

JANUARY 29, 2023



THE 4TH 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 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)

**Monday, January 30** Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

**Tuesday, January 31** Saint John Bosco, Priest

5:30 pm, Troy † Steve Noble

(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

**Wednesday, February 1** Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Kevin Rook (Jeff & Beth Cole)

6:00 pm Holy Hour

**Thursday, Feb 2** THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

No Mass

**First Friday, February 3** Weekday

7:00 am, Canton † Neil Grieves (John & Pat Rushin)

**Saturday, February 4** Weekday

VIGIL: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Nicholas DePalma (Jayne Cleveland)

**Sunday, February 5** 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Joanne & Bob Strozyk (Pat Pepper)

11:15 am, Troy † Barbara Sinkew (Pat & Joel Heiland)

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 those suffering after abortion to  
know that the Lord desires to bring healing and  
turn to Him for His mercy and peace.

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



### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS January 16 - 22, 2023

Weekly Offerings:	1,578.85
Electronic Offerings:	485.00
Hardy Estate Interest:	1,228.90
Other Parish Income:	60.50
Total Parish Income:	3,353.25
Average weekly expenses:	4,267.09
Difference:	(913.84)



*Thank you for your continued support.*

2021-22 Fiscal Year parish expenses:	\$237,367.79
Diocesan Collection Transmittals:	(\$15,478.98)
Total Operating Expenses:	\$221,888.81
Average weekly expenses:	\$4,267.09

## 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 30, 2023 in the rectory.

*In honor of the Feast of Saint Blaise (February 3rd)*

*I will bless throats at the end of all Masses  
next weekend, February 4th & 5th. - Fr. Joe*



### GOD'S LOVE UNITES US

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming "GOD'S LOVE UNITES US" program at Saint Michael's Parish. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of our parish. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on February 11 & 12. If you have any questions regarding the "GOD'S LOVE UNITES US" program, please feel free to contact the parish office.

### 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



### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, Tom Ambruch,  
Gus Branish, Betty Brown, Paul Dean,  
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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, Rich Stankiewicz, Frank Sullivan,  
Matthew Warren, Steven Wilber, John Wilcox,  
Anthony Wolf, Donna Wolf, Nicholas Wolf





**POPE QUOTE:** "The Word of God is for everyone. The Word calls everyone to conversion, the Word makes us heralds."  
**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.

### 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, 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.

### CONFIRMATION CHOIR

On May 24, 2023, Bishop Bambara 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.

**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.



**JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 5, 2023 READINGS**  
**Mon** - Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:21-24 Mk 5:1-20  
**Tues** - Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-28, 30-32 Mk 5:21-43  
**Wed** - Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Mk 6:1-6  
**Thurs** - Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:146:14-29  
**Sat** - Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34  
**Sun** - Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16



**WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023**

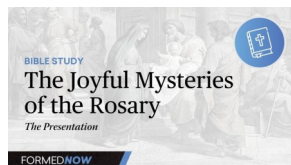
**SAINT JOHN BOSCO: MISSION TO LOVE**

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.



**A BIBLE STUDY ON THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES  
 THE PRESENTATION**

What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple? Join Dr. James Protho and Dr. Ben Akers as they unpack this great mystery and how it can apply to your spiritual life.



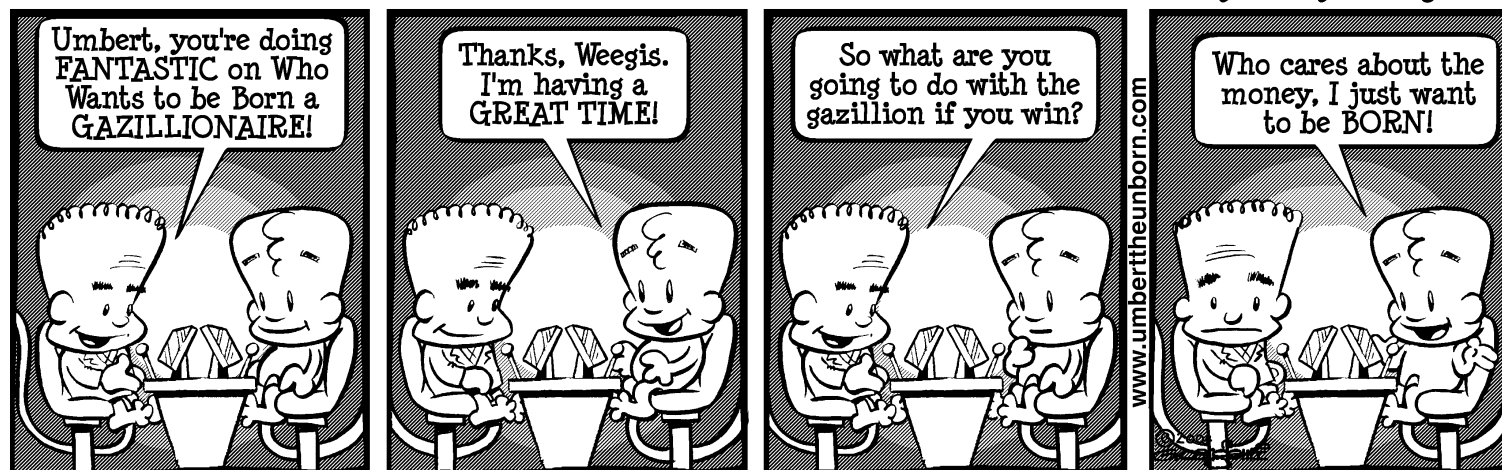
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### COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](https://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

## Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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come new members.

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