

MARCH 24, 2024



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

ST. MICHAEL

CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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Happy Palm Sunday

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

Pastoral Council: David Beahm, David Brann, Leslie Debach, Will Hawrylo,
Jean Herman, Ralph Lepper, Sherry Vargson, Sarah Watson - youth representative

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 25 Monday of Holy Week
7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Tuesday, March 26 Tuesday of Holy Week
No Mass or Stations of the Cross (Chrism Mass)

Wednesday, March 27 Wednesday of Holy Week
No Mass or Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 28 HOLY THURSDAY
7:00 pm, Canton † Holy Souls in Purgatory (Cathy Asbury)

Friday, March 29 GOOD FRIDAY
12:00 pm, Canton - Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00 pm, Canton - Stations of the Cross
followed by a meatless meal in the hall

Saturday, March 30 HOLY SATURDAY
VIGIL: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
8:00 pm, Canton † Easter Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 31 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
8:00 am, Ralston † Easter Mass Intentions
9:30 am, Canton † Pro Populo
11:15 am, Troy † Easter Mass Intentions

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 mothers facing difficult pregnancies to be lovingly accompanied as they prepare to encounter Christ anew through the gift of their children.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS March 11 - 17, 2024

Weekly Offerings:	2,587.00
Electronic Offerings:	475.00
Other Parish Income:	1,360.50
Total Parish Income:	4,422.50
Average weekly expenses:	4,124.61
Difference:	297.89
Care & Education of Priests:	29.00
Catholic Relief Services:	5.00



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.

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.

For reserved seating, please contact the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 or email oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES

March 24

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

BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

12:00 pm: Saint John's Church

1:00 pm: Saint Michael's Church

Father Joe will bless all Easter baskets, whether they have chocolate, jelly beans, and other treats; or the much older Eastern European tradition which includes symbolic foods. Below is a link to a nice article about putting together one of these baskets and the symbolism behind each item.

<https://www.thespruceeats.com/easter-food-baskets-blessing-tradition-1136995>

CABRINI

Thanks to the generosity of Saint Michael's Altar & Rosary Society and the Knights of Columbus, thirty seven 1/2 price tickets to the April 5th, 6th and 7th showings of the movie CABRINI at the Rialto Theatre in Canton are available for Saint Michael's parishioners. Contact Denise Morris at (570) 673-3642 to get the required coupon.



SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, Cathy Asbury, Karl Barton, April Bilbrey, Cassi Blaney, 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, Carol MacElhaney, Joyce Maloney, Tom McBlane, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, Orlando Morales, Delina Morgan, Brett Neely, 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

Contact the parish office to add a name to the prayer list.



POPE FRANCIS'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

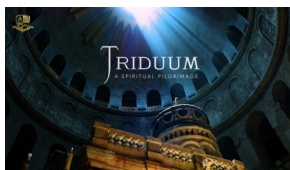
FOR THE NEW MARTYRS: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2024

TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

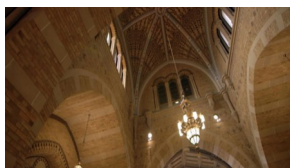
Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history.



Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

EMBRACED IN MERCY: THE RITE EXPLAINED

Whether you go to Confession regularly or a decade ago, this session guides you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Rite—what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life.



HOLY THURSDAY

CATHOLIC ALL YEAR AT HOME W/ KENDRA TIERNEY

Explore Holy Thursday contradictions with the Tierney family: joyful Eucharist and sacramental priesthood vs. somber start of Jesus' passion. Get family activity ideas, music suggestions, and a Holy Thursday seder-inspired feast featuring lamb, knishes, bitter herb salad, homemade applesauce, flatbread, and wine/grape juice. Don't miss a messy but special dessert.



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MARCH 25 - 31, 2024 READINGS

Mon: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

Tues: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21bcd-22, 31, 33-34

Mt 26:14-25

Thurs: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18

1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-5

Fri: Is 52:13—53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42

Sat: Gn 1:1—2:2 Ps 16:5, 8-11

Ex 14:15—15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18

Is 55:1-11 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4-6

Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Mk 16:1-7

Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Col 3:1-4 or Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

The Knights of Columbus of St. Michael Parish will host an exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles April 5th - 7th. The exhibit includes 80 educational story panels documenting Eucharistic miracles recognized by the universal Catholic Church throughout the ages. The exhibit will be open for public display Friday, April 5th from 7 am - 7 pm (Eucharistic Adoration will also be available during this time), Saturday, April 6th from 12 noon - 5 pm, and Sunday, April 7th from 8 am - 1 pm. During this time of Eucharistic Revival, come and see these signs that Jesus gave to us of His Real Presence in the Eucharist.

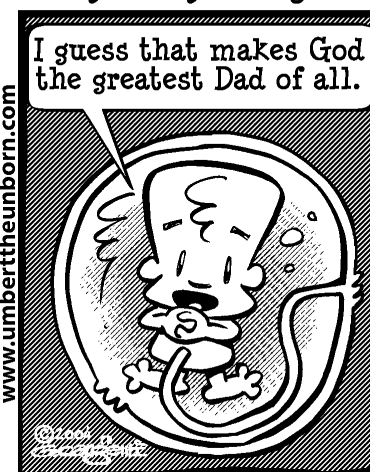
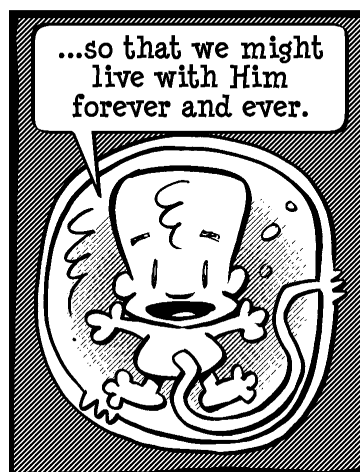
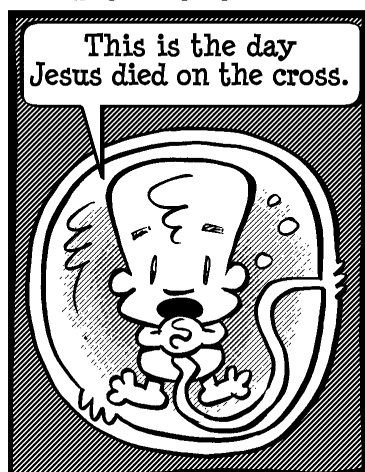


WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life invites 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. 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.

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Knights of Columbus Council #5517

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