

JANUARY 7, 2024



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ST. MICHAEL

## CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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### 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."

#### Anointing of the Sick

All who are seriously ill, hospitalized, or having surgery can receive this sacrament. Contact the parish office to request 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

St. Michael's Church: 6 - 7 pm Mass on Wednesdays and First Fridays after 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. (2023/24)

Religious Education held on Sundays from September until May  
8:15 am, St. Michael's hall  
10:15 am, St. John's hall

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 6** Christmas Weekday

VIGIL: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:00 pm, Canton † Lyle Mattock (The Hamms)

**Sunday, January 7** THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 am, Ralston † Jean Smigelski (Pat & Joe Cole)

9:30 am, Canton † Christine Marie Vroman  
(Jeff & Beth Cole)

11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

**Monday, January 8** THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:00 am, Rectory † Jasper Santangelo

(The Santangelo Family)

**Tuesday, January 9** Weekday (1st week in Ordinary Time)

5:30 pm, Troy - For the special intentions of

James McCann (Joan Miller)

**Wednesday, January 10** Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † John Campbell

(Tom & Mary Hohman & Family)

6:00 pm, Holy Hour

**Thursday, January 11** Weekday

No Mass

**Friday, January 12** Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Betty Rieppel (Holy Child Ladies Guild)

**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)

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 of us, on this Feast of the Epiphany, to be given the grace to always see in others the face of Christ our Savior.

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

### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS December 26, 2023 - January 1, 2024

Weekly Offerings: 2,282.00

Christmas Offerings: 276.00

Solemnity of Mary Offerings: 647.00

Electronic Offerings: 515.00

Other Parish Income: 4.50



Total Parish Income: 3,724.50

Average weekly expenses: 4,211.61

Difference: (487.11)

Christmas Mass Intentions: 10.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*

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For more information, contact the Office for Parish Life at  
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### 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 & Barbara Clarke, Darlene Cole, Todd Congdon, 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 December 30th, we are at 82.61% of our \$12,000 parish goal. \$9,913 has been donated or pledged. 56 families have donated thus far, which is a participation rate of 38.89% of 144 active families in the parish. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASAP

The Knights of Columbus thank all who made the ASAP maternity item drive a success through their generous donations. The items will be presented to the Canton Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center to aid in their efforts to serve women and babies, both born and unborn. We are grateful for the opportunity to contribute to their life saving work to care for the most vulnerable. The Knights will continue to be there for mothers and their children and we continue to proclaim the dignity of every human life.

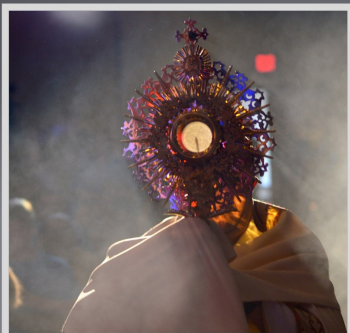


### PARISH REGISTRATION

All Catholics should be registered in their local parish. This helps facilitate many church activities such as requests for the sacraments, sponsor forms, marriage in the church and other religious needs. Registration is part of your commitment to your local church and your desire to be known as a member of the Universal Church. Young adults who have finished high school are encouraged to register in their own name. Contact the rectory office by phone at (570) 673-5253 or by email at [office@stmichaelscanton.com](mailto:office@stmichaelscanton.com) to request a registration form. Thank you.

# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



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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).



**POPE FRANCIS'S  
JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION  
FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN  
THE CHURCH :** Let us pray that  
the Holy Spirit helps us recog-  
nize the gift of different charisms  
within the Christian community,  
and to discover the richness of  
different ritual traditions in the  
heart of the Catholic Church.

# 9 DAYS FOR LIFE



## JANUARY 8 - 14, 2024 READINGS

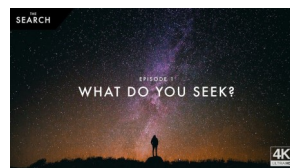
**Mon** - Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38  
Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10 Mk 1:7-11  
**Tues** - 1 Sm 1:9-20 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 Mk 1:21-28  
**Wed** - 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10 Mk 1:29-39  
**Thurs** - 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26  
**Fri** - 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12  
**Sat** - 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2:13-17  
**Sun** - 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42



WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2024

### WHAT DO YOU SEEK? | THE SEARCH | EPISODE 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.



### ARIANISM & APOLLINARIANISM | HERESIES | EPISODE 4

Is Jesus truly God? Learn about the fourth-century heresy, Arianism, and the derivative heresy of Apollinarianism.



### WHO ARE THE MAGI?

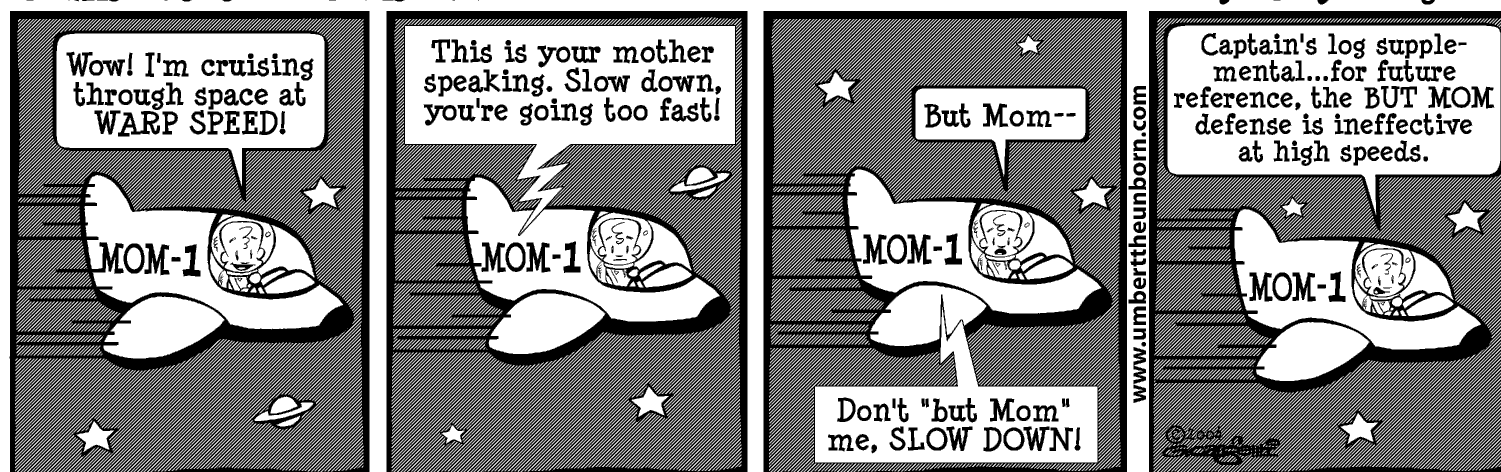
In this FORMED Now! special episode, Dr. Michael Barber sits down to reflect on the Magi from the Gospel accounts and what spiritual lessons can be learned from this historical event recorded in Scripture.



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## Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



*The blessing of a home and inscription of the initials of the three Magi above each door can be performed either by a priest or the head of the household. To ask Father Joe to bless your home with the epiphany blessing, please contact Father Joe directly.*

### BLESSING OF A HOUSE

**PRIEST:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Who made heaven and earth.

**PRIEST:** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE:** And with your spirit

**PRIEST:** Let us pray.

Peace to this house, and to all who enter here. Sprinkle me, O Lord, with blessed water, and I shall be purified; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Have mercy on me, O God, in your great mercy. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Blessed be your name, our God, our shelter from all that homelessness and lack of place can mean. Blessed be your name, for you have sheltered us. Bless now this house, this dwelling place of life and love, for you alone assure the peace and strength, the care that covers all our differences. You make these rooms a source of confidence, of dignity and freedom, for the members of our family household, and therefore for our country and the world. Let your Spirit dwell in us and open us to all who need our hospitality and care. Amen.

#### (SPRINKLE ALL THE ROOMS)

**PRIEST:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen.

**PRIEST:** From the East, the Magi have come to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; Opening their treasuries, they offered Him gifts; gold to the Great King; frankincense to the true God; and myrrh for His burial.

*(Priest then marks the door with blessed chalk in honor of the Three Kings: Casper, Melchior and Balthasar.*

*Letters are written first, then crosses, then numbers.)*

20 † C † M † B † 24



**PRIEST:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**ALL:** Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**PRIEST:** Oh Lord, hear our prayer

**ALL:** And let our cry come unto you.

**PRIEST:** The Lord be with you,

**ALL:** And with your spirit.

**PRIEST:** Let us pray.

Oh Lord, God Almighty, bless this home † and under its shelter let there be peace, health, happiness, humility, chastity, goodness, kindness, prosperity, obedience to Your Commandments, and thanksgiving. Protect this house from fire, disaster or anyone who would want to enter it unlawfully. May these blessings descend abundantly on this home, and remain always in the heart of those who dwell here.

**ALL:** Amen

#### (CONCLUDING PRAYER)

**PRIEST:** Come, Lord God, we humbly beg you, and fill this house with the serenity of your love, joy and peace. Shower your benediction and grace in abundance upon all who dwell herein. May the peace and blessing of almighty God rest upon this house and all who dwell in it.

**ALL:** Amen.





### Knights of Columbus Council #5517

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

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