



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JANUARY 8, 2023

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 7 Christmas Weekday

VIGIL: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, January 8 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 am, Ralston † Helen DePiano (Ed & Maryann Kanaley)

9:30 am, Canton † Mark Kingsley

(George & Theresa Kingsley)

11:15 am, Troy † Joseph Hamburger

(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

Monday, January 9 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:00 am, Rectory † Vincent Scruchett (The Mizdail Family)

Tuesday, January 10 Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Veronica Robb (Dawn Manley)

Wed, January 11 Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Mary Wilcox (Mark & Sarah Hazelton)

Thursday, January 12 Weekday

No Mass

Friday, January 13 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Isabelle Loftus & Dorothy Ferretti
(Their Families)

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)

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 that we be given the grace to always see in others the face of Christ our Savior.

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



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."

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

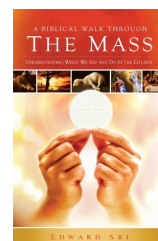
INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?

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 9th, 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:


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Steven Wilber, John Wilcox, Anthony Wolf,
Donna Wolf, Nicholas Wolf

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

December 26, 2022 - January 1, 2023

Weekly Offerings:	1,662.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,365.00
Other Parish Income:	1,169.50
 Total Parish Income:	4,196.50
Average weekly expenses:	3,721.88
Difference:	474.62
Care & Education of Priests:	414.00

Thank you for your continued support.



POPE QUOTE: “When we have strong feelings of doubt and fear, and we seem to be sinking, we must not be ashamed to cry out like Peter: “Lord, save me” (Mt 14:30). This is a beautiful prayer! And Jesus immediately stretches out his hand.”

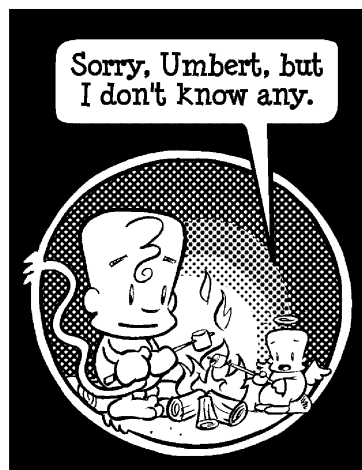
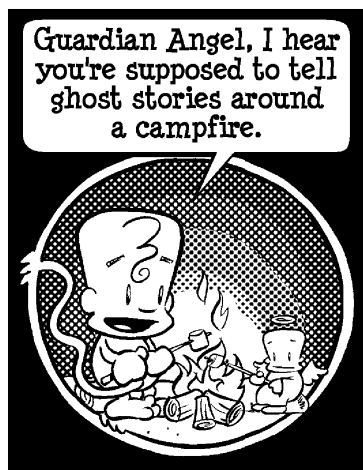
POPE FRANCIS’S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION: EDUCATORS: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

SAINT MICHAEL’S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY will not meet in January. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 8th at 12:30 pm in St. Michael’s Church hall.

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.

Umbert the Unborn



by Gary Cangemi

JANUARY 9 - 15, 2023 READINGS

Mon - Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38

Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 Mt 3:13-17

Tues - Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 Mk 1:21-28

Wed - Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11 Mk 1:40-45

Fri - Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8 Mk 2:1-12

Sat - Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mk 2:13-17

Sun - Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 1:1-3

Jn 1:29-34



WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2023

A BIBLE STUDY ON THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES THE BAPTISM OF JESUS (PART 1)

Why was Jesus baptized by John the Baptist and what does this mean for the Sacrament of Baptism? Sit down with Taylor Kemp and Dr. Michael Barber as they unpack the first Luminous Mystery of the Rosary.

REBORN - EPISODE 1: A NEW CREATION

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS BY JOHN THE BAPTIST

THE BIBLE AND BAPTISM | EPISODE 3

Dr. John Sehorn joins Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College. This episode highlights the significance of Jesus' baptism at the hands of his cousin, John the Baptist.

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Diocese of Scranton DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

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

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Parish Financial Report

St. Michael - Canton

TREND ANALYSIS (provided by the Finance Office of the Diocese of Scranton)

Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Revenue					
Collections	179,389	163,555	167,176	174,663	178,319
Faith Formation Fees	784	305	268	421	631
Fundraising/Development	74,840	12,055	14,228	21,998	55,946
Other Income	9,377	7,182	8,020	9,763	5,449
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	-	-	15,100	-	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	1,902	-	948	-	301
Diocesan Special Collections	14,162	7,536	7,970	14,432	16,494
Total Revenue	280,453	190,633	213,710	221,278	257,139
Expenses					
Administration	121,771	108,700	126,000	113,108	117,017
Rectory	13,734	16,043	14,288	15,632	24,402
Liturgy	6,896	4,660	7,948	8,520	5,465
Faith Formation	2,640	1,729	2,622	2,106	2,511
Social Justice	20,653	3,900	5,662	6,361	5,359
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	22,188	26,656	22,257	25,961	27,553
Fixed Expense	19,142	16,004	17,271	14,935	16,636
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Expenses/Transfers Out	-	(6)	1,073	-	(94)
Catholic School Assessment	14,868	15,852	18,840	15,848	15,107
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	15,479	5,882	8,359	13,342	16,983
Total Expense	237,371	199,419	224,320	215,813	230,939
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	43,082	(8,786)	(10,610)	5,465	26,200
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations **(SEE	5,882	(5,448)	5,049	(5,483)	10,588
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	48,964	(14,234)	(5,561)	(18)	36,788
NOTE					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses. All obligations are currently up to date.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	-	5,882	434	5,483	-
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	5,882	434	5,483	-	10,588
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	5,882	6,316	5,917	5,483	10,588
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

Revenue

- **Collections** include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- **Faith Formation Fees** include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adults programs.
- **Fundraising/Development** includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- **Other Income** includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- **Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan** includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- **Transfers Savings Account/Other** includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- **Diocesan Special Collections** are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

Expenses

- **Administration** includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedraticum (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- **Rectory** expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- **Liturgy** includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- **Faith Formation** includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- **Social Justice** includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- **Operation & Maintenance of Plant** includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- **Fixed Expense** includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- **Debt Service** includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- **Capital Outlays** includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- **Designated Expenses/Transfers Out** includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- **Catholic School Assessments** paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- **Diocesan Special Collections Remittance** are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- This line represents the increase or decrease in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a CASH BASIS based on actual expenses paid.

(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- This amount represents the change in the parish's **unpaid obligations** over the year. If there is an increase in unpaid obligations, this number will be **negative**. If the parish reduced its unpaid obligations, this will be a **positive** number.

Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

- This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations. This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

Diocesan Loan/Debt

- This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.