

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST. MICHAEL

## CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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### 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

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 - 9:15 am, St. Michael'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, September 28

VIGIL: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Irene Bitcola (Cheryl Carlonas)

### Sunday, Sept 29 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Rich Stankiewicz (The Mulno Family)

11:15 am, Troy † Michael Davison (Mike & Jean Herman)

### Monday, September 30 Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

### Tuesday, October 1 Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

5:30 pm, Troy † Fran Welch (Louis Wilber)

### Wednesday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

5:30 pm, Canton † Matthew Warren

6:00 pm, Holy Hour (St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Society)

### Thursday, October 3 Weekday No Mass

### First Friday, October 4 Saint Francis of Assisi

7:00 am, Canton † Betty Wakily and Vicki Casselberry  
(Bonnie Casselberry)

### Saturday, October 5

VIGIL: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Rich Stankiewicz (Leslie Debach)

### Sunday, October 6 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Matthew Warren (Mr. & Mrs. Beers)

11:15 am, Troy † Michael Davison (Leslie & Chick Debach)

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 the life of every human person, from conception to natural death, to be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts.

*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 September 16 - 22, 2024

Weekly Offerings: 1,830.00

Electronic Offerings: 475.00

Other Parish Income: 37.50



Total Parish Income: 2,342.50

Average weekly expenses: 4,124.61

Difference: (1,782.11)

Care & Education of Priests: 5.00

*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 the Roman Catholic Church and for Catholics who have not been fully initiated to receive Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. RCIA is for anyone interested in becoming Catholic. The Inquiry Phase will begin on Monday, September 30th at 7:00 pm in the rectory. For more information or to register, 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 are available for pickup in all three churches. 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.

Anyone interested in a successful **HARVEST SUPPER**, please attend a coordinated meeting on October 10, at 9:30 AM in St Michael's church hall. We need to discuss Take-Out orders, Food Prep, Table Set-Ups, etc.

Thank you, Harvest Supper Committee

## 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, 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

*Contact the parish office to add a name to the prayer list. Names remain on the list for 3 months per request.*





# From Fr. Joe

**To all parishioners, families, and friends; this Friday, October 4, at 4:00 pm, we will have the traditional Blessing of Animals and Pets for the Feast of St. Francis. Everyone is invited to bring their pets and animals of any kind, to the parking lot of St. Michael's Church at 107 North Washington Street in Canton. The Blessing Service will last approximately 10 to 15 minutes. Through the Blessing of St. Francis may we always be faithful stewards of all God's creatures.**





## 1st Friday Adoration

The World is full of noise, worry, and distractions, but our hope is in Jesus. Find peace and regain perspective by spending time with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist. First Friday Adoration follows the 7 am Mass in St. Michaels' Church, reposition is at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to sit in silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during this time. Call Donna Wolf at (570) 995-5225 if you can be on the First Friday schedule some months.

Why do we have a schedule? According to the instruction *Redemptionis Sacramentum*, issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, [138.] "Still, the Most Holy Sacrament, when exposed, must never be left unattended even for the briefest space of time."

### UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you dropped your land line? Do you have a new cell phone number or email address? Have you moved? Contact the parish office to update your information. *(Cell phone numbers are treated as unlisted numbers and are not shared without your permission.)*



Knights of Columbus Council #5517 is collecting school supplies for our local schools. Donations will be collected until October 21st. Some suggested supplies are:

- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Glue sticks
- Notebooks, single subject
- Notebook paper
- Construction paper
- Binders
- Folders
- Etc...

The elementary school is also in need of various sizes of children's sweatpants. They are provided to children who are in need of a clothing change. The School Nurse has made this request. Knights of Columbus thank you for this important community service. We are grateful for the support of our fellow parishioners.



## 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

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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

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\$195.00

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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  
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## POPE FRANCIS'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION

FOR A SHARED MISSION: We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.



THIS WEEK ON  
**FORMED**

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

### WHO ARE THE ANGELS?

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels? ST. FRANCES & LITURGICAL LIVING CATHOLIC ALL YEAR AT HOME w/ KENDRA TIERNEY

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.

### THE FEAST OF ST. THERÈSE

In celebration of the feast of St. Thérèse, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

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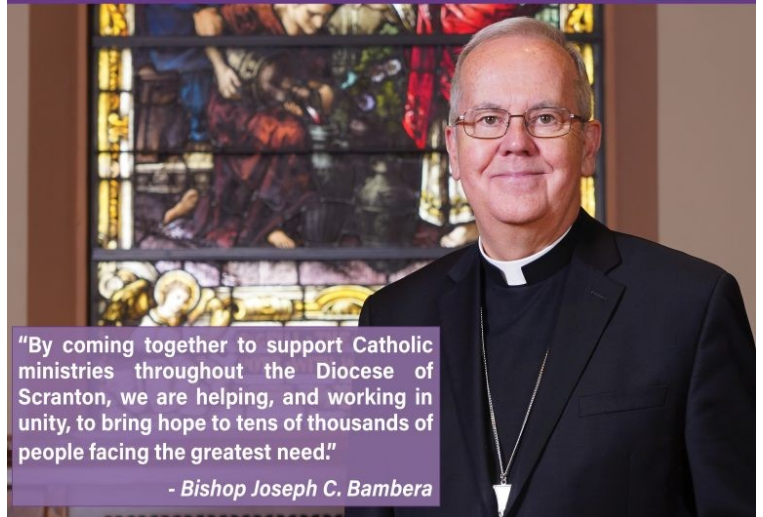


## SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 6, 2024 READINGS

**Mon:** Jb 1:6-22 Ps 17:1-3, 6-7 Lk 9:46-50  
**Tues:** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 Ps 88:2-8 Lk 9:51-56  
**Wed:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 Ps 88:10b-15 Mt 18:1-5, 10  
**Thurs:** Jb 19:21-27 Ps 27:7-9, 13-14 Lk 10:1-12  
**Fri:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14  
Lk 10:13-16  
**Sat:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125  
Lk 10:17-24  
**Sun:** Gn 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-6 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16

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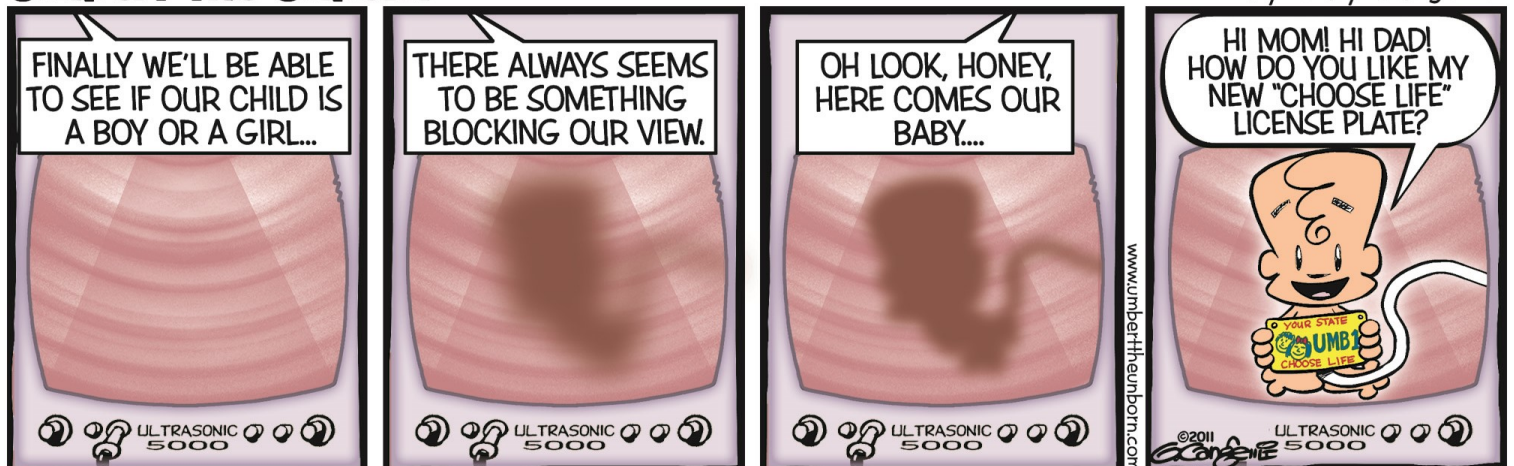
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Saturday, October 5th, 8 am-3 pm, closing Mass at 1:45 pm with Bishop Bambera. Rosary at 7:15 am. Registration/Morning Coffee starts at 7 am. The conference features three outstanding speakers: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, John Edwards, and Father Bill Casey.

*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.*

## Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi







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