

APRIL 2, 2023



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

ST. MICHAEL

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(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. Call the office to schedule dates.

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.

Reconciliation

Sat: 3:15 - 3:45 pm St. Michael
(also available by appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays: St. Michael's Church
following 5:30 pm Mass, Benediction at 7 pm

First Friday: St. Michael's Church
following 7 am Mass until 7 pm,

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 ed classes held during the school year)

Sundays: 8:15 - 9:15 am, St. Michael hall

Tuesdays: 6 - 7 pm, St. John Nepomucene hall

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 1 Lenten Weekday
VIGIL: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sun, Apr 2 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
8:00 am, Ralston † Jack Callahan (Bridget & Shawn)
9:30 am, Canton - For the special intentions of
Tony Asbury for his 18th birthday (Cathy Asbury)
11:15 am, Troy † Josephine Szczech (Barb, Leona & Tim)

Monday, April 3 Monday of Holy Week
7:00 am, Rectory † Judith Brunelle
(Carl & Mary Lou Smith)

Tuesday, April 4 Tuesday of Holy Week
NO MASS OR STATIONS OF THE CROSS (CHRISM MASS)

Wednesday, April 5 Wednesday of Holy Week
NO MASS OR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thurs, Apr 6 HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
7:00 pm, Canton † Priest's Intention (anonymous)

Friday, April 7 FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
12:00 pm, Canton, Solemn Good Friday Service,
5:00 pm, Canton, Stations of the Cross, St. Michael's
Meatless Meal in the church hall following Stations

Saturday, April 8 HOLY SATURDAY
THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT
8:00 pm, Canton † Easter Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 9 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
8:00 am, Ralston † Easter Mass Intentions
9:30 am, Canton † Pro Populo
11:15 am, Troy † Easter Mass Intentions

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 the care given to all those in hospice
to bear witness to the gift of their lives.

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

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, Bob Abbott, John Adams, Peggy Adams,
Tom Ambruch, Gus Branish, Betty Brown,
Todd Congdon, Paul Dean, Mark Desborough,
Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Leon English,
Melissa Gowan, Cassie Hamburger,
Robert Dale Hostetter, Victoria Johnson, Beatrice Jones,
Antoinette King, David Kule, Jo Kule, Paula Longacre,
Tom McBlane, Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse,
Bernadette Moore, Orlando Moralez, Delina Morgan,
Donna Noble, Gary Polly, Rich Stankiewicz,
Frank Sullivan, Joe Turk, 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

RCIA

Practice for our Elect for the Easter Vigil
will be on Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm in
St. Michael's Church.

Please pray for Cassandra Johnson and
Barbara & Dennis Clarke as they prepare to be fully re-
ceived into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.



Chrism Mass



All the faithful of the Diocese of
Scranton are invited to attend the annu-
al Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of
Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Ave. Scranton, on Tuesday,
April 4, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

At this Mass, priests from throughout the Diocese
will renew their priestly promises before the Bishop, and
the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Con-
firmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be
blessed and consecrated. Participation in the Chrism
Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support our
priests and to express our unity as the Diocese of Scranton.

For reserved seating, please contact the Office for
Parish Life at 570-207-2213 or email
oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org.

DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

April 2, Palm Sunday

2:00 pm, Saint Basil the Great Church, Dushore

5:00 pm, Epiphany Church, Sayre

SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

There are boxes in all three churches for donations to
help fill the Easter Gift Bags for shut-in parishioners.
Snacks, puzzle books, prayer cards &
books, etc. will be greatly appreciated.
Call the parish office if you know a shut-in
parishioner so they can receive a bag.



The Altar & Rosary Society would like to thank each
and every one of you for making this year's pierogi
event a success. Not only in sales, but in bringing many
people together from all three churches and the commu-
nity around us. A big thank you to all who organized
and worked the event.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS March 20 - April 2, 2023

Weekly Offerings:	4,367.00
Electronic Offerings:	515.00
Other Parish Income:	97.50
Total Parish Income:	4,979.50
Average weekly expenses:	4,267.09
Difference:	712.41



Thank you for your continued support.

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available.
Request a statement by contacting the parish office.

WHAT IS THE TRIDUUM AND WHY SHOULD I CARE?

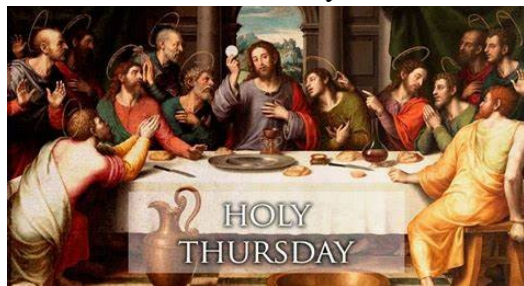
April 5, 2012, Mary Lane

<https://catholicexchange.com/what-is-the-triduum-and-why-should-i-care/>

Three days in a row at church? Maybe it sounded miserable when you were six, but this year you're much older and wiser. More importantly, you have gotten to know the person of Jesus Christ. And there is no better or more fitting way to commemorate Christ's passion, death, and resurrection than participating in the Easter Triduum.

WHAT IS THE EASTER TRIDUUM?

The word "Triduum" can mean any three-day period of prayer that typically precedes a feast day. The Easter Triduum (or Paschal Triduum) is the three days of prayer that precede the celebration of Easter. These three days see the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, a Good Friday service that recalls the passion and death of Jesus Christ, and finally, the three days culminate in the celebration of Christ's Resurrection at the Easter Vigil, after nightfall on Holy Saturday but before dawn on Easter Sunday.



... we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper (your parish probably has this Mass ... around 7pm). At this Mass, we commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus (as, of course, we do at every Mass—but in a special way tonight). We recall Jesus' words to the twelve in Luke's Gospel on the night he was handed over, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer." We recall Christ's washing of the apostles' feet in the institution of the priesthood, and the institution of the Eucharist. The Mass will end with the procession of the Blessed Sacrament ... to a place of repose, where the faithful are typically able and encouraged to stay and pray for a period of time. The altar in the church is then stripped and crosses are covered with a red or purple veil. This is a perfect way to prepare for Good Friday. Celebrate with Christ the Passover meal, and enter with him into the Garden to pray.



Good Friday is the day that we commemorate the passion and death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This is the one day out of the entire year that the Catholic Church does not celebrate the Mass. Instead, there is a Good Friday service (usually takes place in the afternoon) that typically consists of the Liturgy of the

Word, veneration of the Cross, and [Holy] Communion (the communion hosts received at this service were consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday). This is a solemn day on which Catholics are obliged to fast. Especially between the hours of 12 and 3pm, the faithful are called to meditate on the passion and death of Jesus Christ.



The "mother of all holy vigils", on this night, the Church keeps vigil for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is also at this Mass that the Church welcomes its newest members through the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist). You will not find a more joy-filled or a more glorious celebration on this earth than the Easter Vigil. A lot more could be said, but words just won't do it justice.

The goal of our worship, of our liturgy, as Catholics is communion with God. Over these ... three days during which we commemorate the good news of our faith as Christians, what better way to be united with God than to walk the steps of Jesus along with the Church? To participate in the Mass of the Lord's Supper ..., to enter with Christ into the Garden ..., to walk with him on the road to Calvary ..., to wait in haste on Saturday and keeping vigil into the night, ultimately celebrating his resurrection from the dead and victory over sin.

*O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam,
which gained for us so great a Redeemer!*

SENIOR MASS AND BREAKFAST

The Senior Mass and Breakfast for 2023 graduates will be at 9:30 am in St. Michael's Church and hall on Sunday, April 30th. If you have a family member who will be graduating from High School or receiving a College Degree, contact the parish office by April 17th.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the **PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

When you contribute to the PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org.



POPE QUOTE: “We need to be cleansed of all the dust that has sullied our hearts. How? Prayer, fasting, works of mercy: this is the journey of Lent.”

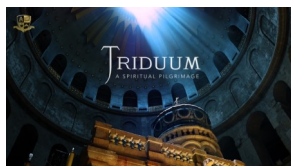
POPE FRANCIS’S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION: FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE: We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2023

TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



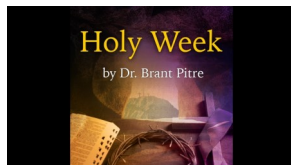
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED | ETERNAL REST | EPISODE 4

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.



HOLY WEEK BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.



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APRIL 3 - 9, 2023 READINGS

Mon - Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

Tues - Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed - Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34
Mt 26:14-25

Thurs - Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

Fri - Is 52:13—53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42

Sat - 1) Gn 1:1—2:2 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35
or 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22

2) Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 16:5, 8-11

3) Ex 14:15—15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18

4) Is 54:5-14 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12, 13b

5) Is 55:1-11 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4-6

6) Bar 3:69-15, 32—4:4 Ps 19:8-11

7) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Pss 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or,
when baptism is celebrated, (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19

8) Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

9) Mt 28:1-10

Sun - Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4 or Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or 41; Mt 28:1-10

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

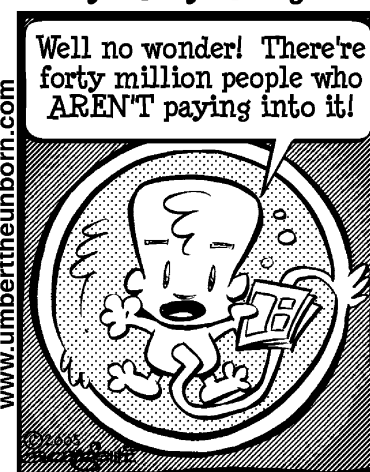
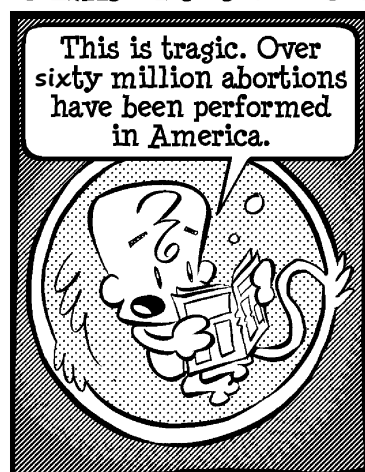
“As members of the parish community of Saint Michael, Saint John and Saint Aloysius, we are rooted in a relationship with Jesus Christ passed on to our Holy Father and in communion with our Bishop. We joyfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and his real presence in the Eucharist. We serve the Lord 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.”

Pastoral Council

David Beahm, David Brann, Leslie Debach,
Will Hawrylo, Jean Herman, Ralph Lepper,
Sherry Vargson, Sarah Watson - youth representative

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi

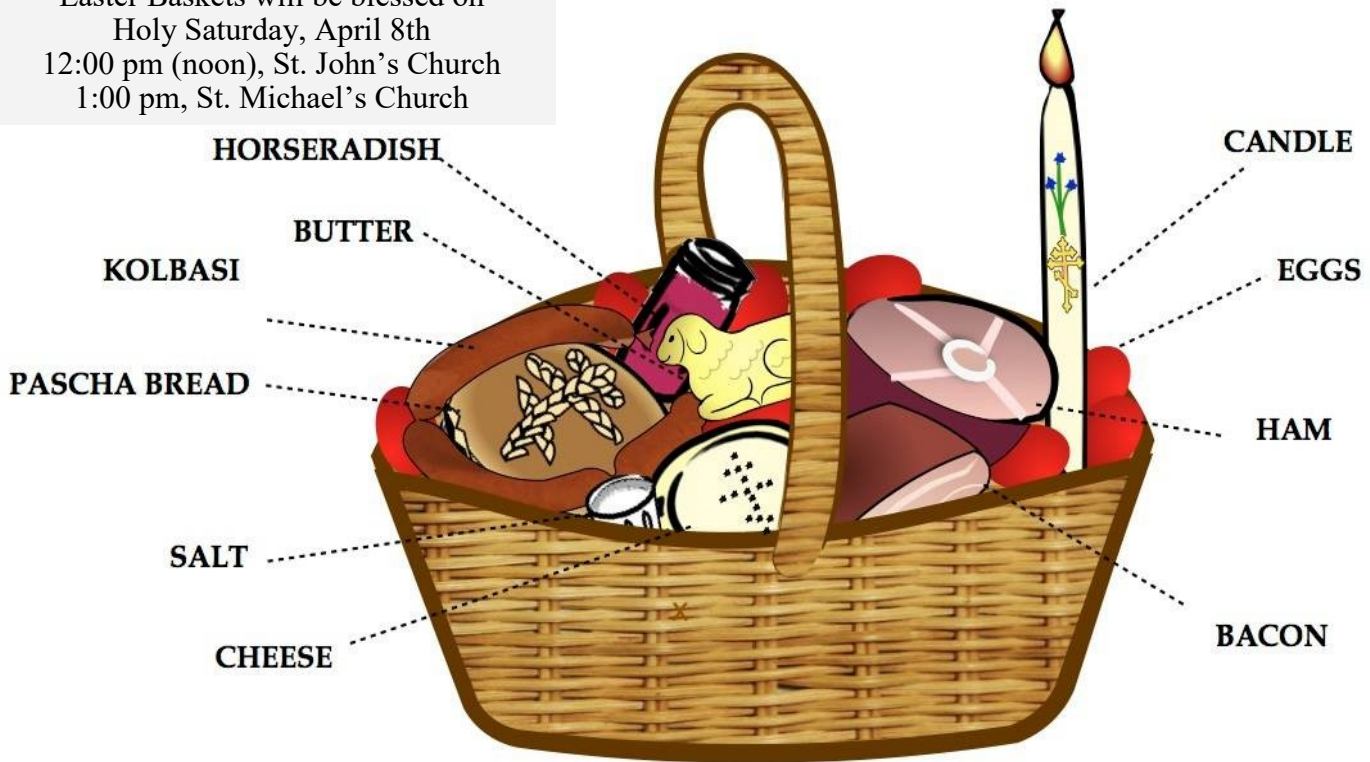


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HOW TO PUT TOGETHER A TRADITIONAL EASTER BASKET

"TEXT ADAPTED FROM AN ARTICLE BY FR. BASIL KRAYNYAK, GCU MESSENGER, APRIL, 1979" ILLUSTRATED BY FR. JONATHAN BANNON

Easter Baskets will be blessed on
Holy Saturday, April 8th
12:00 pm (noon), St. John's Church
1:00 pm, St. Michael's Church

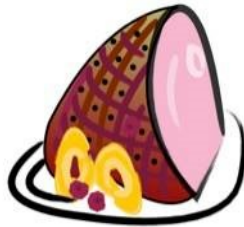


PASCHA - The Easter Bread (Pron. Pa-ska,) A sweet yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait given it a crowned effect or Greek

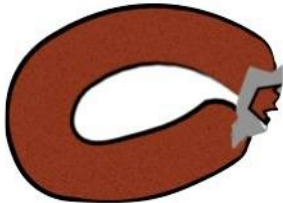
CHEESE - (Rusyn: Hrudka or Sirec) A custard type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols (see Pascha) out of cloves or pepper balls.



HAM - (Rusyn: Šunka - pron. shoon-ka.) The Flesh meat popular with the Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer Lamb or Veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats so the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.

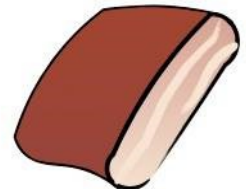


BUTTER - (Rusyn: Maslo pron. ma-slo.) This favorite dairy product is often shaped into a figure of a Lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

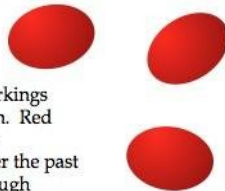


SAUSAGE (Rusyn: Kolbasi-pron. kol-bus-i.) A spicy, garlic sausage of pork products indicative of God's flavor and generosity.

BACON - (Rusyn: Slanina pron. sla-ni-na) A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.



EGGS (Rusyn: Pisanki pron. pi-sun-ki) Hardboiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax, indicative of new life and resurrection. Red eggs are also traditional date back to a story with St. Mary Magdalene. Having been dyed with onion skins saved over the past year, red shows the color of life and victory that came through Christ's blood.



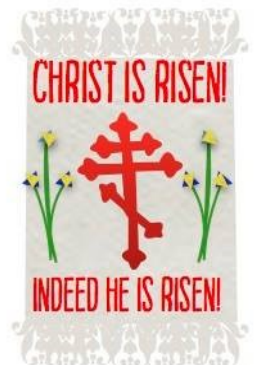
SALT - (Rusyn: Sol' pron. sol') A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.



HORSERADISH (Rusyn: Chrin pron. khrin) Horseradish mixed with grated red beets (optional) symbolizes the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter-sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.

These articles are placed in a wicker basket. A decorated candle is placed inside and is lit at the time of the blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen" is placed over the food when brought to the Church.

In some places a large Easter Bread (Pascha) is made and brought separately in a large linen cloth. If the origin of the people was from a wine growing area, a sweet wine may be brought





Knights of Columbus Council #5517

Looking for new members.
Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 7:15 in St. Michael's Hall.



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come new members.

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