

MAY 26, 2024



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 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, May 25 Weekday
 VIGIL: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
 4:00 pm, Canton † Jeff Wynne (The Family)

Sunday, May 26 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
 9:30 am, Canton † Bill & Bonnie Spencer
(Jeff & Beth Cole)
 11:15 am, Troy † Bea Chamberlain (Richelle Gwin)

Monday, May 27 Weekday
 7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Tuesday, May 28 Weekday
No Mass

Wednesday, May 29 Weekday
 5:30 pm, Canton † Thomas Ambruch (St. Michael's A&R)
 6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, May 30 Weekday
No Mass

Friday, May 31 Weekday
 7:00 am, Rectory † Ann Polly (Shirley Grantier)

Saturday, June 1 Saint Justin, Martyr
 VIGIL: THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
 4:00 pm, Canton † Mary & John Lynch (Clorinda Lynch)

Sunday, June 2 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)
 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
 9:30 am, Canton † Mary Lou Oppenheimer
(Gerald & Joy Brann)
 11:15 am, Troy † Mia Tapin (Joe & Theresa Sheridan)

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 to more deeply respect the gift of each person, who is created and called to holiness by the gracious action of the Trinity.

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

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. Contact the rectory office to request a registration form. Thank you.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS May 13 - 19, 2024

Weekly Offerings:	2,226.00
Electronic Offerings:	475.00
Other Parish Income:	228.50
Total Parish Income:	2,929.50
Average weekly expenses:	4,124.61
Difference:	(1,191.11)

Thank you for your continued support.

ENDLESS MOUNTAINS PREGNANCY CARE CENTER 2024 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



Baby bottles are in all three churches for this year's baby bottle campaign. Please take a bottle and fill it with coins, bills, or even checks (made out to EMPCC) and return it by Father's Day, June 16th. Your generosity in this campaign is greatly appreciated.

ALTAR & ROSARY NEWS

JOINT ALTAR & ROSARY DINNER

6:00 pm, Monday, June 17, 2024
 Saint Michael's Hall

Choice of meatloaf or baked chicken
 scalloped potatoes, green beans, corn
 rolls & butter, cake & cookies

\$15/person, Deadline to sign up is June 9

There are 3 ways to make your reservation (choose one)

1. Sign up sheets are in all three churches
2. Call (570) 419-1980
3. Visit <https://stmichaelscanton.com/news/joint-altar-rosary-dinner/> and complete the online form.

ANNUAL YARD SALE

Spring Cleaning? Please remember our Annual Yard Sale. Set aside clean, sellable items. *(No clothing, mattresses, computer monitors, large furniture or large appliances, please.)* Drop offs will be July 5, 6 and 7 from Noon to 4 pm. The sale will be July 12 & 13 from 8 am to 3 pm. Help make our yard sale a success!



Thanks - Joanne Kropf



Catholic Women's Conference

June 7 evening and June 8 day, 2024

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For more information and to register, visit:

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/catholic-womens-conference-2024/>

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, 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, Joyce Maloney, Tom McBlane, Bunny Meuse,
 Bernadette Moore, Orlando Morales, Delina Morgan,
 Brett Neely, Mary Nybeck, Leo Parchesky,
 Ramona Parker, Gary Paquette, Lori Pellegrini,
 Gary Polly, Patricia Rogers, Katy Snyder,
 Rich Stankiewicz, Joe Turk, Elias Vroman,
 Matthew Warren, Calvin Watson, 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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June 2024

St. Michael Parish

One Minute Meditations

St. Anthony of Padua

Born Fernando de Bulhom in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195,

St. Anthony was inspired to join the Franciscans after hearing the news of five martyred Franciscans, taking the name "Anthony." At a meeting of the Dominican and Franciscan Orders, St. Anthony was spontaneously asked to preach a sermon. His listeners were so inspired, St. Francis charged him with overseeing the studies of Franciscans. He is known for working miracles and receiving a vision of the Christ Child.



The face of Christ

How do you show the face of Christ to people around you? Do you bake for others? Can you sing or play music for others' enjoyment? If you have a car can you drive people who need rides to church or their doctors? Whatever you can offer, your community can use it. Call your parish to find out how you can help.

"One loving spirit sets another on fire."
St. Augustine
(Confessions)



Thrive spiritually in today's secular world

One challenge for contemporary Catholics is balancing a faithful, God-centered life with the secular temptations of modern society. Here's how we can constructively engage with the world while staying devout:

Active participation:

Regularly engage in parish activities. Attend weekly Mass, partake in Sacraments, and support parish outreach programs. These activities strengthen our religious identity and nurture a supportive faith community.

Grow in knowledge:

Enhance your understanding of Catholic teachings, history, and tradition through formal education if available, personal reading, or online forums such as Formed.org or Wordonfire.org. Consult your priest for additional recommendations.

Weave faith into daily life:

Incorporate prayer and devotion into

your daily routines. Dedicate at least 15 minutes to prayer each day, observe seasonal devotions, and celebrate Catholic liturgical feasts to connect faith with everyday life.

Dialogue with others of different faiths: Engage in discussions with people of differing religious beliefs to deepen your own spiritual understanding and commitment. This not only challenges you to know and critically consider your faith but also helps you articulate your beliefs clearly, fostering a deeper personal connection to Catholicism.

Community engagement: Actively participate in service activities that reflect Catholic values. This practical application of your beliefs demonstrates a faith committed to loving your neighbor.

By embracing these practices, we can maintain our Catholic identity and have a positive impact on others.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we believe the Catholic Church is the "original" one?

Catholics believe the Catholic Church is the "original" church, because it is the only one founded by Jesus Christ. Apostolic Succession means there is an unbroken papal line starting with St. Peter, emphasizing divine continuity. Early Church

Tradition is the foundation of what has become widespread practices in Christianity. The role of the Roman See, with the Pope as Peter's successor, centralized Church authority. Doctrinal continuity means that teachings and practices align closely with early Christian doctrines, asserting spiritual and historical continuity.



June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a symbol of His passionate love for us and a reminder of the cost of our salvation. Consider these simple ways to honor His heart this month:

Make the morning offering daily: Begin each day with a prayer of dedication to the Sacred Heart, "O Jesus, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings today, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, for the intentions of Your Sacred Heart." This daily offering reinforces our connection to His divine love.



Display the image of the Sacred Heart: Jesus promised to bless every place where the image of His Heart is exposed and honored. Display the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your workspace, car, or home as a reminder of God's promised blessing.

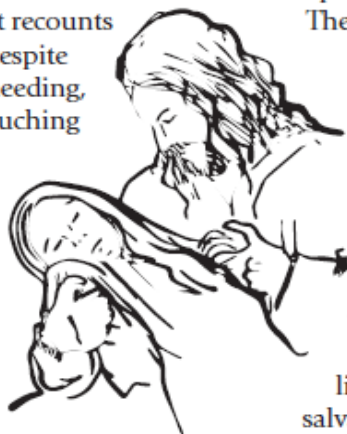
Return love for Love: Each Friday, imitate Jesus' love by acknowledging His ultimate act of love on Good Friday. Choose a sacrifice to make every Friday this June, as a gesture of love, gratitude, humility, and reparation.

from Scripture

Mark 5:21-43, Faith in action

This passage tells of two miracles Jesus worked to demonstrate the crucial importance of faith. It recounts the story of a woman who, despite suffering from continuous bleeding, demonstrated her faith by touching Jesus' cloak, and Jairus, who pleaded for his dying daughter even after learning of her death. These examples teach us the importance of a proactive and trusting faith.

In these accounts, Jesus' actions underscore His compassion and willingness to assist those marginalized by society, such as the woman deemed unclean. He provided hope and healing through



acts of kindness, urging us to emulate His example.

The text illustrates how Jesus instills hope, even in dire circumstances like the death of Jairus' daughter. It reassures us that no situation is too desperate, and that we can rely on Jesus' aid, for even death is within His domain.

Ultimately, our joy in life and our eternal salvation hinge on possessing an active faith. This faith should not only trust in Jesus' help but also extend compassion and maintain hope during challenging times.

Feasts & Celebrations

June 2 – Corpus Christi Sunday. On this solemnity, we celebrate the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Pope Urban IV ordered a Church-wide celebration for Corpus Christi in 1264.

June 6 – St. Norbert (1134). St. Norbert lived in twelfth century Prémontré, France. He is known for founding the Norbertines to combat heresies and religious indifference. The Norbertines successfully converted heretics, reconciled enemies, and

rekindled the faith in indifferent believers.

June 11 - St. Barnabas (First Century). A contemporary of the Apostles, his name means "son of encouragement." He was also a sponsor for St. Paul and accompanied him on his first evangelical journey.

June 26 – St. Josemaría Escrivá (1975). Born in Barbastro, Spain in 1902, St. Josemaría was ordained a priest in 1925. He ministered secretly during the religious persecution of the Spanish Civil War. In 1928, he founded the Opus Dei organization for those living in the world to become holy by dedicating their daily duties to God.



Q & A What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Eucharistic Adoration is a profound encounter with Jesus Christ outside the liturgy of the Mass. Before the Blessed Sacrament displayed in a monstrance, we engage in a deep act of worship and honor towards God's tangible presence. This practice enriches our spirituality with:



Deepened awareness: In the silence, amidst distractions, we realize God listens, cherishes, and watches over us intimately, enhancing our awareness of His presence in all life's facets.

Strengthened faith: What appears to be mere bread is, in fact, the divine — Jesus Christ in His entirety: Body, Blood, soul, and divinity. Spending time in Adoration is a profound declaration of belief, reinforcing our faith and deepening our understanding.

Enhanced longing for the Mass: Love compels us to give fully of ourselves. Just as Jesus offers His whole self during Mass, He invites us to reciprocate with our entire being, deepening our relationship with Him through this sacred exchange.

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POPE FRANCIS'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION

FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



WEEK OF MAY 26, 2024

1 AND 2 KINGS | OLD TESTAMENT: BOOK OVERVIEWS
THE BIBLE PROJECT

Watch our overview video on the books of 1-2 Kings, which breaks down the literary design of the book and its flow of thought. In Kings, David's son Solomon leads Israel to greatness, only to fail and lead Israel to a civil war and ultimately towards destruction and exile.



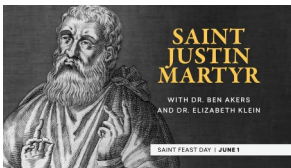
A BIBLE STUDY ON THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES: THE VISITATION

Have you ever wanted to grow in your understanding and devotion to the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary? Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through these Biblical mysteries and seek to grow in understanding and love for Christ through them.



SAINT JUSTIN MARTYR | CATHOLIC SAINTS

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss St. Justin Martyr, an early Church martyr who wrote several significant Christian apologetic works. He sought the truth in other philosophies, drawing out what was true and good and relating it to Jesus Christ.



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MAY 27 - JUNE 2, 2024 READINGS
Mon: 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c Mk 10:17-27
Tues: 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1-4 Mk 10:28-31
Wed: 1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mk 10:32-45
Thurs: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12 Ps 100:2-5 Mk 10:46-52
Fri: Zep 3:14-18a or rom 12:9-16
(Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56
Sat: Jude 17, 20b-25 Ps 63:2-6 Mk 11:27-33
Sun: Ex 24:3-8 Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 Heb 9:11-15
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

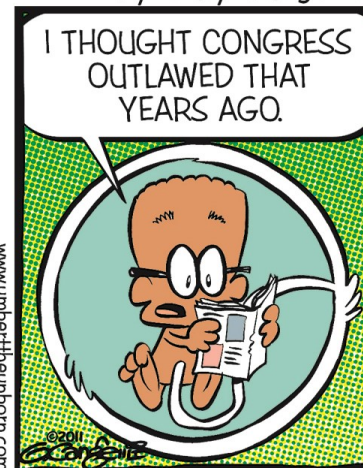
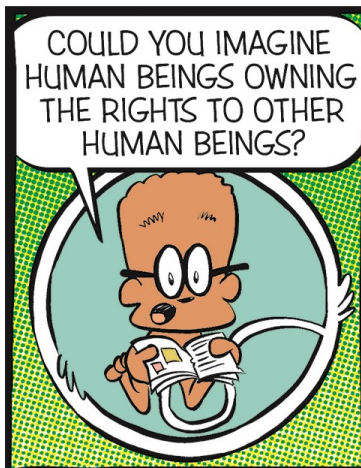
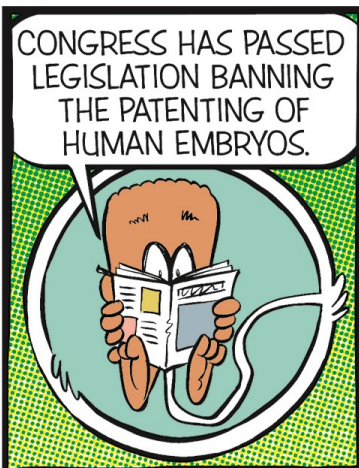
June 2nd is the SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, or CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY. St. Michael's Parish will have a Eucharistic Procession to mark the day. Following the 9:30 am Mass, Father Joe will expose the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration. The procession will leave Saint Michael's Church at 2:00 pm and process to the entrance of St. Michael's Cemetery. We will pause for a few moments of prayer before returning to St. Michael's Church for Benediction. The Canton Fire Department will assist with both crossings of Route 14. You are invited and encouraged to be a part of the procession.



Registration for our annual **QUO VADIS DAYS** and our first-ever **FIAT DAYS** this summer is OPEN! Both are happening June 24-26th at Marywood University and are open to rising sophomores through graduating seniors. After registering, students will need a recommendation from their pastor, a religious sister, deacon, youth minister, DRE, or other adult in ministry. QUO VADIS and FIAT are 3-day summer camps for high school men and women, respectfully, that are designed to teach them about all vocations and enrich their faith through prayer, fellowship, speakers, and activities. The cost to attend is \$25, which covers 3 days' worth of lodging, meals, all activities, and custom Diocese of Scranton QUO VADIS and FIAT gifts. Register at:
<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/vocations/quo-vadis-fiat-days-registration-pages/>

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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