

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



THE 23RD 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 - 9:15 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, September 7 Weekday

VIGIL: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His Family)

Sunday, Sept 8 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Kathryn & Fred Fredo (The Family)

9:30 am, Canton † Mark Kingsley

(George & Theresa Kingsley)

11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

Monday, September 9 Saint Peter Claver, Priest

7:00 am, Rectory † Margaret Walsh (Lou Olivia Mitcheltree)

Tuesday, September 10 Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Mary Small

(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

Wednesday, September 11 Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Helen Cannon (David Beahm)

6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, September 12 Weekday

No Mass

Friday, September 13 Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church

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

Saturday, Sept 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

VIGIL: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Rich Stankiewicz

(Matt & Anna Bradford)

Sunday, Sept 15 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Council #5517 (K of C Council #5517)

11:15 am, Troy † Andrew Sleboda (Katie Sleboda)

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 whose hearts ache from participating in abortion to be strengthened to seek the Lord's compassion, mercy, and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

August 26 - September 1, 2024

Weekly Offerings:	2,360 .00
Electronic Offerings:	1,330.00
Other Parish Income:	524.00
Total Parish Income:	4,214.00
Average weekly expenses:	4,124.61
Difference:	89.39
Care & Education of Priests:	529.75

Thank you for your continued support.

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way for non-Catholics to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church and for Catholics who have not been fully initiated to receive Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. If you or any one you know is interested in becoming Catholic, the RCIA is for you. For Catholics who would like a "refresher" on their faith, this is an excellent opportunity. RCIA begins with the Inquiry Phase, which will begin in late September. For more information or to register, please call Father Joe at 570-673-5253.

ANNUAL FRUIT PIE SALES ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!



It is time for our annual fruit pie sale! The Pumpkin Festival will be held on October 5th & 6th at the Firemen's Field in Canton. Don't think you're locked in to apple pies, people love the fun and unusual flavors, so let your creativity flow! Pie tins and boxes will be available for pickup in all three churches next weekend. Pie drop-off will be on Friday, October 4th in Saint Michael's Church hall 10 am - 6 pm.



Please print the pie flavor neatly on the post-it note on the box.

You can also volunteer to work the booth on the sign-up sheet in the back of St. Michael's Church, or call the rectory during office hours to see what times still need coverage.

This fundraiser has been very helpful to the fiscal health of our parish and is a great way to build relationships within our community. Both of those things are vitally important. Your help is needed to continue these traditions.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John Adams, Peggy Adams, The Ashby Family, Karl Barton, April Bilbrey, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszc, Gus Branish, Joy Brann, Betty Brown, John Chapman Jr., Dennis & Barbara Clarke, Kiran Dhawan, Carlene Eck, Dorland Eck, Leon English, Ben Flood, Melissa Gowan, William Hall, Cassie Hamburger, Robert Dale Hostetter, Victoria Johnson, Beatrice Jones, David Kule, Jo Kule, Joyce Maloney, Tom McBlane, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, Orlando Morales, Delina Morgan, Mary Nybeck, Pamela Porter O'Brien, Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker, Gary Paquette, Lori Pellegrini, Pat Rushin, Anthony Shipula, Sharon Snyder, Elias Vroman, Calvin Watson, Glenda Watson, Steven Wilber, John Wilcox, Anthony Wolf, Donna Wolf, Nicholas Wolf

Religious Education

There will be a **Parents' Meeting** for CCD *and* homeschooling parents at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 16th in St. Michael's Hall. CCD Classes begin on Sunday, September 22nd.

Catechists will be commissioned by Father Joe during the 9:30 am Mass in St. Michaels Church on Sunday, September 15th, Catechetical Sunday.

The annual CCD bake sale will be after all Masses the weekend of September 14th & 15th! (YUMMY!!) Proceeds go toward CCD expenses. Please come and support the ministry and children!



Support our Parish Special Collection for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

This year, the **BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**, is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its first public Mass. Over the last century, the National Shrine has celebrated more than 800,000 Masses and more than 7,000 Ordinations to the Priesthood, and welcomed the faithful and pilgrims from around the world, including Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Saint John Paul II, and Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

The National Shrine is neither a cathedral nor a parish church. For the National Shrine to continue to serve almost one million pilgrims annually, updating its aged infrastructure has become a necessity. Your prayerful and financial support will leave a lasting legacy.

Next weekend, September 14 & 15, our parish will take a special one-time second collection at all Masses to support the renewal project which is underway – and essential to 365-day-a-year ministry. Please put your offering in an envelope with your name and “Shrine” written on the front if you would like it credited to your account for tax purposes. You can also give directly online by visiting nationalshrine.org/centennial

Thank you for your generous support to preserve Mary's Shrine for generations to come!



9th Annual Diocese of Scranton

BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE

Come Follow Me



Saturday, October 5, 2024

Holy Redeemer H. S., 159 South Pennsylvania Ave
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8 am to 3 pm (includes Adoration and Confession), Closing Mass at 1:45 pm with Bishop Bambera. Rosary at 7:15 am. Registration/Morning Coffee starts at 7 am. The conference features three outstanding speakers: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers has appeared as a guest on numerous international Catholic programs and is the host or co-host of several popular series on EWTN. He is a member of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars and the Confraternity of Catholic Clergy. He is the award-winning author of five books, including *Behold the Man: A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality*.

John Edwards: “Like so many men, I vowed to be a better person, husband and father time and time again. It wasn't until I felt the presence of Jesus as I walked out of a jail cell that I realized how much I wanted to change and how I could only do that with His help. Since that time, I've taken a journey to grow closer to Christ. I invite other Catholic men to accompany me.” *justaguyinthepew.com*.

Father Bill Casey is a nationally renowned speaker and a frequent guest on EWTN. He served as an officer in the U.S. Army and then he was ordained a priest in the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy. Father has a love for the study of Sacred Scripture, and a strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

A generous (anonymous) donor, has volunteered to pay the registration fee for any man of Saint Michael's Parish to attend the conference. To take advantage of this offer, contact the parish office.

Regular Conference fee: \$40 (Early Bird \$30 until 9-15)
Students \$15 Priests/Deacons/Seminarians are FREE

Register either online at www.BeACatholicMan.com, or by mail by sending your name, address, email and parish with your check payable to “Be a Catholic Man, Inc” with “Men's Conference” on the memo line of the check to: “Be a Catholic Man, Inc”, P.O Box 669, Wyalusing, Pa. 18853.

For more information contact: Your Men's Conference Parish Contact, David Beahm, or Mike Kilmer at 570-721-0872 or mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com.



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC PARISH

FILL THE FREEZER MEAT BUNDLE RAFFLE

Tickets are \$10/each

Tickets are available after all weekend Masses,
from any Parish Pastoral Council member,
or at the parish office during office hours - (570) 673-5253.

Drawing will be held during the Harvest Supper in Saint Michael Church Hall
on Wednesday, October 23rd. You need not be present to win.

FIRST PRIZE

SUPER DELUXE BUNDLE

51.25 POUNDS

RETAIL VALUE: \$250.00

15 lbs. Fryers (halves or quarters)
2×1½ lb. Leona Ham Steak
5×12 oz. Delmonico Steak
4 lbs. Country Style Ribs
3 lbs. Pork Steak
1×2½ lbs. London Broil
2×2 lbs. Boneless Sirloin
5 lbs. Leona Hamburg Patties
2 lbs. Cube Steak
5 lbs. Leona Super Dogs
2 lbs. Hot or Mild Italian Sausage

SECOND PRIZE

MINI DELUXE BUNDLE

36.5 POUNDS

RETAIL VALUE: \$195.00

10 lbs. Fryers (halves or quarters)
2×1½ lbs. Bnls Sirloin Steaks
1×1½ lb. Leona Ham Steak
5 lbs. Hamburg Patties
4×12 oz. Delmonico Steak
5 lbs. Leona Super Dogs
2×2 lb. Chuck Steak
2 lbs. Leona Hot or Mild Italian Sausage
1×3 lb. Country Style Ribs

THIRD PRIZE

ECONOMY BUNDLE

21 POUNDS

RETAIL VALUE: \$75.00

6 lbs. Ground Beef
2×1 lbs. Hot Dogs
3 lbs. Loin End Pork Chops
2 lbs. Pork Country Ribs
3 lbs. Chuck Steaks
5 lbs. Chicken Leg Quarters



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POPE FRANCIS'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION



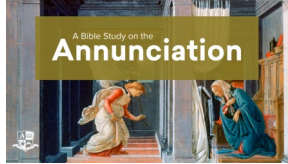
FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

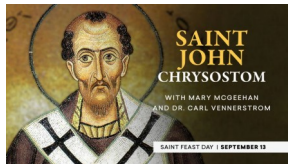
A BIBLE STUDY ON THE ANNUNCIATION

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26–38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.



ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM | CATHOLIC SAINTS

From Antioch, the political center of the fifth-century world, arose a golden-tongued preacher and bishop: St. John Chrysostom. Listen to Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the life and preaching of this great doctor of the Church who gave us countless powerful prayers and homilies.



THE EYES HAVE IT | BENJAMIN CELLO | EPISODE 2

Glow Worm is losing her glow, and her eyes are going with it! It'll take the ministrations of mother and expert Lady Iris to help Glow Worm fix her eyes on Jesus and see with a heavenly perspective.



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SEPTEMBER 9 - 15, 2024 READINGS

- Mon:** 1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 Lk 6:6-11
- Tues:** 1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Lk 6:12-19
- Wed:** 1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12, 14-17 Lk 6:20-26
- Thurs:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 Ps 139:1b-3, 13, 14b, 23-24 Lk 6:27-38
- Fri:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Ps 84:3-6, 12 Lk 6:39-42
- Sat:** Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
- Sun:** Is 50:4c-9a Ps 116:1-6, 8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

Congratulations to **Father Joe Kutch**, who celebrated his 36th anniversary of ordination on Tuesday, September 3rd!

A big **THANK YOU** to Frank Jennings for his generous donation of much needed supplies for Saint Michael's Cemetery. *Cemetery Committee*

ROSARY RALLY

10:00 am, Thursday, September 26, 2024
St. Micheal's Church Hall

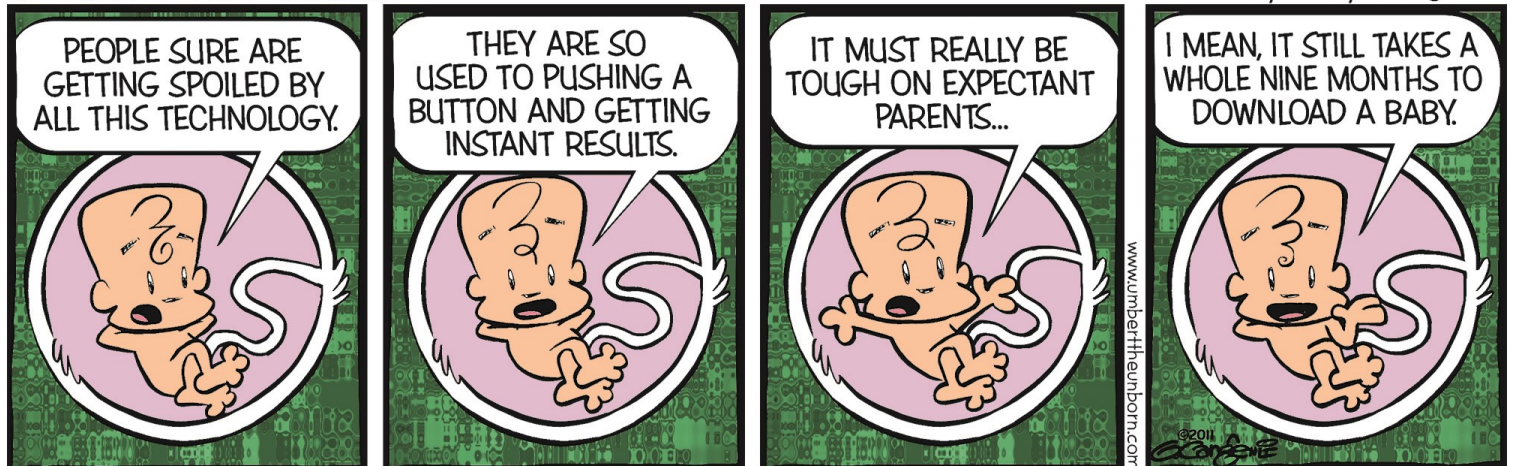
Before each decade of the Rosary, Diane Hedrick will speak about a different apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Diane has visited each of these sites.

1. Our Lady of Medjugorje, Bosnia & Herzegovina
2. Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal
3. Our Lady of Nazareth, Israel
4. Our Lady of Lourdes, France
5. Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Paris, France



Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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