

JANUARY 14, 2024



THE 2ND 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

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 Church hall

Sun: 10:15 am, St. John Nepomucene  
Church 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, January 13** Weekday  
 VIGIL: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 4:00 pm, Canton † Jean Smegelski  
 (Pauline Mizdail & Family)

**Sunday, January 14** 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo  
 9:30 am, Canton † Shirley McCarthy  
 (Jean & Mike Herman)  
 11:15 am, Troy † Robert DePalma (Jayne Cleveland)

**Monday, January 15** Weekday  
 7:00 am, Rectory † Anna Campbell  
 (Warren & Bernadine Walter)

**Tuesday, January 16** Weekday  
 5:30 pm, Troy † Betty Rieppel (Joan Miller & Family)

**Wednesday, January 17** Saint Anthony, Abbot  
 5:30 pm, Canton † Jack Braion (Jeff & Kelly Farrell)  
 6:00 pm, Holy Hour

**Thursday, January 18** Weekday  
 No Mass

**Friday, January 19** Weekday  
 7:00 am, Rectory † Jim Bogaczyk (Tom Wierbowski)

**Saturday, January 20** Weekday  
 VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

**Sunday, January 21** 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 8:00 am, Ralston † Raymond Watkins  
 (Mr. & Mrs. Harold Andrews)  
 9:30 am, Canton † Ann Mallare (Atty & Mrs. Jerry Brann)  
 11:15 am, Troy † Anna & Walter Tokarz (Betty Tokarz)


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 Christians to live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel of God's love and the dignity of every human life.

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

### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS January 2 - 7, 2024

Weekly Offerings:	1,092.00
One-time Offerings:	1,845.00
Electronic Offerings:	475.00
Other Parish Income:	222.50
 Total Parish Income:	3,634.50
Average weekly expenses:	4,211.61
Difference:	(577.11)
Care & Education of Priests:	212.00

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### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, Tom Ambruch,  
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 Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Leon English, Ben Flood,  
 Melissa Gowan, Cassie Hamburger,  
 Cody Heim, Robert Dale Hostetter, Victoria Johnson,  
 Beatrice Jones, Antoinette King, Theresa Kingsley,  
 David Kule, Jo Kule, Joyce Maloney, Tom McBlane,  
 Darlene McCurdy, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore,  
 Orlando Moralez, Delina Morgan, Leo Parchesky,  
 Ramona Parker, Gary Paquette, Gary Polly,  
 Patricia Rogers, Katy Snyder, Rich Stankiewicz,  
 Mary Catherine Taylor, Joe Turk, Elias Vroman,  
 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.  
 Names remain on the list for 3 months per request.*



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As of January 5th, we are at 84.69% of our \$12,000 parish goal. 10,163 has been donated or pledged. 57 families have donated thus far, which is a participation rate of 39.58% of 144 active families in the parish. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

Parish Financial Report  
St. Michael - Canton  
TREND ANALYSIS

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2016
<b>Revenue</b>					
Collections	181,720	179,389	163,555	167,176	174,663
Faith Formation Fees	694	784	305	268	421
Fundraising/Development (*see bottom of page)	24,118	74,840	12,055	14,228	21,998
Other Income	9,249	9,377	7,182	8,020	9,763
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	2,735			15,100	
Transfers Savings Account/Other		1,902		948	
Diocesan Special Collections	15,617	14,162	7,536	7,970	14,432
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>234,133</b>	<b>280,453</b>	<b>190,633</b>	<b>213,710</b>	<b>221,278</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Administration	122,244	121,771	108,700	126,000	113,108
Rectory	14,200	13,734	16,043	14,288	15,632
Liturgy	13,788	6,896	4,660	7,948	8,520
Faith Formation	3,816	2,640	1,729	2,622	2,106
Social Justice	15,950	20,653	3,900	5,662	6,361
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	25,340	22,188	26,656	22,257	25,961
Fixed Expense	18,665	19,142	16,004	17,271	14,935
Debt Service					
Capital Outlays	5,000				
Designated Expenses/Transfers Out	2,038		(6)	1,073	
Catholic School Assessment	14,400	14,868	15,852	18,840	15,848
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	15,558	15,479	5,882	8,359	13,342
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>250,999</b>	<b>237,371</b>	<b>199,419</b>	<b>224,320</b>	<b>215,813</b>
<b>Parish Surplus/Deficit) - CASH Basis</b>	<b>(16,866)</b>	<b>43,082</b>	<b>(8,786)</b>	<b>(10,610)</b>	<b>5,465</b>
<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations ** (SEE NOTE)**</b>	<b>(124)</b>	<b>5,882</b>	<b>(5,448)</b>	<b>5,049</b>	<b>(5,483)</b>
<b>Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(16,990)</b>	<b>48,964</b>	<b>(14,234)</b>	<b>(5,561)</b>	<b>(18)</b>

**\*\*NOTE\*\***

**Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses**

End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	124	0	5,882	434	5,483
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	0	5,882	434	5,483	0
<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>(124)</b>	<b>5,882</b>	<b>(5,448)</b>	<b>5,049</b>	<b>(5,483)</b>

Diocesan Loan/Debt N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A

\*Fundraising/Development included Bequests & Memorials, so the 2022 number includes proceeds from the Patricia Mack Estate



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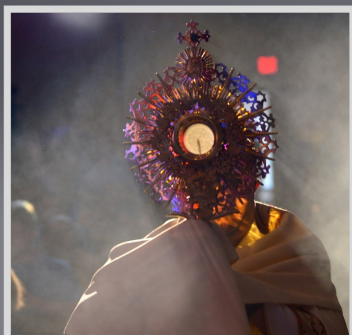
**MARCH 1-2, 2024**

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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations*



Thursday,  
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7:00 PM

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### 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](http://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).

### AVISO AL RESPECTO DE REPORTAR EL ABUSO SEXUAL DE UN MENOR

De Edad Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley. Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. De conformidad con la Comunidad de los Servicios de Protección Infantil de Pennsylvania Leyes, informes de sospecha de abuso de niños también debe hacerse inmediatamente por teléfono las 24 horas maltrato infantil hotline (ChildLine) al 1-800-932-0313 o electrónicamente en [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis)

Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual. Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551).



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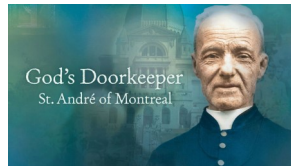


**JANUARY 15 - 21, 2024 READINGS**  
**Mon** - 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Mk 2:18-22  
**Tues** - 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28  
**Wed** - 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6  
**Thurs** - 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-14 Mk 3:7-12  
**Fri** - 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3:13-19  
**Sat** - 2 Sm 1:1-14, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21  
**Sun** - Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

## THIS WEEK ON **FORMED** WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2024

### GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



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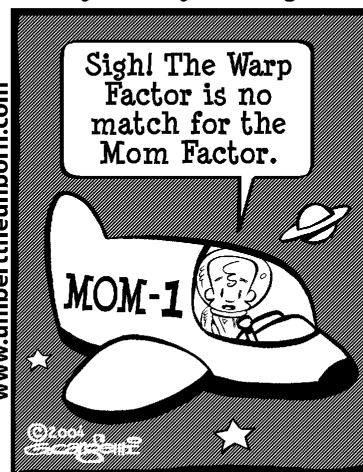
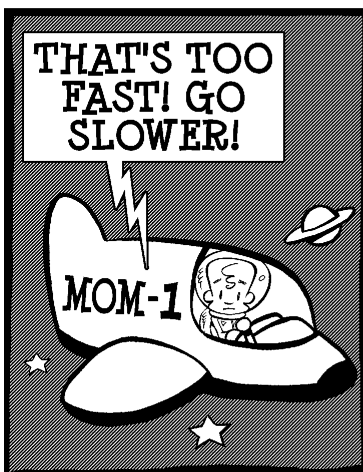
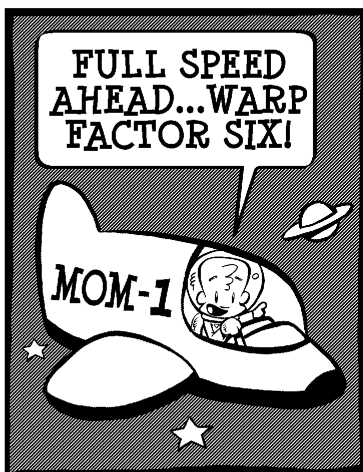
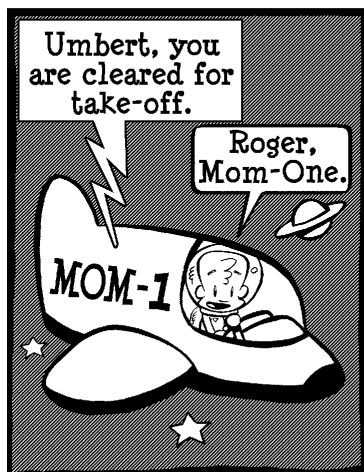
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## Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





### Knights of Columbus Council #5517

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in Saint Michael's church hall  
at 1:00 pm. We always wel-  
come new members.

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