

FEBRUARY 18, 2024



THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 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 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, February 17 Saturday after Ash Wednesday

VIGIL: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm, Canton † Helen Herko (Cheryl Carlonas)

Sunday, February 18 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am, Ralston † Jack Seitzinger (Deb Fitzwater)

9:30 am, Canton † Monty Spencer & Mike Acresti
(Jeff & Beth Cole)

11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

Monday, February 19 Lenten Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Conrad Lindquist

(Anna Bogaczyk & Family)

5:30 - 7:00 pm, Canton, The Light is ON For You

Tuesday, February 20 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Camilla DeLorenzo

(Lou & Olivia Mitcheltree)

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, February 21 Lenten Weekday

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

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Thurs, Feb 22 THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE
No Mass

Friday, February 23 Lenten Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Robert Schwarz (Joan Miller & Family)

Saturday, February 24 Lenten Weekday

VIGIL: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Sunday, February 25 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (Michel A. Skipper)


11:15 am, Troy † James Curyk (Stephanie Olver)

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 help married couples struggling with infertility to trust in His love and to be sustained with His peace.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS February 5 - 11, 2024

Weekly Offerings:	2,468.00
Altar & Rosary Dues:	26.00
Electronic Offerings:	475.00
Other Parish Income:	405.50
 Total Parish Income:	3,374.50
Average weekly expenses:	4,124.61
Difference:	(750.11)
Care & Education of Priests:	122.00

Thank you for your continued support.

To request a 2023 Contribution Statement, call or email the parish office or write "Statement" on your offertory envelope. Statements can be emailed, mailed or held at the office to be picked up during office hours.

Lent Is...

Lent is a time of preparing,

A time for forgiveness and a time for sharing;

A time to give to others and show some caring,

Lent is a direction with just the right bearing.

A forty day period of penitence and fasting,

That should remain in our hearts for a time everlasting.

Although it's observed from Ash Wednesday to Easter by many churches,

It should affect everyone's life, for we're all searchers;

Looking for a purpose in life, a new direction;

And Lent is a way filled with affection,

For it paved the way for Christ's resurrection.

Lent is a time for feeling sorrow for our misdeeds.

It provides us with a way of fulfilling our needs;

The need to abstain from what is wrong,

And follow in the footsteps of Christ all along.

Author: Father Joe Kutch (1981)

SAINT MICHAELS ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL PIEROGI SALE!

Order forms are in all three churches and on the parish website. We are taking orders through Friday, February 23rd.



Pierogies will be picked up in St. Michael's Hall on:

- Friday, March 1st from Noon to 5 pm
- Saturday, March 2nd from Noon until 2 pm
- Sunday, March 3rd from 10:30 am until 11:00 am

Pierogi making in St. Michael's Hall will be Monday, February 26th through Thursday, February 29th from 9 am until 2 pm with lunch provided. Come for an hour or spend the day. **Everyone** is invited!!

There is also a sign up sheet in St. Michael's Church for the donation of ingredients.

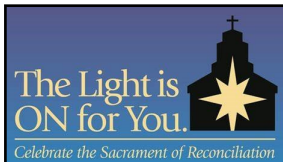
SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

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.



**POPE FRANCIS'S
FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION**
FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL: Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in St. Michael's Church on Mondays during Lent from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.

**DIOCESE OF SCRANTON - SAYRE DEANERY
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Thursday, March 7, 7:00 pm
Epiphany Parish, 304 S. Elmer Ave., Sayre, PA 18840

CONGRATULATIONS to
Alexander and Amanda Bower
on the baptism of their daughter,
Penelope June Bower
on February 11th in
Saint John Nepomucene Church, Troy.



FOOD FOR FAMILIES

This Lenten initiative is a featured program of the Knights of Columbus. During Lent we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Pascal Mystery of our Lord's death and resurrection by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lent is the perfect liturgical season to help those in our community experiencing food insecurity. Consider donating 1 food item per day for the 40 days of Lent. The program will benefit the food pantries of Canton and Troy. Sadly the reality is that more help is needed. In Canton alone, the CAFR reports that service to 40 families per month is now up to 79 families per month. Last year the CAFR had a deficit of \$7,384.91 which they had to use to purchase food to keep up with the demand.

Please help by making a food donation part of your Lenten almsgiving.

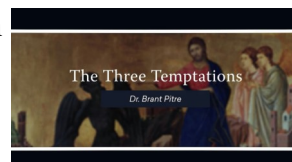
FEBRUARY 19 - 25, 2024 READINGS

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46
Tues: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15
Wed: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32
Thurs: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19
Fri: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
Sat: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48
Sun: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15-19
Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2024

THE THREE TEMPTATIONS WITH DR. BRANT PITRE
Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.



THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH | ETERNAL REST | EPISODE 3
The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



TALKING BACK: SCRIPTURE'S TO ANSWER COMMON FEARS | FEARLESS | EPISODE 3

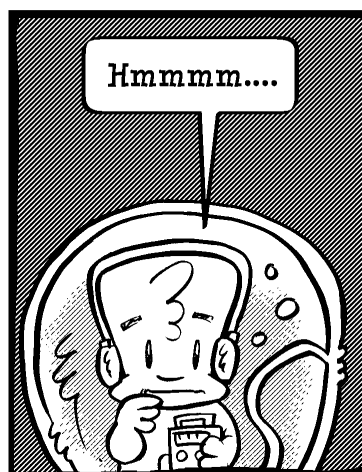
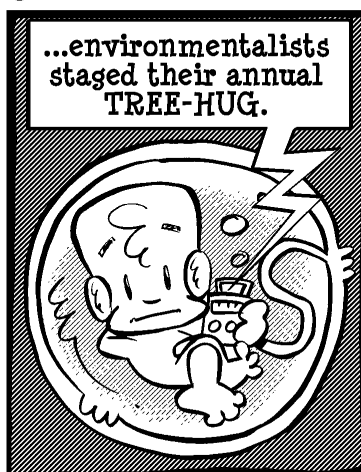
How can the Word of God help us face fear and win back victory from the Enemy's control? Chris continues his conversation with Fr. Dave Pivonka about how people of faith address fear. Scripture provides concrete ways to wield the power of God's Word against the fear of need, abandonment, vulnerability, condemnation, and more. Unlock the means for the Lord to free you from all fear..



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Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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

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