the Canton Area Food Pantry at 28 W. Main Street, Canton is open on Wednesdays 10:00 AM to 12 noon.



**DEANERY WIDE LENTEN HOLY HOURS**

In conjunction with the NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL taking place within our country since Corpus Christi Sunday, 2022, Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, will visit each of the 12 deaneries in the Diocese of Scranton to celebrate a Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers and a homily on the Most Holy Eucharist during Lent, 2023.

DATES IN OUR AREA

Williamsport Deanery  
Wednesday, March 8, 7:00 pm  
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,  
Montoursville  
Sayre Deanery  
Thursday, March 9, 7:00 pm  
SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Towanda



**JANUARY 23 - 30, 2023 READINGS**  
**Mon** - Heb 9:15, 24-28 Ps 98:1-6 Mk 3:22-30  
**Tues** - Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10-11 Mk 3:31-35  
**Wed** - Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18  
**Thurs** - 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10 Mk 4:21-25  
**Fri** - Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mk 4:26-34  
**Sat** - Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 (Ps) Lk 1:36-75 Mk 4:35-41  
**Sun** - Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

**THIS WEEK ON FORMED WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023**

**SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES: PASTOR OF SOULS**

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th!



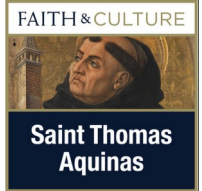
**THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL**

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity,



**SAINT PAUL. SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS WITH RANDALL SMITH**

The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.



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by Gary Cangemi

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