

JULY 7, 2024



THE 14TH 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

Wednesday: 6:00 pm, St. Michael's Church following 5:30 pm Mass,
Benediction at 7:00 pm

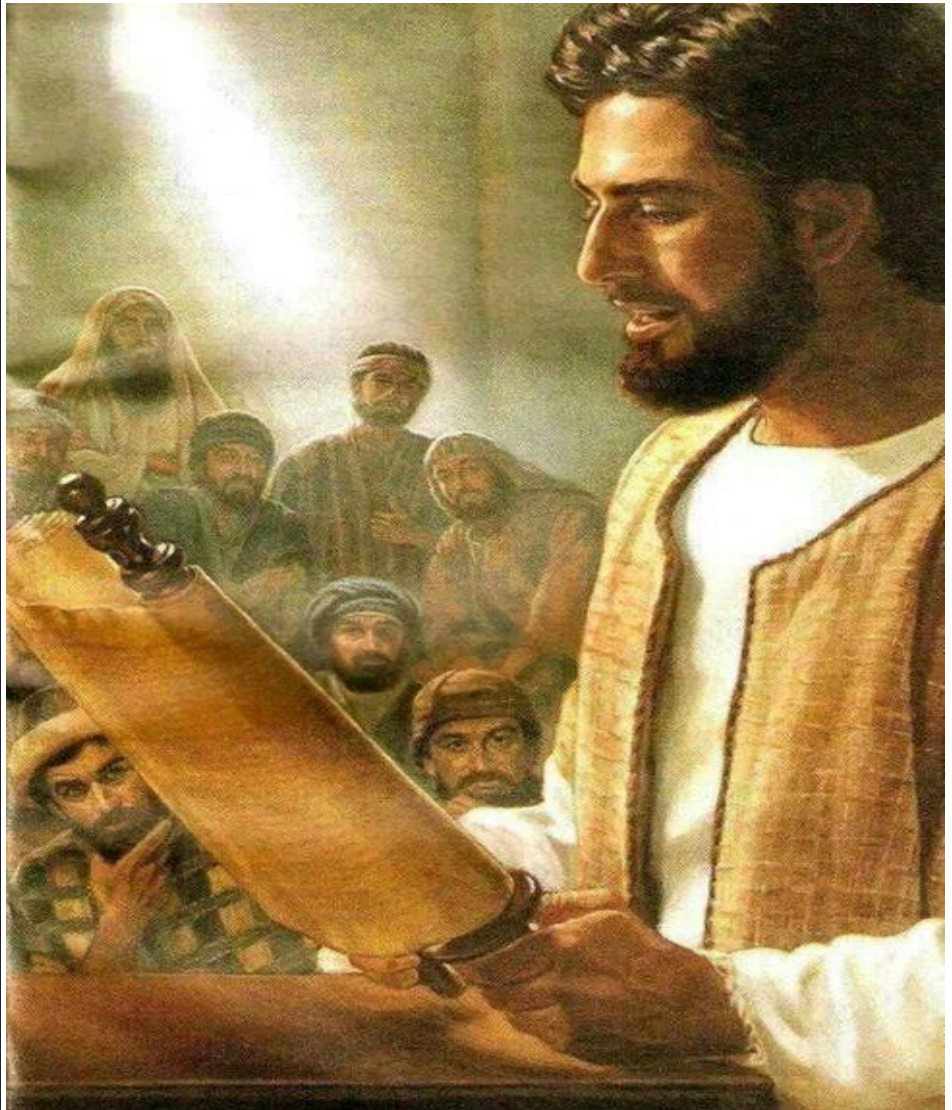
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

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. (2024/25)

(Religious education classes held during the school year)
Sunday - 8:15 am,
St. Michael 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, July 6 Weekday

VIGIL: 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Rich Carlonas (Shirley Grantier)

Sunday, July 7 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † William Krause (Jerry & Joy Brann)

11:15 am, Troy † Joey Szczech (Tim Leona & Barb)

Monday, July 8 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Hazel Dalton (Bob & Carol Dalton)

Tuesday, July 9 Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Pauline Pazzaglia

(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

Wednesday, July 10 Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Council #5517

6:00 pm, Holy Hour (Knights of Columbus Council #5517)

Thursday, July 11 Saint Benedict, Abbot

No Mass

Friday, July 12 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory Chapel † Florian Mitchell

(Anna Bogaczyk & Family)

Saturday, July 13 Weekday

VIGIL: 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Rich Stankiewicz (Susan Schiess)

Sunday, July 14 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Bill Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)

11:15 am, Troy † Joey Szczech (Tim Leona & Barb)

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 our nation to enact laws protecting every person's right to life, from conception to natural death.

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

The cost is \$10 for all three lamps for a weekend.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS June 24 - 30 2024

Weekly Offerings: 2,173.00

Electronic Offerings: 1,330.00

Other Parish Income: 8.50

Total Parish Income: 3,501.50

Average weekly expenses: 4,124.61

Difference: (613.11)

Peter's Pence: 430.00

Care & Education of Priests: 1.00

Thank you for your continued support.

YOUR CONTENT ON THE PARISH WEBSITE!

We've added PARISHIONER ACTIVITIES to our PARISH ORGANIZATIONS page! Registered parishioners can submit information about milestones in their lives or details about upcoming events they are involved with to the parish office for consideration for this page. With this change, our small, widespread community will have better opportunities to:

- Support each other by attending games, concerts, and events that we might not otherwise know about.
- Learn how other parishioners are involved in the community and maybe decide to join a new activity or organization.
- Congratulate parishioners on events like milestone birthdays and anniversaries, graduations, new births, new jobs, retirements, etc.

Beginning July 8th, the parish office will be open on Monday and Wednesday from 8 am until 3:30 pm. Cathy will be using the Thursday office hours of 8 am until 1 pm as vacation days until (at least) Labor Day. The parish e-mail and voice mail are checked every day, whether the office is open or not.



If you have a spiritual emergency, regardless of the day or time, call the office first. If there is no answer, leave a message, but then call or text Cathy on her cell phone at (570) 692-2853.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, The Ashby Family, Karl Barton, April Bilbrey, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszczyk, Gus Branish, Joy Brann, Betty Brown, John Chapman Jr., Dennis & Barbara Clarke, Darlene Cole, Todd Congdon, Michael Davison, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Leon English, Ben Flood, Melissa Gowan, Cassie Hamburger, Robert Dale Hostetter, Victoria Johnson, Beatrice Jones, Theresa Kingsley, David Kule, Jo Kule, Joyce Maloney, Tom McBlane, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, Orlando Moralez, Delina Morgan, Brett Neely, Mary Nybeck, Pamela Porter O'Brien, Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker, Gary Paquette, Lori Pellegrini, Sharon Snyder, 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.

Thank you for your generous support in last week's **PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION!** As a parish, we collected \$430.00. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

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July 2024

St. Michael Parish

One Minute Meditations

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

A smallpox epidemic in her Native American village left Kateri orphaned, disfigured, and half-blind at the age of four, and raised by relatives. Introduced to Catholicism by visiting priests, she was baptized when she was 19 against the objections of her relatives. Eventually, the persecution against her became so strong she had to steal away to a Christian village where she lived in holiness. After her death, her scarred face was miraculously restored to its original beauty.



Grow with God

A relationship between two people is most satisfying when it is dynamic and growing but that takes effort and care. Our relationship with God is no different. Spending time with God and making Him a daily part of your life will help your relationship with Him grow and deepen.

Got faith?

Faith is not about what you see with your eyes. Faith is about what you see with your heart. *"Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe"* (John 4:48).



Our God of second chances

The bad news is that at some point in our lives—probably way more than we would like to admit—we are going to make choices that hurt our relationship with God.

The good news is that our God is a God of forgiveness and second chances. Here are some suggestions for using God's second chances in your own life.

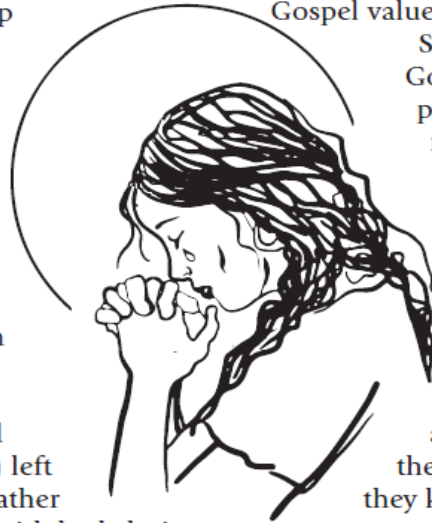
Come to your senses. The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-52) left the embrace of his father and ruined himself with bad choices. He finally "came to his senses" and returned home. Realize and admit your own mistakes and come back to your Father's embrace.

Avoid bad company. *"Walk with*

wise men and you will become wise, but the companion of fools will fare badly" (Proverbs 13:20). Surround yourself with people who will support your Gospel values.

Stay close. Closeness to God comes through prayer, Scripture study, regular Mass participation and living a Gospel-centered life.

Don't give up. Jesus spent three years teaching twelve people how to live as His followers. They didn't always get it right (and they lived with Him!), but they kept trying. When you mess up, remember what Jesus said to the woman caught in the act of adultery. *"Neither do I condemn you ... from now on do not sin anymore"* (John 8:11). Pick yourself up and start again.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics wear scapulars?

Catholics wear scapulars as a sign of their devotion to Mary and their commitment to a Christian life. The scapular, particularly the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, symbolizes Mary's protection and promises spiritual benefits to



the wearer. Tradition holds that those who wear it faithfully will receive Mary's special protection and will not suffer eternal damnation. It serves as a daily reminder to live virtuously and is often associated with spiritual affiliation to religious orders like the Carmelites.

A vacation is no vacation without Mass

Does your summer vacation sometimes include taking a vacation from Mass? Finding a Mass when you are away from home, or fitting it into a summer schedule can mean making special efforts. Here are four reasons to fit Mass into your summer routine:

Wherever Mass is said anywhere in the world, millions of people you don't know are praying for you and with you. Where else can you get that kind of help?

Attending Mass connects you to the Communion of Saints – the saints in heaven,

the souls in purgatory and believers on earth. That's powerful company.

After Jesus ascended to Heaven, His followers formed the early Church to keep His message alive. Every time you attend Mass, you help to keep Jesus' message alive.

God commanded us to keep holy the Sabbath, and Mass is the way a Catholic fulfills that requirement. If God tells you to do something, it's a good idea to do it.

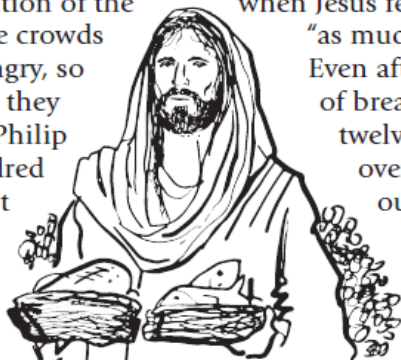
Note: to find a church or Mass time anywhere in the country, see masstimes.org.



from Scripture

John 6:1-15, God's generous response to generous faith

This Gospel passage records the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. The crowds following Jesus were hungry, so Jesus asked Philip where they could get enough food. Philip calculated that two hundred days' wages still wouldn't buy enough food for them. Like Philip, we face problems that seem too big for us and can be intimidated.



The apostle Andrew went a step further than Philip; he found the boy with five loaves of barley bread and two fish. The boy, in turn, offered to Jesus what little he

brought – all of it. What a surprise when Jesus fed the five thousand "as much...as they wanted." Even after they'd had their fill of bread, there were still twelve wicker baskets left over! God can't be outdone in generosity.

When we are faced with many problems at once, it can be overwhelming. It's easy to react like

Philip and give up hope. While on our own, we may not have much to offer, if we offer what we have to God, He can do something amazing with it.

Q & A Why are Catholics asked to dress modestly?

Catholics are encouraged to dress modestly, firstly in church, to honor and respect the sanctity of the liturgy. This practice keeps the focus on prayer and the Eucharist, free from distractions. And, dressing modestly is a way to show respect and honor to God.



In general, modesty in attire reflects the dignity of the human body, recognizing it as made in God's image. By dressing with discretion, we display humility and purity, following scriptural teachings. Conforming to common standards of decency promotes unity and mutual respect.

Beyond church, modest dressing aligns with Catholic values of chastity and humility, guiding us to live our faith daily and publicly. It demonstrates self-respect and respect for others, acknowledging every person's dignity. Modest attire minimizes temptations and scandals, fostering purity in interactions. Moreover, it sets a positive example for others, especially the youth, reinforcing values of decency and virtue.

In essence, modest dress in church and everyday life cultivates an atmosphere of respect, reverence, and virtue, embodying and demonstrating our Catholic beliefs and values.

Feasts & Celebrations

July 3 – St. Thomas, Apostle (First Century): Despite being known as "doubting Thomas," he made a beautiful profession of faith when he received proof of Jesus' Resurrection: "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28). Tradition says Thomas evangelized the Parthians, Medes, and Persians, and ultimately reached India.

July 5 – St. Elizabeth of Portugal (1336): The daughter of King Peter III of Aragon, she married King Denis of Portugal. She became known as "the Peacemaker" for resolving political

conflicts. After her husband's death, she became a Franciscan tertiary with the Poor Clares.

July 15 – St. Bonaventure (1274): Cured of an illness through the prayers of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Bonaventure became a Franciscan. As Minister General of the order, he cultivated a love of the way of St. Francis and the order's ideals.

July 24 – St. Sharbel Makhlūf (1898): A Maronite hermit, St. Charbel lived a life of solitude and holiness. He had a reputation as a wonder worker, even among his Muslim neighbors.



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POPE FRANCIS'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION

FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

ENDLESS MOUNTAINS PREGNANCY CARE CENTER 2024 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Baby Bottle Campaign ended on June 16th, Father's Day. Please return your bottles to any of the three churches or to the parish office during office hours. Your generosity in this campaign is greatly appreciated.

ALTAR & ROSARY NEWS ANNUAL YARD SALE

Spring Cleaning? Remember our Annual Yard Sale. Drop off of clean, sellable items (*No clothing, mattresses, computer monitors, large furniture or large appliances, please.*) July 5, 6 and 7 between Noon and 4 pm. The sale will be July 12 & 13 from 8 am to 3 pm.



Home-baked treats for the bake sale, can be dropped off in the kitchen on Thursday, July 12th between Noon and 6 pm or anytime on Friday during the sale.

Help make our yard sale a success! Thank you to the Knights for selling grilled hot dogs and hamburgers in the parking lot on sale days! Thanks - *Joanne Kropf*

BRADFORD COUNTY PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE CALLING VOLUNTEERS FOR LIFE

Might you consider spending a few hours manning our Pro Life booth at the Troy Fair, July 22-27? No special knowledge is required. Our volunteers have told us that it is a very positive experience and is fun!

Our volunteer coordinator for the Troy Fair is Marilyn Burke. Please contact her to schedule your time slot at the Fair!

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- Cell: 570-665-9777
- Email: fatimamiracle13@frontier.com

JULY 8 - 14, 2024 READINGS

Mon: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22 Ps 145:2-9 Mt 9:18-26
Tues: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 115:3-10 Mt 9:32-38
Wed: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 105:2-7 Mt 10:1-7
Thurs: Hos 11:14, 8c-9 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16 Mt 10:7-15
Fri: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17
Mt 10:16-23
Sat: Is 6:1-8 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mt 10:24-33
Sun: Am 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-14 Eph 1:3-14 Mk 6:7-13



WEEK OF JULY 1, 2024

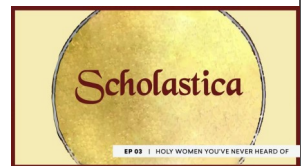
THE TRUE BREAD | BREAD OF LIFE | EPISODE 5

While in Peter's boat after the second multiplication of loaves, the apostles realize they have no bread. Yet Mark writes they have one loaf. How can both statements be true? Is it a mistake? In this final episode of Bread of Life, join Dr. Tim Gray and ask for the grace to recognize Jesus truly present in the Eucharist.



ST. SCHOLASTICA | HOLY WOMEN YOU NEVER HEARD OF

Dive into the lives of Holy Women You've Never Heard Of with Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Dr. Jessica Murdoch. St. Scholastica is the sister of St. Benedict. Holy siblings and holy families change the world!



WHAT IS THE MASS? THE SEARCH CONTINUES

Why should I want to go to Mass with my whole heart? What actually happens? Fr. John Riley and Chris Stefanick discuss the roots of Mass and its profound implications for us today.

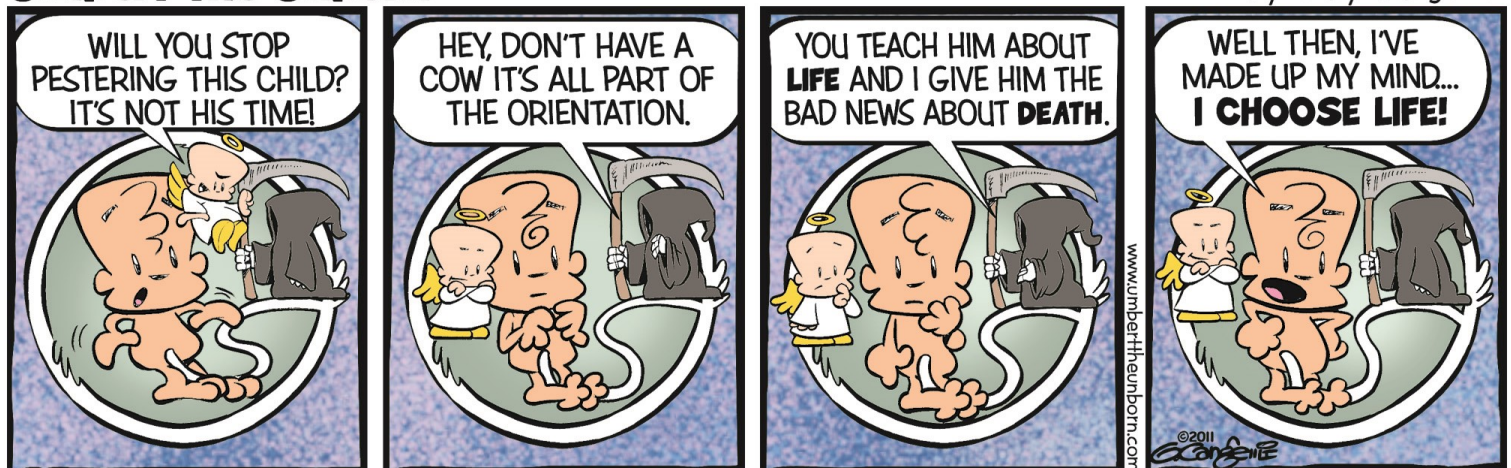


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Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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