

AUGUST 6, 2023



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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, August 5 Weekday

VIGIL: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

4:00 pm, Canton † Kirk Springfield (St. Michael's A & R)

Sunday, August 6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

8:00 am, Ralston † Judy Callahan (Bridget & Shawn)

9:30 am, Canton † Betsy Lynch (The Jerome Wynne Family)

11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

Monday, August 7 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Robert Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)

Tuesday, August 8 Saint Dominic, Priest

5:30 pm, Troy † Carol Dalton (The Family)

Wednesday, August 9 Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Paula Longacre (Jeff & Beth Cole)

6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, August 10 Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

No Mass

Friday, August 11 Saint Clare, Virgin

7:00 am, Rectory † Ambrose Salansky (Pauline Mizdail)

Saturday, August 12 Weekday

VIGIL: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Mary & Betsy Lynch (Clorinda Lynch)

Sunday, August 13 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Paul Burgay (George & Anita Kump)

9:30 am, Canton † Blessed Michael McGivney
(Knights of Columbus)

11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

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 Lord to generously provide for the needs of mothers as they dedicate themselves to caring for their children.

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.



SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS July 24 - 30, 2023

Weekly Offerings:	2,754.00
Electronic Offerings:	515.00
Other Parish Income:	233.50
Total Parish Income:	3,502.50
Average weekly expenses:	4,267.09
Difference:	(764.59)
Care & Education of Priests:	26.00

Thank you for your continued support.




BARBECUE BENEFIT DINNER

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MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH, FROM 5-7 PM

**DONATION
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Pulled BBQ,
Mac Salad
Coleslaw, Baked Beans

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**50/50
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all proceeds to **CASSIE HAMBURGER**

Dear Parishioners,

Are you thinking, "I will pray for Cassie, but how can I help with the fundraiser?" There are three ways:

- 1) Contact Beth Cole or call or email the parish office to volunteer to help set-up, serve, or clean-up.
- 2) Drop-off your favorite homemade dessert in St. Michael's hall between 3 & 4 pm on August 7.
- 3) Attend the dinner - and bring as many of your family and friends as possible.

SEE YOU ON AUGUST 7TH!

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, Tom Ambruch, Cleta Barton, Karl Barton, April Bilbrey, Joseph Blaszc, Gus Branish, Joy Brann, Betty Brown, John Chapman Jr., Dennis Clarke, Todd Congdon, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Leon English, Melissa Gowan, Cassie Hamburger, Gary & Erin Hamilton, Cody Heim, Robert Dale Hostetter, Victoria Johnson, Beatrice Jones, Antoinette King, David Kule, Jo Kule, Mike Losey, Tom McBlane, Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, Orlando Moralez, Delina Morgan, Leo Parchesky, Gary Polly, Dee-Dee Ramsey, David Snell, Rich Stankiewicz, 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.

Be A Catholic Man Conference 2023

8TH ANNUAL BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE: STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH

Brothers, we invite you to join with us in fortitude and strength in profession of our Catholic Faith. As the world becomes increasingly hostile to Catholic teaching, St. Polycarp reminds us to "Follow the example of the Lord, being firm and unchangeable in the Faith." St. Paul advises us to "Put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day, having done everything to hold your ground."

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023

The conference will run from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Registration fee is \$40 (Early Bird \$30)

Student \$15 Priest/Deacon FREE

Morning coffee & box lunch included.

Register at

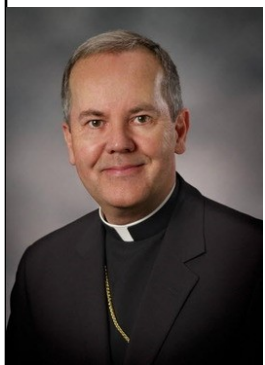
<https://www.beacatholicman.com/register-here>

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 7:00 a.m. Registration/Coffee
- 7:15 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies
- 8:30 a.m. First Speaker
- 9:30 a.m. Second Speaker
- 10:30 a.m. Lunch/Exhibitors/Confessions
- 11:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction
- 12:40 p.m. Third Speaker
- 1:45 p.m. Mass: Bishop Joseph C. Bambera
- 3:00 p.m. Dismissal

Venue: Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre

FEATURING



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera - A native son of the diocese, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera was appointed Scranton's tenth bishop on February 23, 2010. Prior to his ordination as bishop, Bishop Bambera served numerous Diocesan positions as well as pastorates at Holy Name of Jesus, Scranton, Saint John Bosco, Conyngham, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Dickson City,

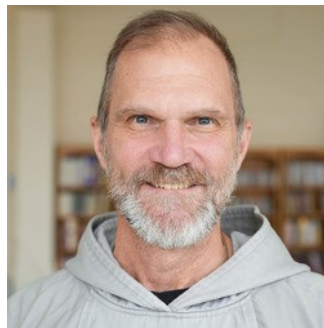
Saint Thomas Aquinas, Archbald, and Saint Mary of Czestochowa, Eynon. Bishop Bambera currently serves as the Catholic Co-Chair of the International Catholic / Pentecostal Dialogue of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. He is chairman of the Committee for Ecumenism and Interreligious Affairs at the Unit-

ed States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Mark Houck - Mark Houck is founder and president of The King's Men, a non-profit men's ministry which promotes authentic masculinity, fatherhood and beloved sonship. He is a former College Football All-American, high school teacher, coach and

counselor turned activist, radio host, evangelist and motivational pro-life speaker. In September 2022, Mark, his wife, Ryan-Marie, and 7 young children made international news with an FBI invasion of their home. Mark was falsely charged with felony violations for defending his 12 year-old son from an aggressive abortion escort. Mark was acquitted on all charges.



Fr. John Anthony Boughton, C.F.R. - Fr. John Anthony Boughton, C.F.R. of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal is currently stationed in the New York City Bronx, serving as the General Vicar of the CFRs. Through a life of prayer, fraternity, apostolate, penance, and wholehearted living of the gos-

pel, they work in service of the poor and evangelization, sharing the rich treasures of the Catholic faith by the prophetic witness of their lives. Fr. Boughton is a native of Dallas, Texas. A graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, he was commissioned in the US Naval Reserve, worked as a sales rep, and was vice president and director of operations for St. David's Relief Foundation in Bosnia and Herzegovina 1992-95.



Sam Blair - Sam Blair is a passionate cradle Catholic is a former Navy SEAL Officer with experience leading elite teams around the globe. He taught Leadership and Ethics at the United States Naval Academy and helped screen, select, and train over 90 new future SEAL Officers. Before transitioning

from Active Duty, Sam was a SkillBridge Fellow at Squadra Ventures, a venture capital firm in Baltimore,

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MD. Sam is passionate about leveraging his unique skills sets and hard-earned leadership experiences to help corporate leaders, portfolio companies and corporations build robust cultures, clarity of purpose and a relentless focus on execution.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

You're invited to join us at the seventh Be A Catholic Man Conference in the Diocese of Scranton. You may ask, why should I attend? Look out and you'll see a wounded world, a world that has many pitfalls that can harm both yourself and your family. It is a world that needs more men of God to stand up; men who are leading their families to virtue, imitating the heroic love of Christ. Yet, in today's busy, high-tech world, there are few opportunities where we can take time to reflect on how to better imitate this heroic love; time to put away the cell phone and iPad and be inspired to go further in our imitation of Christ for the sake of not only ourselves, but our loved ones. This Men's Conference provides you that opportunity!

WHAT IF I'M NOT CATHOLIC?

MAY I STILL COME TO THE CONFERENCE?

Yes! The speakers' topics, the worship and praise, the prayers and the fellowship can be appreciated by all Christian men, not only Catholics.

I WAS BAPTIZED/RAISED CATHOLIC, BUT NO LONGER ATTEND MASS REGULARLY. AM I WELCOME?

You are fully and completely welcome. We want you to come, to take that one step back toward God and His Church. Sometimes all it takes is just one step to bring about a major change. Since the beginning of the planning efforts, many have been praying specifically for you, that you will come home. We also welcome your questions.

MAY MY SON ATTEND?

Yes, he may. The conference may be a wonderful father-son bonding time. The speakers' topics are geared toward adults, so while each child is different, boys younger than high school might not be mature enough to fully comprehend the topics.

I NOTICED RECONCILIATION WILL BE OFFERED DURING THE CONFERENCE. AM I EXPECTED TO GO?

You do not have to go. It has been the experience in the past that offering Reconciliation has brought wonderful healing, leading to a freedom that only Christ can give. There were cases where some men have not gone to Reconciliation in decades. Somehow God moved their hearts to go, and they found the healing and forgiveness that they so much needed.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Vigil Mass

Monday, August 14

5:30 pm, St. Michael's, Canton

Holy Day Mass

Tuesday, August 15

5:30 pm, St. John's, Troy



SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY will hold our regular monthly meeting on August 9th at 12:30 pm in Saint Michaels hall.

Thank you to fellow parishioners for your donations and baked goods as well as the purchasing of items. A big thanks to my A & R sisters, Cathy Asbury, my husband, Fr. Joe and The Knights for cooking. Please keep the Yard sale in mind for next year. - Joanne Kropf

Religious Education

CCD registration is open now through September 3 for children in Pre-K (age 4) through Confirmation for the 2023-24 school year. Please include your child's specific grade when registering. Registration forms are available in the back of all churches or online at the parish website via the Faith Formation tab. Also, if you are interested in becoming a CCD teacher, please contact Sarah Watson at (570) 447-8799.

Altar Server Training

Altar server training will be held on Saturday, August 19 from 9-10 am at St. Michael's Church. Any child interested in becoming an altar server must be at least entering 3rd grade this year. To sign up for the training or if your child is interested but unable to attend the training, please call Sarah Watson at (570) 447-8799.

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).



**POPE FRANCIS'S
AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION
FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY**
We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon
will help young people to live and wit-
ness the Gospel in their own lives.

**NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MASS
FOR THE CANONIZATION OF
BLESSED FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY,
FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

On Sunday, August 13th, the 9:30 am
Mass will be offered for the Canonization of
Blessed Father Michael McGivney by the
Knights of Columbus. A Rosary and Litany
of Blessed Father Michael McGivney will
begin at 8:45 am, led by the Knights of Co-
lumbus.

Michael McGivney was born August 12, 1852, or-
dained December 22, 1877, and died August 14, 1890 at
the age of 38 after serving in the Priesthood for 13 years.
He founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. He was
declared Venerable on March 15, 2008. A miracle was
approved for his Beatification on May 27, 2020. Venera-
ble Father Michael McGivney was beatified on October
31, 2020. His Feast Day is established as August 13th.

EXEMPLIFICATION ON AUGUST 13TH

We would like to invite any
Catholic gentlemen age 18 and
older, from any parish, to join our
council. We will be holding an
EXEMPLIFICATION after the Mass
for Blessed Michael J. McGivney. Please consider be-
coming a Knight on this most blessed occasion. If you
are interested in becoming a Knight, contact any of the
Knights in our parish. This ceremony is open to any
Catholic gentleman from any parish.



"STUFF THE BUS" UNDERWAY!!

We will be starting our "Stuff the Bus" drive August
5th & 6th. We are collecting school supplies to distribute
to the Elementary Schools of Canton and Troy for the



AUGUST 7 - 13, 2023 READINGS
Mon - Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-17 Mt 14:13-21
Tues - Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:3-7, 12-13 Mt 14:22-36
Wed - Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35
Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23 Mt 15:21-25
Thurs - 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 Jn 12:24-26
Fri - Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-16, 21 Mt 16:24-28
Sat - Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 Mt 17:14-20
Sun - 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Ps 85:9-14 Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:22-33

**THIS WEEK ON
FORMED WEEK OF AUGUST 6, 2023**

EDITH STEIN: THE SEVENTH CHAMBER

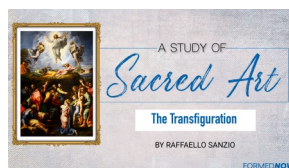
This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of
Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite
martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior
struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey
toward the Lord.

CLARE AND FRANCIS

This outstanding movie is unique among films about
St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story
and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of
Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both
founded major religious orders, and together they inspired
many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.

THE TRANSFIGURATION | SACRED ART

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor
Kemp sit down with Raffaello
Sanzio's painting, "The Transfig-
uration," to discuss its theological
meaning and how it can speak to
us today.



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FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES

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well. We thank everyone for their generous
donations. Hunger never takes a break.

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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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SOCIETY**
St. Michael's
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all women of
the parish. We meet on the
2nd Wednesday of each month
in Saint Michael's church hall
at 12:30 pm. We always wel-
come new members.

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