

FEBRUARY 12, 2023



THE 6TH 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

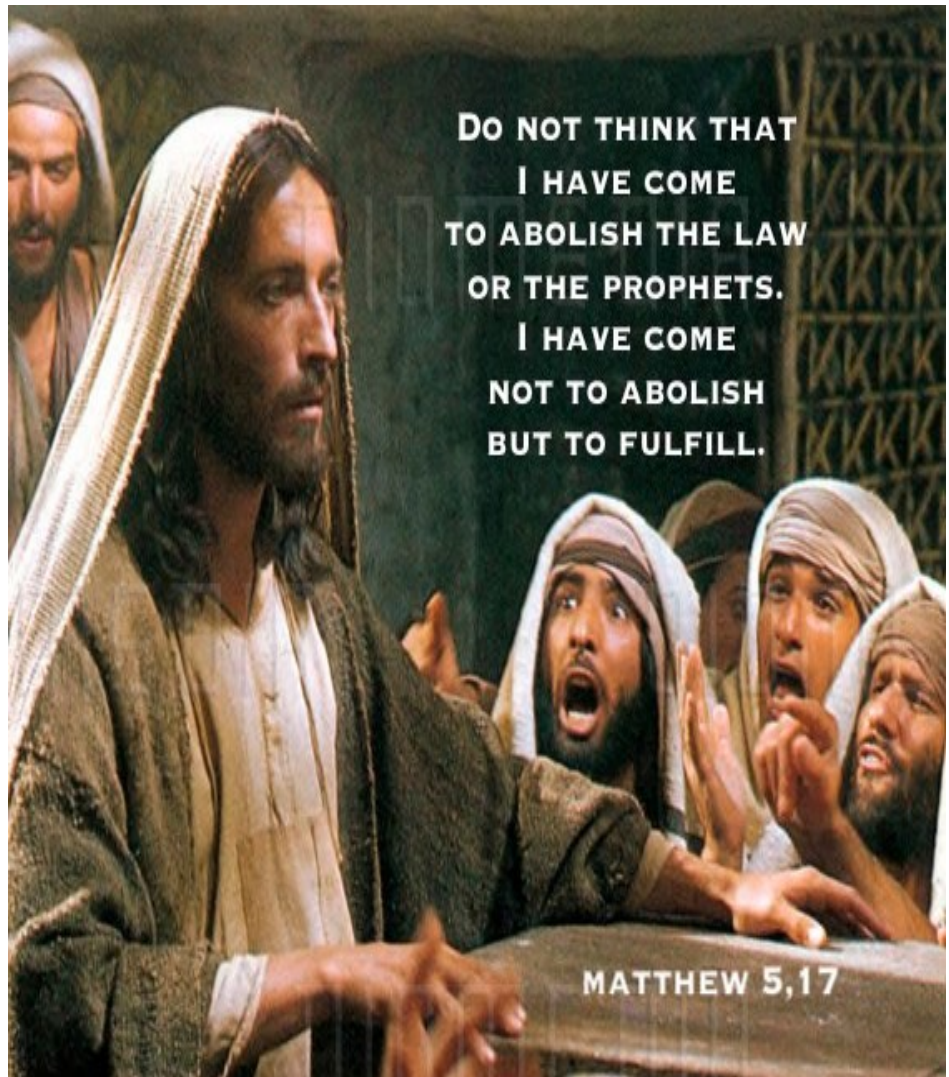
To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know the month before.

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



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BUT TO FULFILL.

MATTHEW 5,17

Pastoral Council

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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, February 11 Weekday

VIGIL: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday, February 12 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Robert Fleury (The Fleury Family)

11:15 am, Troy † Don Wilber (Louise Wilber)

Monday, February 13 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Dr. Charles Driscoll

Tuesday, February 14 Saints Cyril, Monk,
and Methodius, Bishop

5:30 pm, Troy † Lois Rook (Jeff & Beth Cole)

Wednesday, February 15 Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Mike Acresti & Monty Spencer
(Jeff & Beth Cole)

6:00 pm Holy Hour

Thursday, February 16 Weekday

No Mass

Friday, February 17 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Dustin Hoover (Bailey Olson)

Saturday, February 18 Weekday

VIGIL: 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Pauline Pazzaglia (Patricia Deeghan)

Sunday, February 19 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Gene & Mary McMahon
(Jean & Mike Herman)

11:15 am, Troy † Tim Avants, Sr.
(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
this week are offered for all married couples
to have openness to new life and bear witness
to the generous love of God.

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, Todd Congdon, Paul Dean,
Mark Desborough, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Leon
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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

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?

Next Sunday, February 19th, we will
celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the
Order of Catechumens during the 9:30
am Mass in St. Michael's Church. This
brings us into the catechumenate phase, the period of
formal preparation for entrance into full membership in
the Catholic Church. Celebrating the Rite will be Barba-
ra and Dennis Clarke, our two Catechumens, and Cas-
sandra Johnson, our Candidate. The next session is at 7
pm on Monday, February 13, 2023 in the rectory.

*The Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Con-
version will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2023 at
2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, located at 315
Wyoming Avenue, Scranton.*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST

You are invited to Saint Michael's
Church Hall following the 9:30 am
Mass this Sunday, February 12th
for our annual
Valentine's Breakfast.
Donation at the door.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation will be held on
Saturday, February 25 at 10 am in St.
Michael's Church. St. Michael's Parish
has 3 children receiving the sacrament
this year:

*Cole Bradford, Laurel Golembewki, and
Isaac Watson*

Please pray for the children as they
prepare for their First Reconciliation. All
are welcome to attend to support the chil-
dren and receive this healing sacrament.



SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS January 30 - February 2, 2023

Weekly Offerings:	2,712.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,365.00
Other Parish Income:	549.50
Total Parish Income:	4,626.50
Average weekly expenses:	4,267.09
Difference:	359.41
The Church in Latin America:	25.00
Care & Education of Priests:	599.00



Thank you for your continued support.

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.



POPE QUOTE: “Even though we are tiny and frail, and our strength seems paltry before the magnitude of our problems and the blind fury of violence, we are able to make a decisive contribution to changing history.”

POPE FRANCIS’S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION: FOR PARISHES: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 2023

BELOVED - SESSION 1: DOES MARRIAGE MATTER?

Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

Are you looking to take your spiritual life deeper this upcoming Lent? There's no better place to start than the Lord's Word. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Giszczak as they explain how to study and devote yourself to Scripture!

WHAT DO YOU SEEK? | THE SEARCH | EPISODE 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

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FEBRUARY 13 - 19, 2023 READINGS

Mon - Gn 1:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21

Mk 8:11-13

Tues - Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 9c-10

Mk 8:14-21

Wed - Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-15, 18-19

Mk 8:22-26

Thurs - Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29

Mk 8:27-33

Fri - Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Mk 8:34—9:1

Sat - Heb 11:1-7 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 Mk 9:2-13

Sun - Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Cor 3:16-23 Mk 5:38-48

God's Love Unites Us



Thank you for celebrating *Commitment Sunday* with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our “God’s Love Unites Us” Program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, you may visit our parish website at www.stmichaelscanton.com and complete an electronic Commitment Card, or you can mail your card to the parish office.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Michael Parish!

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

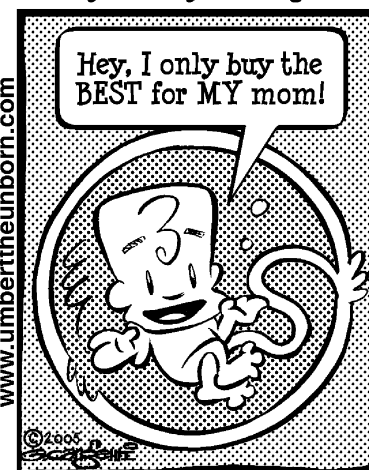
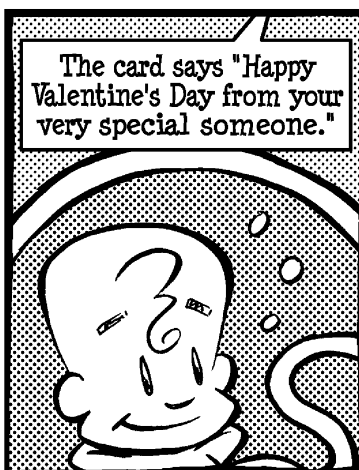
Williamsport Deanery
Wednesday, March 8, 7:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,
Montoursville

Sayre Deanery
Thursday, March 9, 7:00 pm
SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Towanda



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SUNDAY-THURSDAY - 7:30AM - 8:00PM
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY - 7:30AM - 9:00PM

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

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Saint Aloysius Church, Ralston

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Rev. Joseph P. Kutch

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-Immaculate Heart of Mary, Dushore
-Most Holy Trinity, Susquehanna
-Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wyalusing
-Saint Brigid, Friendsville
-Saint Michael, Canton
-Saints Peter and Paul, Towanda

PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Number of Households	144	145	380	379	391
Number of Parishioners	684	686	864	818	890
Total Number of Masses	4	4	4	4	4
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	158	143	115	192	190

2022 Worship Site Attendance Breakdown:

Saint Michael Church, Canton—111
Saint John Nepomucene Church, Troy—26
Saint Aloysius Church, Ralston—21

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Baptisms	1	2	4	5	8
First Holy Communions	1	6	9	6	9
Confirmations	2	4	7	1	3
RCIA/Baptism	0	0	1	2	4
RCIA/Full Communion	0	0	2	0	0
Marriages	0	0	2	2	2
Funerals	5	5	7	8	8

FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Religious Education K-8	27	20	28	35	42
Religious Education 9-12	0	0	0	0	0
Catholic School Students	1	3	0	0	2
Adult Faith Formation	6	0	0	13	5

**All data in this report has been supplied to the Diocese by your Parish.*



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