

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. MICHAEL

CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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Office Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays 8 am - 3:30 pm, Thursdays 8 am - 1 pm



Anointing of the Sick: All who are seriously ill, hospitalized, or having surgery can receive this sacrament. 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.

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

Wednesday: 6 pm, St Michael's Church following 5:30 pm Mass, Benediction at 7 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. (2023/24) (Rel. Ed.)

St Michael's hall: Sun, 8:15 am
St John's hall: TBD

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, September 2 Weekday

VIGIL: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Sunday, Sept 3 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

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

11:15 am, Troy † Julia Hamburger
(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

Monday, September 4 (Labor Day) Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Paul Bugay (Anna Bogaczyk & Family)

Tuesday, September 5 Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Deceased members of the
Funair Family (Bob & Lola Gerg)

Wednesday, September 6 Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (The Wynne Family)

6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, September 7 Weekday

No Mass

Friday, Sept 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am, Rectory † Dorothy Smichowski
(JoAnn Wemesfelder)

Saturday, September 9 Saint Peter Claver, Priest

VIGIL: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Robert Fleury (The Fleury Family)

Sunday, Sept 10 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Mark Kingsley
(George & Theresa Kingsley)

11:15 am, Troy † Jerry Ross, Jr. (The Family)

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 all Catholics to steadfastly proclaim and uphold the dignity of all human life, in all stages and circumstances. *Sanctuary lamp intentions may be requested by contacting the parish office.*

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



SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS August 21 - 27, 2023

Weekly Offerings:	2,320.00
Electronic Offerings:	515.00
2022 Annual Appeal Rebate:	3,191.25
God's Love Unites Us 1-time gift:	1,000.00
Other Parish Income:	31.55
 Total Parish Income:	7,056.80
Average weekly expenses:	4,267.09
Difference:	2,789.71

Thank you for your continued support.

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way for non-Catholics to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church and for Catholics who have not been fully initiated to receive Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. If you or any one you know is interested in becoming Catholic, the RCIA is for you. For Catholics who would like a "refresher" on their faith, this is an excellent continuing education opportunity. For more information or to register, please call Father Joe at 570-673-5253.



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

"STUFF THE BUS" UNDERWAY!!

Our "Stuff the Bus" drive started August 5th & 6th. We are collecting school supplies to distribute to the Elementary Schools of Canton and Troy for the less fortunate students. Collection bins are near the entrance of the three Churches.



FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES

The food collection is ongoing as well. We thank everyone for their generous donations. Hunger never takes a break.

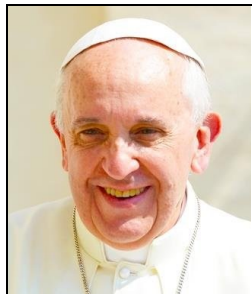
Religious Education

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.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, Tom Ambruch, 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 Morales, Delina Morgan, Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker, Gary Polly, Dee-Dee Ramsey, Rich Stankiewicz, Joe Turk, Matthew Warren, Glenda Watson, Steven Wilber, John Wilcox, Anthony Wolf, Donna Wolf, Nicholas Wolf

Contact the parish office to add a name to the prayer list.



**POPE FRANCIS'S
SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION**
FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MARGINS:
We pray for those persons living on
the margins of society, in inhumane
life conditions; may they not be
overlooked by institutions and never
considered of lesser importance.

Be A Catholic Man Conference 2023

2023 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The October 7th, 2023 Catholic Men's Conference,
from 8 am to 3pm, will be held at
Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre.

*A generous (anonymous) donor, has volunteered
to pay the registration fee for any man of Saint
Michael's Parish to attend the conference. To take
advantage of this offer, contact the parish office.*



EMERGENCY SPECIAL COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND, OUR PARISH WILL HOLD
A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THOSE
IMPACTED BY THE WILDFIRES IN MAUI

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IF YOU WANT YOUR OFFERING POSTED TO YOUR FAMILY
ACCOUNT, BE SURE TO PROVIDE YOUR NAME AND
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SEPTEMBER 4 - 10, 2023 READINGS

Mon - 1 Thes 4:13-18 Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13 Lk 4:16-30
Tues - 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 4:31-37
Wed - Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10-11 Lk 4:38-44
Thurs - Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-6 Lk 5:1-11
Fri - Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6abc
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Sat - Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8 Lk 6:1-5
Sun - Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

**CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER JOE KUTCH
ON HIS 35TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY
THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD!**



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SACRED ART

By studying Sacred Art, we
fuel our prayer and contemplation.
In this episode, Dr. Ben Akers sits
down with Taylor Kemp to exam-
ine the theological nuances con-
tained in Bartolome Murillo's depiction of the Nativity
of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



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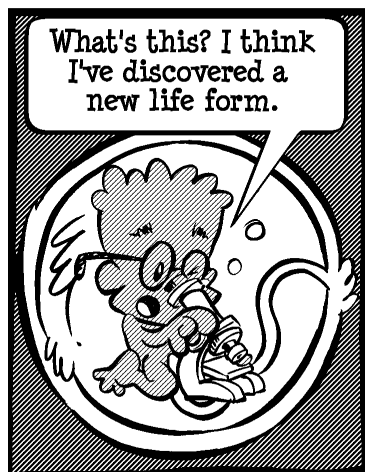
NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the
birthday of the Blessed Virgin
Mary.



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2nd Wednesday of each month
in Saint Michael's church hall
at 1:00 pm. We always wel-
come new members.

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