

JANUARY 19, 2025



2ND SUNDAY OF 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, January 18 Weekday

VIGIL: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Francis Murphy (K of C Council #4493)

Sunday, January 19 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Phil Pessoni (Jerry & Joy Brann)

11:15 am, Troy † Joey Szczech (St. John's A & R)

Monday, January 20 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory - For the intentions of Donald Trump
(The Garvey Family)

Tuesday, January 21 Saint Agnes, Virgin

5:30 pm, Troy † Marion Watkins (Kathy & Doug Draxler)

Wednesday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children

5:30 pm, Canton † Thomas Dalton (The Dalton Family)

6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, January 23 Weekday

No Mass

Friday, January 24 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church

7:00 am, Rectory † Hazel Dalton (The Dalton Family)

Sat, January 25 CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, January 26 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Catherine Dalton (The Dalton Family)

9:30 am, Canton † Fr. Thomas Major (St. Michael's A&R)

11:15 am, Troy † Anna Capaldi (Jayne Cleveland)

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 God to grant public servants and elected officials the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all human life.

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 January 6 - 12, 2025

Weekly Offerings: 2,994.00

Electronic Offerings: 475.00

Other Parish Income: 377.50



Total Parish Income: 3,846.50

Average weekly expenses: 4,356.13

Difference: (509.63)

Care & Education of Priests: 115.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Contribution statements are available on request from the parish office. If you received one last year, it will be sent ASAP, so please call if it doesn't arrive by January 31st.

CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

The Knights of Columbus have begun their annual COAL (Chance of a Lifetime) Sweepstakes. The sweepstakes has a 1st prize of \$15,000.00 in cash with a total of \$60,000.00 in prizes to be given away. The drawing will be held on May 16, 2025. Tickets cost only \$5.00 and you may purchase as many as you would like.

Proceeds go to the Scholarship Program for the children and grandchildren of The Knights of Columbus attending Catholic Schools. Thank you for your support!

Games of Chance License #2202

1 st Prize \$15,000	2 nd Prize \$10,000	3 rd Prize \$7,500	4 th Prize \$5,000
5 th Prize \$5,000	6 th Prize \$5,000	7 th Prize \$2,500	8 th Prize \$2,500
9 th Prize \$2,500	10 th Prize \$2,000	11 th Prize \$2,000	12 th Prize \$2,000
13 th Prize \$1,000	14 th Prize \$1,000	15 th Prize \$1,000	16 th Prize \$1,000

NAZARETH GROUP MEETING

The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth invite all young women (grades 9 – 12) to join us on Saturday, February 1, 2025, from 11:00 am – 4:30 pm. Come and learn more about the Faith, make wholesome friendships, and grow more in love with Jesus through prayer and hearing inspirational talks. To RSVP by January 30, or for more information,

please call Sister Angela at 570-836-2737 or Sister Clare 570-745-3334. Please join us!



SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Karl Barton, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszc, Gus Branish, Joy Brann, Betty Brown, Dennis & Barbara Clarke, Kiran Dhawan, Dorland & Carlene Eck, Leon English, Ben Flood, Douglas Greene, Melissa Gowan, William Hall, Robert Dale Hostetter, Victoria Johnson, Beatrice Jones, Lauren Kreager, David Kule, Jo Kule, Bob Lutz, 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, Cristy Schmelzle, Ahmed Hassa Sharief, Anthony Shipula, Bev Smith, Sharon Snyder, Carl E. Steffon, Elias Vroman, Calvin Watson, Steven Wilber, John Wilcox, Anthony Wolf, Nicholas Wolf, Fran Zizza

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



**POPE FRANCIS'S
JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION**
FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION
Let us pray for migrants, refugees,
and those affected by war, that their
right to an education, which is neces-
sary to build a better world, might al-
ways be respected.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Notre Dame High School, Grades 7-12 is hosting an Open House on Monday, January 27, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm for prospective students and their families. Registration begins at 5:45 pm followed by a brief presentation in the Charles and Mary Crossed Auditorium. Notre Dame H.S. is at 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira, NY. To RSVP for the Open House or to submit your application for the 2025-26 school year, visit notredame-highschool.com. Questions may be directed to Mr. Nick Weiermiller, Director of Admissions at 607-734-2267. We hope to see you at our Open House!

**PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN SHRINES
FATIMA, SPAIN, & LOURDES**

Fr. Michael McCormick & Group Leaders John & Mary Etta Legarski Our Lady of Lourdes Parish would like to invite individuals from our neighboring parishes to join us as we embark on a Pilgrimage to Marian Shrines next summer to Fatima, Spain, & Lourdes, July 7th - 16th, 2025. For more information, please go to our website at www.206tours.com/olol.



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As of January 11th, we have reached 73.14% of our \$19,238 parish goal. \$14,070.00 has been donated or pledged by 66 donors, which makes our current participation rate 24.44%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

JANUARY 20 - 27, 2025 READINGS

Mon: Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22
Tues: Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c Mk 2:23-28
Wed: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3:1-6
Thurs: Heb 7:25—8:6 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Mk 3:7-12
Fri: Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8, 10-14 Mk 3:13-19
Sat: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 Ps 117:1b-2 Mk 16:15-18
Sun: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8-10, 15
1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



WEEK OF JANUARY 19, 2025

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The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.



MASS & CONFESSION

There is infinite grace available in every Mass and confession, but our subjective experience may not reflect this objective reality. We need to switch on. The focus of this episode is unlocking more grace from Mass and confession.



SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES AND THE CHARACTER OF A CHRISTIAN: DEVOTION (PART 1 OF 4)

In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian.



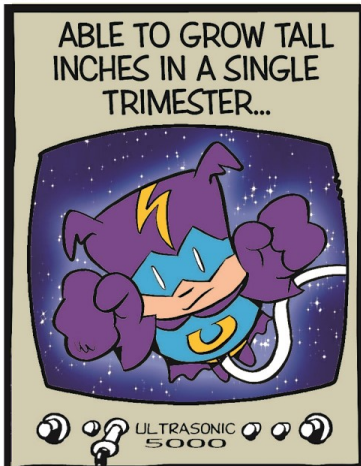
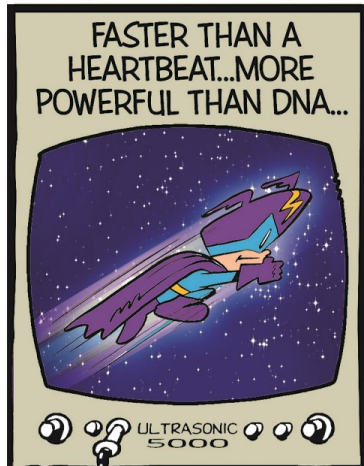
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A Communal Rosary is prayed at 9:30 on Thursday mornings in St. Michael's Church. All are invited to participate.



Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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Looking for new members. Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 7:15 in St. Michael's Hall.



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SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Society is open to all women of the parish. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Saint Michael's church hall at 1:00 pm. We always welcome new members.



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