

FEBRUARY 11, 2024



THE 6TH 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

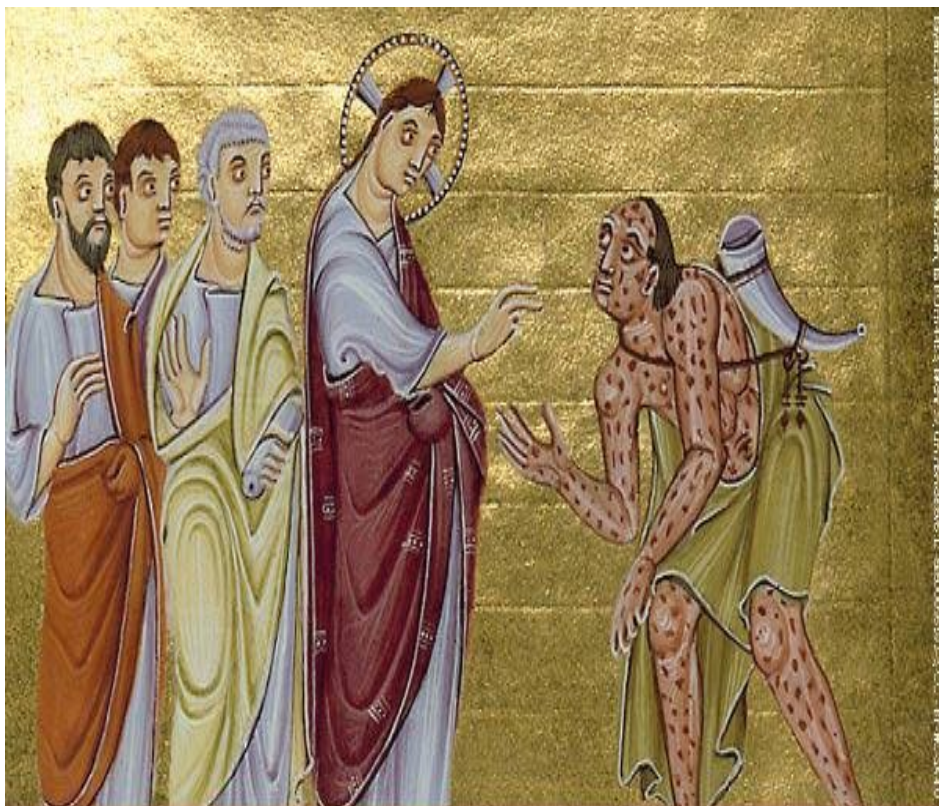
To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know the month before.

C.C.D. (2023/24)

(Religious education classes
held during the school year)

Sun: 8:15 am, St. Michael Church hall

Sun: 10:15 am, St. John Nepomucene
Church hall



I DO WILL IT. BE MADE CLEAN.

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 10 Saint Scholastica, Virgin
VIGIL: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 4:00 pm, Canton † Isabelle Loftus & Dorothy Ferretti
 (Their Families)

Sunday, February 11 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
 9:30 am, Canton † Mark Kingsley
 (George & Theresa Kingsley)
 11:15 am, Troy † James Curyk (Drew Olver)

Monday, February 12 Weekday
 7:00 am, Rectory For the special intentions of
 Jerry & Alice Rushin (John & Pat Rushin)

Tuesday, February 13 Weekday
 5:30 pm, Troy † Betty Rieppel (Suzanne Kick)

Wednesday, February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY
 12:10 pm, Troy † Joseph Ambrose (Dee Borden)
 5:30 pm, Canton † Lois Rook (Jeff & Beth Cole)
 Stations of the Cross following the 5:30 pm Mass

Thursday, Feb 15 Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 No Mass

Friday, February 16 Friday after Ash Wednesday
 7:00 am, Rectory † Anna Maria Batista (Family)

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 (Jeff & Beth Cole)
 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 the openness of all married couples to
 new life to bear witness to the generous love of
 God.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS January 29 - February 4, 2024

Weekly Offerings:	2,540.00
Altar & Rosary Dues:	15.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,530.00
Other Parish Income:	191.51
 Total Parish Income:	4,276.51
Average weekly expenses:	4,124.61
Difference:	151.90
Care & Education of Priests:	368.00

Thank you for your continued support.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 11, 2024
 St. Michael's Church Hall
 Following the 9:30 am Mass until 11:00 am
 Pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, coffee, tea
Donation at the Door



CHILI COOKOFF

St. Michael's Cemetery Association
 will be hosting a Chili cook-off on Feb-
 ruary 13th, (Ash Wednesday is Febru-
 ary 14th) in St. Michael's Church Hall
 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. There will be a \$5 entry fee for
 each chili to be judged. Chilis can be donated without
 being in the competition. Prizes will be awarded for the
 hottest (yet still edible), best mild and best unique chilis.
 Prizes include a portion of the entry fees and, of course,
 BRAGGING RIGHTS! We also need donations of muffins,
 crackers, corn bread, or any other side dish that will pair
 well with chili. Beverages will be provided. All are in-
 vited to attend, donations will be accepted at the door.



SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, Tom Ambruch,
 Karl Barton, April Bilbrey, Joseph Blaszczyk, 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 Morales, 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.*

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
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LENTEN HOLY HOUR with Bishop Bambera

**Thursday, March 7
 at 7:00 P.M.**

Epiphany Parish
 304 South Elmer Avenue
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NATIONAL
 Eucharistic
 Revival





**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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jessica Johnson on the baptism of her daughters:

*Sophia Jane Johnson
Ximena Yamilith Hernandez
Aubrianna Marie Hernandez*
on February 4th in

Saint Michael's Church, Canton.
Congratulations also go to godparents
Jeff and Beth Cole.



THIS WEEK ON
FORMED

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2024

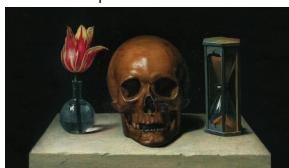
WHOLE 40: MAKING A SPIRITUAL PLAN FOR LENT

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



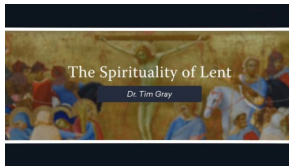
THE STORY OF DEATH | ETERNAL REST | EPISODE 1

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.



THE SPIRITUALITY OF LENT

Looking to take Lent more seriously this year? Join Tim Gray for ideas for a Lenten spirituality.



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Use zip code 17724 to find our parish

FEBRUARY 12 - 18, 2024 READINGS

Mon: Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76

Mk 8:11-13

Tues: Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21

Wed: Jl 12-18 Ps 51:3-6a, 12-14, 17 2 Cor 5:20—6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25

Fri: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

Sat: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

Sun: Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

**SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN
CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

On ASH WEDNESDAY we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at www.usccb.org/ccce.

#iGiveCatholicTogether (<https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccbchurch-in-central-and-eastern-europe>) also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

Envelopes are by the bulletins if you would like your contribution recorded for tax purposes.



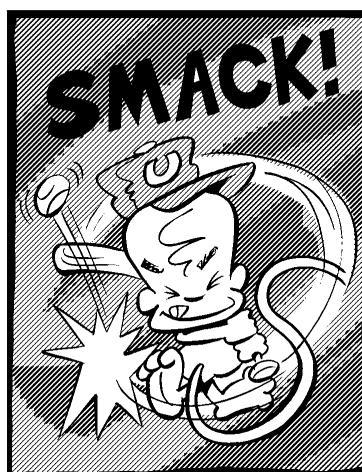
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or visit
annualappeal.org



As of February 2nd, we are at 125.82% of our \$12,000 parish goal. \$15,098 has been donated or pledged. 69 families have donated thus far, which is a participation rate of 47.91% of 144 active families in the parish. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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Looking for new members.
Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 7:15 in St. Michael's Hall.



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all women of
the parish. We meet on the
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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LENT 2024



= a day of fasting and abstinence from meat

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Sunday			Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		
<p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p>															
18	Scroll through your phone contacts and offer your Communion for whichever person you land on.	19	Keep custody of the thoughts: give up complaining, rash judgement, and negative self-talk. See holiness -- and productivity! -- increase.	20	Pick a saint to accompany you during Lent. Learn more about them and ask them to pray for you.	21	Find a pro-life pregnancy center near you and ask how you can help them support the women and their babies.	14	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Attend Mass and receive ashes. Prayerfully choose Lenten offerings of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.	15	Set aside an empty jar for loose change. When it's full, donate it to the poor box at church.	16	Offer up every time you're tempted to have meat for those who can't afford to have meat regularly.	17	Adopt a seminarian or consecrated religious to pray for this Lent. Check your diocesan website to see who is in discernment.
25	Stay after Mass and pray for the intentions of the pope.	26	Ask God to remind you of His love for you today -- it's a prayer He loves to answer. Thank Him tonight before bed.	27	Make a small sacrifice today for souls, e.g., no cream in your coffee, no snacks before dinner.	28	Give up worry. Write down what worries you and leave it before an image of Jesus, surrendering it to His care.	6	Meditate on Scripture on-the-go. Copy down a favorite Bible verse and carry it with you all day. Pray with it whenever you have to wait.	7	Catch up with a friend you haven't heard from in a while.	8	Attend a Stations of the Cross service or pray them on your own. Find them here: www.usccb.org .	9	Give others the gift of your presence: ask about their work, interests, or family, and listen attentively while they speak.
3	Meditate on today's Gospel (John 2:13-25). Where can you "clean the temple" of your heart to make more room for God?	4	Learn something new about your Faith: skim the glossary of the Catechism for an unfamiliar term and learn more about it.	5	Check out Catholic Relief Services at www.crs.org to see how you can help support any of their projects.	6	Meditate on Scripture on-the-go. Copy down a favorite Bible verse and carry it with you all day. Pray with it whenever you have to wait.	13	Do a thorough Examination of Conscience, then go to Confession to be freed of your sins and experience God's mercy.	14	Today, choose kindness. Resolve to smile at everyone you meet.	15	Make an additional, small sacrifice of your choosing and pray for the unborn children and their mothers.	16	Volunteer at a retirement community. Call ahead and ask how you can serve (e.g., reading to the residents, donating needed items).
10	<i>Laetare Sunday</i> Rejoice! Have some holy fun after Mass today.	11	This whole week, give up recreational screen time after 9PM and give that time to God.	12	Renew your commitment to your Lenten promises.	13	Do a thorough Examination of Conscience, then go to Confession to be freed of your sins and experience God's mercy.	20	Drop off the box of clothes at its destination.	21	Find time today to visit the Blessed Sacrament, even if briefly. Pray that everyone has a safe and spiritually fruitful Holy Week.	22	The King is coming! Clean the house in preparation for Palm Sunday.	23	Praying for the dead is a work of mercy. Visit a cemetery and pray for the souls there.
17	Consider offering your Communion at Mass for missionaries, teachers, and catechists -- anyone who passes on the Faith.	18	Until the end of Lent, only buy essentials, like food, medicine, etc.	19	<i>St. Joseph's Day</i> Happy Solemnity! Enjoy pastries today to celebrate. Prayerfully entrust husbands and fathers to St. Joseph's protection.	20	Drop off the box of clothes at its destination.	27	Today recalls Judas' betrayal of Christ. Ask forgiveness from those you have hurt. Forgive those who have hurt you.	28	Today, Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. Send a priest a thank-you card for all the ways he's served you.	29	<i>Good Friday</i> Read Mark 15 and reflect on Jesus' love for you. Name one way you'll return His love.	30	<i>Holy Saturday</i> Light a candle and renew your baptismal vows to remain faithful to God this coming year.
24	<i>Palm Sunday</i> During the Gospel readings at Mass, imagine you're in the scene. How would you respond?	25	Offer extra prayers today for those coming into the Church at Easter.	26	Evaluate your Lent. Where did you see spiritual growth? What would you do differently next year?	27	Today recalls Judas' betrayal of Christ. Ask forgiveness from those you have hurt. Forgive those who have hurt you.	20	Drop off the box of clothes at its destination.	21	Find time today to visit the Blessed Sacrament, even if briefly. Pray that everyone has a safe and spiritually fruitful Holy Week.	22	The King is coming! Clean the house in preparation for Palm Sunday.	23	Praying for the dead is a work of mercy. Visit a cemetery and pray for the souls there.