

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



24TH 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. (2023/24)

(Religious education classes  
held during the school year)

Sun: 8:15 am, St. Michael hall

Sun: 10 am, St. John Nepomucene hall



## The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant Matthew 18:23-35

### 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 16** Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs  
VIGIL: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

**Sunday, Sept 17** 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8:00 am, Ralston † Judy Callahan (Bridget & Shawn)  
9:30 am, Canton † Joann Moore (Pat Fleury)  
11:15 am, Troy † Mr. Joe Szczech (Tim Barb & Leona)

**Monday, September 18** Weekday  
7:00 am, Rectory † Linda Gallagher (John & Pat Rushin)

**Tuesday, September 19** Weekday  
5:30 pm, Troy † Helen Walkowiak  
(Anna Bogaczyk & Family)

**Wed, Sept 20** Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gön, Priest, and Paul Chöng Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs  
5:30 pm, Canton † Bill Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)  
6:00 pm, Holy Hour

**Thursday, September 21** SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST  
No Mass

**Friday, September 22** Weekday  
7:00 am, Rectory † Deceased members of the Gerg Family (Bob & Lola Gerg)

**Saturday, Sept 23** Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
VIGIL: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
4:00 pm, Canton † Irene Bitcola (Cheryl Carlonas)

**Sunday, Sept 24** 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8:00 am, Ralston † Dorothy Smichowski (Pauline Mizdail)  
9:30 am, Canton † Robert Fleury (The Family)  
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 all whose hearts ache from participating in abortion to be strengthened to seek the Lord's compassion, mercy, and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS September 4 - 10, 2023

Weekly Offerings:	2,549.00
Electronic Offerings:	515.00
Other Parish Income:	223.57
Total Parish Income:	3,287.57
Average weekly expenses:	4,267.09
Difference:	(979.52)
Care & Education of Priests:	128.00
Maui Fire Victims	857.00

*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.



## Religious Education

CCD will begin on September 24 at 8:15 am in St. Michael's Hall and 10:00 am in St. John's Hall. If you have not already registered your child, please do so ASAP so that supplies can be ordered. There will be a parents meeting on Monday September 18 at 7 pm in St. Michael's hall for ALL parents regardless of where their child is registered.

### BAKE SALE!!

There will be a bake sale on Sunday September 17th, Catechetical Sunday, to raise funds for supplies for CCD. Please come and support the ministry and children!



### 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.*

### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

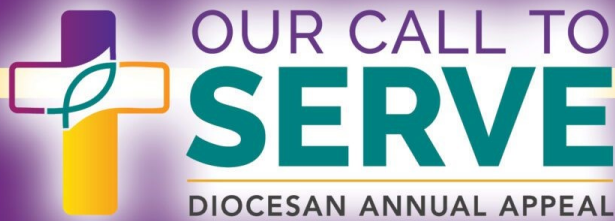
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*Contact the parish office to add a name to the prayer list. Names remain on the list for 3 months per request.*



# NEXT WEEKEND

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## PRAYER

God, Loving Creator and Source of all that we have,

Thank you for the many gifts you have given your people, our parishes and the Diocese of Scranton.

Grant us the spirit of true Christian Stewardship so we may carry out Your Mission.

Open our minds to the Gospel Message.

Open our hearts to conversion.

Open our hands that we might freely share the gifts you have bestowed upon us.

May sorrow, conflict and poverty be diminished in our Diocese because we have responded in Christ-like love and generosity.

Gracious God, send us your Spirit to accompany us on our Journey to Stewardship.

We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

# PRO-LIFE EVENTS

## RALLY FOR HUMAN LIFE

Sunday, September 17th beginning at 2:00 PM in front of the Bradford County Courthouse, Main Street, Towanda, PA.

This event used to be held in January, which was the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that made abortion legal in every state. Last year that ruling was overturned and the battle to protect innocent life was turned back to the 50 states. Because of that the fall was chosen as it ties in with the PA March for Life.

Gather in front of the County Court House at 2:00 PM On Sunday September 17. After a few brief remarks we will walk (or drive) to Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church on Third St, Towanda for a nondenominational worship service. Guest speaker Jeff Brinker from Lock Haven, PA will talk about the beginning of life at conception. There will be some social time after the service. We expect to be finished by 4:00 PM.

Please turn out next Sunday for this important event as we make the protection of human life visible in the public square. Your presence will show your support for saving babies. Please come and bring a friend. We hope to see you and your family in Towanda on Sunday Sept 17th. The battle to protect innocent human life is raging. You can make a difference. Won't you join with us?

## MARCH FOR LIFE

We will be sponsoring a bus to the PA March for Life in Harrisburg PA. on October 16th. The bus will make several stops in the area to pick up riders. To reserve your seat on the bus, call Frank Socha 570-772-6524.

## LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 1, 2023 Beginning at 2 PM (for 60 to 90 minutes depending on the location). Join the National Life Chain.

Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA. You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer. Bring the whole family – rain or shine. Water, lawn chairs, and umbrellas are welcome. (Please do not park in front of an open business.) Signs will be provided

Bradford County Pennsylvanians for Human Life is Sponsoring the following Life Chains at these locations:  
Athens Township: Elmira Street from 2 to 3:30 PM (across from Wendy's in front of the UPS Store) Chairperson: John Moliski, 570-423-6001  
Canton: Main Street from 2 to 3 PM, Chairperson: Denny Vermilya 570-447-8499  
Dushore: Main Street/on corners by traffic light, from 2 to 3 PM, Chairpersons: Joe and Diane McDonough: 570-928-9621

Meshoppen: Route 6 in front of PS Bank by the blinker, Meshoppen from 2 to 3 PM, Chairperson: Marilyn Bur-

ton: 570-833-4851

Nichols, NY: West River Road at NY 17 Exit from 2 to 3 PM, Chairperson: Sharon Russell: 570-247-7438

Towanda: in front of the Courthouse from 2 to 3:30 PM, Chairperson: Marie Seibert: 570-265-3122

Tunkhannock: In front of Nativity BVM, Route 6, 2 to 3 PM, Diane Stone – 570-836-3275

Wyalusing: In front of St. Mary's, Rt. 6, from 2 to 3 PM; Marilyn Burke – 570-746-1280

Owego, NY: Courthouse Square, 2—3 PM; Rob Howard: 570-395-3417

## NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

### CELEBRATING LIFE

The Knights of Columbus will be at the CHURCH OF CHRIST'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL on Saturday, September 23rd from noon until 4:00 pm. We will be selling chicken speedies to raise money for the Bradford/Sullivan Pennsylvania Special Olympics. The team will be in attendance, including Izaak Hobday, who competed at the World Games in Berlin and took home the gold medal in the 1500 M run and the silver in the 5K run!

Everyone is invited to come support the Knights and meet these talented athletes and our Christian neighbors.



# Celebrating Life Community Festival



**Saturday, Sept. 23**

**Noon- 4:00 PM**

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### FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES

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







## 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.



## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

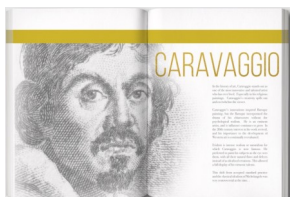
### PADRE PIO: MIRACLE MAN

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



### THE CALLING OF MATTHEW

Dr. Tim Gray provides an extended analysis of Caravaggio's The Calling of St. Matthew.



### THE RELUCTANT SAINT

#### THE STORY OF ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO

This film portrays the life of St. Joseph of Cupertino, the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of seventeenth century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant abbot to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.



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## SEPTEMBER 18 - 24, 2023 READINGS

**Mon** - 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 Lk 7:1-10

**Tues** - 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1-3, 5-6 Lk 7:11-17

**Wed** - 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 7:31-35

**Thurs** - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

**Fri** - 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10 Lk 8:1-3

**Sat** - 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1-5 Lk 8:4-15

**Sun** - Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

## ANNUAL FRUIT PIE SALES

### ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!

It is time for our annual fruit pie sale! The Pumpkin Festival will be held on October 7th & 8th at the Firemen's Field in Canton. Don't think you're locked in to apple pies, people love the fun and unusual flavors, so let your creativity flow! Pie tins and boxes are available for pickup in all three churches. Pie drop-off will be on Friday, October 6th in Saint Michael's Church hall from 10 am until 6 pm.



*Please print the pie flavor neatly on the post-it note on the box.*

You can also volunteer to work the booth on the sign-up sheet in the back of St. Michael's Church, or call the rectory during office hours to see what times still need coverage.

This fundraiser has been very helpful to the fiscal health of our parish and is a great way to build relationships within our community. Both of those things are vitally important. Your help is needed to continue these traditions.

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



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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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at 1:00 pm. We always wel-  
come new members.

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