

MARCH 17, 2024



THE 5TH 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

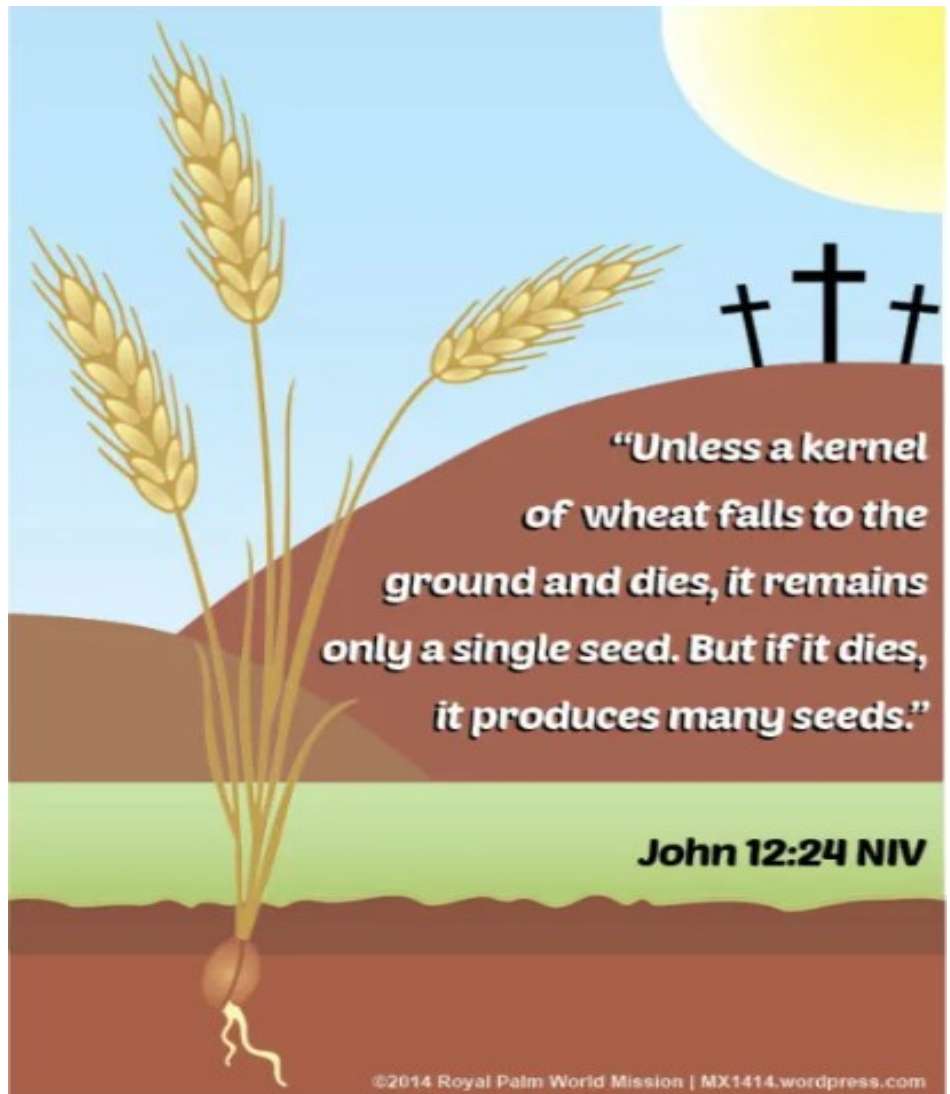
To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know the month before.

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, March 16 Lenten Weekday

VIGIL: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm, Canton † Richard Ross (The Family)

Sunday, March 17 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Justin Lagacowski (St. Michael's A&R)

11:15 am, Troy † Genievieve Eels (The Gardner Family)

Monday, March 18 Lenten Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Robert Schwarz (Robert Halmak)

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

Tuesday, March 19 Lenten Weekday

No Mass or Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 20 Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Jack, Bud & Paul Rushin

(John & Pat Rushin)

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 21 Lenten Weekday

No Mass

Friday, March 22 Lenten Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Arlene Valkner (Leona Winder)

Saturday, March 23 Lenten Weekday

VIGIL: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

4:00 pm, Canton † Russell & Marie O'Neal

(John & Pat Rushin)

Sunday, March 24 PALM SUNDAY OF THE

PASSION OF THE LORD

8:00 am, Ralston † Margaret Walker (John & May Eikman)

9:30 am, Canton † Claudia Blaney (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 all those receiving hospice care to receive respect and protection for their lives.

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

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

March 4 - 10, 2024

Weekly Offerings: 2,241.00

Electronic Offerings: 475.00

Other Parish Income: 121.68



Total Parish Income: 2,837.68

Average weekly expenses: 4,124.61

Difference: (1,286.93)

Catholic Relief Services: 345.58

Care & Education of Priests: 22.00

Thank you for your continued support.

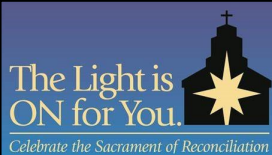
To request a 2023 Contribution Statement, call or email the parish office or write "Statement" on your offertory envelope. Statements can be emailed, mailed or held at the office to be picked up during office hours.

ANNUAL CHRISM MASS

All the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Ave. Scranton, on Tuesday, March 26th at 4 pm. At this Mass, priests from throughout the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before the Bishop, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support our priests and to express our unity as the Diocese of Scranton.

For reserved seating, please contact the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 or email

oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org.



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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, MARCH 24

Regular weekend Mass schedule

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper, Saint Michael's Church

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

12:00 pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Saint Michael's Church

7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross followed by a meatless meal, Saint Michael's Church & hall

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

12:00 pm: Blessing of the Easter Baskets, Saint John Nepomucene Church

1:00 pm: Blessing of the Easter Baskets, Saint Michael's Church

8:00 pm: Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, Saint Michael's Church

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Regular Sunday Mass schedule

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, Cathy Asbury, Karl Barton, April Bilbrey, Cassi Blaney, 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, Mary Nybeck, 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



POPE FRANCIS'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

FOR THE NEW MARTYRS: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, June 23rd, 2024
2:30pm
Cathedral of St. Peter
315 Wyoming Ave, Scranton PA 18503

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2024 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 23rd. The event includes a 2:30 pm Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a reception. The registration deadline for this event is May 26, 2024. To register, please go to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org> or contact Bridget Guarnieri by phone at (570) 207-2213 x 1133 or by email at familylife@dioceseofscranton.org.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES

March 24

2:00 pm, St. Basil's Church, Dushore
4:30 pm, Church of Epiphany, Sayre

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Lent is the perfect liturgical season to help those in our community experiencing food insecurity. Please consider donating 1 food item per day for the 40 days of Lent as part of your Lenten almsgiving.



MARCH 18 - 24, 2024 READINGS

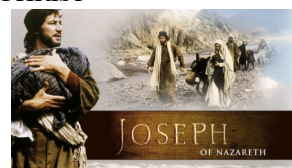
Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-6
Jn 8:1-11
Tues: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-+14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Lk 2:41-51a
Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56
Jn 8:31-42
Thurs: Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59
Fri: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42
Sat: Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56
Sun: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession)
Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24
Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1—15:47

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2024

JOSEPH OF NAZARETH: THE STORY OF THE MAN CLOSEST TO CHRIST

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



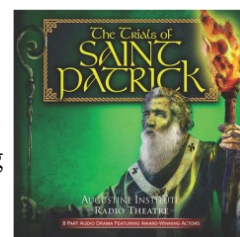
AN ENCOUNTER WITH MERCY

We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so.



THE TRIALS OF SAINT PATRICK

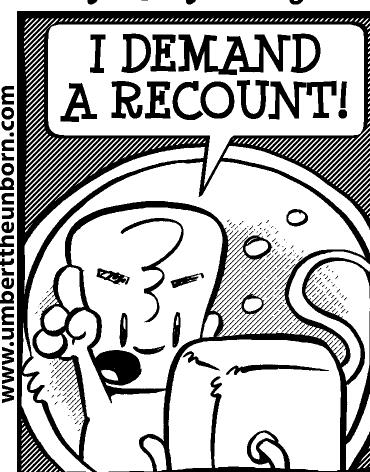
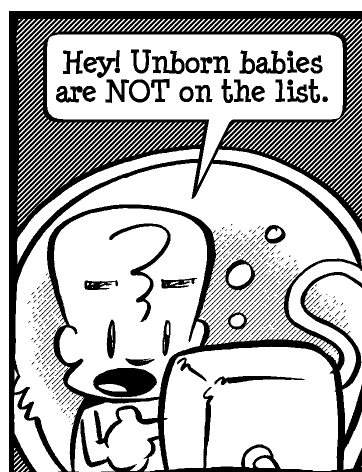
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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY - 7:30AM - 9:00PM

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