

JANUARY 12, 2025



BAPTISM OF THE LORD 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 11 Christmas Weekday

VIGIL: BAPTISM OF THE LORD

4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, January 12 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 am, Ralston † Elaine Clarke (The Richard King Family)

9:30 am, Canton † Isabelle Loftus & Dorothy Ferretti

(Families)

11:15 am, Troy † Mike Davison (Time, Leona & Barb)

Monday, January 13 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Anthony Walkowiak

(Margaret Groczene)

Tuesday, January 14 Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Carol Dalton (Tim & Cathy Bogaczyk)

Wednesday, January 15 Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton - For the special intentions of

Donald Trump (The Myers Family)

Thursday, January 16 Weekday

No Mass

Friday, January 17 Saint Anthony, Abbot

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

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)

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 Christians to live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel of God's love and the dignity of every 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

December 31, 2024 - January 5, 2025

Weekly Offerings: 2,046.00

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God: 817.00

Electronic Offerings: 1,330.00

Other Parish Income: 806.50



Total Parish Income: 4,999.50

Average weekly expenses: 4,124.61

Difference: 864.89

Care & Education of Priests: 388.00

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.

Happy Birthday!

**BEATRICE JONES IS CELEBRATING
HER 99TH BIRTHDAY!**

You are invited to an open house in her honor in Saint Michael's Church hall on Saturday, January 18th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. There will be plenty to eat. Cards can be brought to the open house or mailed to her at 827 Beers Road, Granville Summit, PA 16926.

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 in Tunkhannock at 570-836-2737 or Sister Clare in Williamsport at 570-745-3334. Please join us!



A Communal Rosary is prayed at 9:30 on Thursday mornings in St. Michael's Church.

All are invited to participate.



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, David Kule, Jo Kule, Bob Lutz, Joyce Maloney, Tom McBlane, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, Orlando Moralez, Delina Morgan, Mary Nybeck, Pamela Porter O'Brien, Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker, Gary Paquette, Lori Pellegrini, Pat Rushin, Cristy Schmelzle, 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.*

Parish Financial Report
St. Michael - Canton
TREND ANALYSIS

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Revenue					
Collections	192,073	181,720	179,389	163,555	167,176
Faith Formation Fees	345	694	784	305	268
Fundraising/Development	16,320	24,118	74,840	12,055	14,228
Other Income	12,343	9,249	9,377	7,182	8,020
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	2,952	2,735	-	-	15,100
Transfers Savings Account/Other	-	15,617	1,902	-	948
Diocesan Special Collections	14,157	-	14,162	7,536	7,970
Total Revenue	238,190	234,133	280,453	190,633	213,710
Expenses					
Administration	130,641	122,244	121,771	108,700	126,000
Rectory	13,870	14,200	13,734	16,043	115,367
Liturgy	9,162	13,788	6,896	4,660	7,948
Faith Formation	965	3,816	2,640	1,729	2,622
Social Justice	4,953	15,950	20,653	3,900	5,662
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	29,264	25,340	22,188	26,656	22,257
Fixed Expense	20,048	18,665	19,142	16,004	17,271
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	-	5,000	-	-	-
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	2,664	2,038	-	(6)	1,073
Catholic School Assessment	17,616	14,400	14,868	15,852	18,840
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	11,829	15,558	15,479	5,882	8,359
Total Expense	241,012	250,999	237,371	199,419	325,399
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	(2,822)	(16,866)	43,082	(8,786)	(111,689)
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations		**(SEE NOTE)**	(239)	(124)	5,882
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,060)	(16,990)	48,964	(14,234)	(106,640)

****NOTE****

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.

End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	363	124	-	5,882	434
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	124	-	5,882	434	5,483
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	(239)	(124)	5,882	(5,448)	5,049

Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

Revenue

- **Collections** include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- **Faith Formation Fees** include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adults programs.
- **Fundraising/Development** includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- **Other Income** includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- **Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan** includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- **Transfers Savings Account/Other** includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- **Diocesan Special Collections** are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

Expenses

- **Administration** includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedralium (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- **Rectory** expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- **Liturgy** includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- **Faith Formation** includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- **Social Justice** includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- **Operation & Maintenance of Plant** includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- **Fixed Expense** includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- **Debt Service** includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- **Capital Outlays** includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- **Designated Expenses/Transfers Out** includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- **Catholic School Assessments** paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- **Diocesan Special Collections Remittance** are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- This line represents the **increase** or **decrease** in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a **CASH BASIS** based on actual expenses paid.

(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- This amount represents the change in the parish's **unpaid obligations** over the year. If there is an **increase** in unpaid obligations, this number will be **negative**. If the parish **reduced** its unpaid obligations, this will be a **positive** number.

Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

- This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations. This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

Diocesan Loan/Debt

- This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.



**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. Open House is your chance to meet the faculty, administration, and students, tour the campus, learn about the benefits of a Notre Dame education, and explore the many opportunities that await your student at Notre Dame. Notre Dame is a college preparatory school offering an inclusive environment that is rich in the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy and academic excellence. Notre Dame offers a competitive athletic program, opportunities to participate in the performing, visual, and language arts along with extra-curricular activities such as FTC & FRC Robotics teams, Climate Crusaders, The Notre Dame Spotlighters Group, MaryLeaf (school newsletter), Yearbook, and Quiz League. Notre Dame H.S. is located at 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira, NY. To RSVP for the Open House or to submit your application for the 2025-26 school year, visit notredamehighschool.com. Questions may be directed to Mr. Nick Weiermiller, Director of Admissions at 607-734-2267.

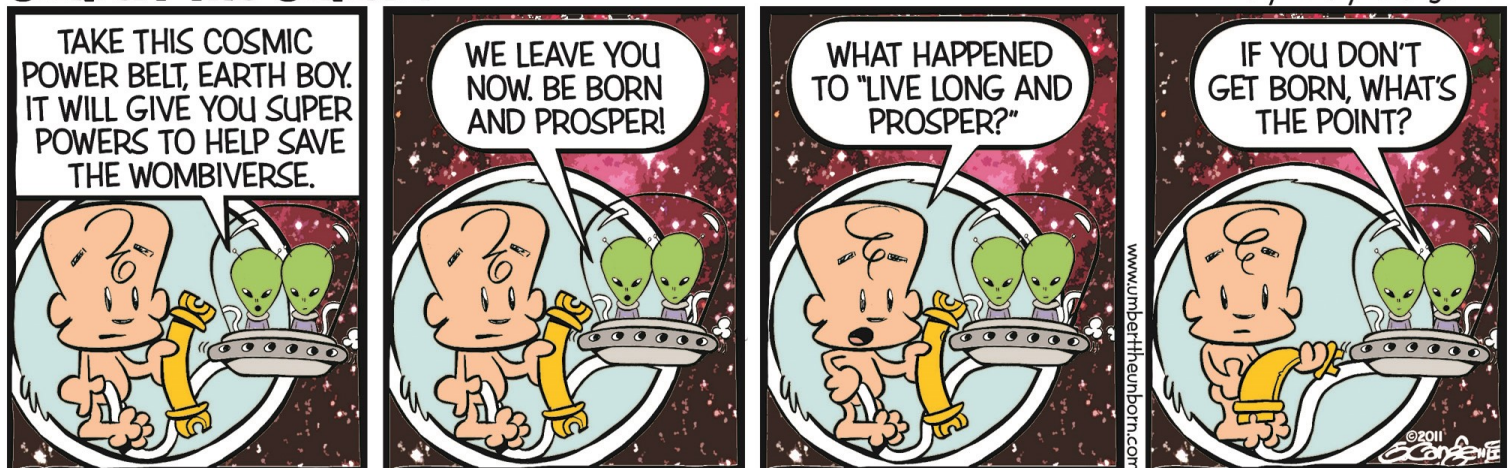
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As of January 4th, we have reached 70.3% of our \$19,238 parish goal. \$13,520 has been donated or pledged by 64 donors, which makes our current participation rate 23.7%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

Umbert the Unborn



Panel 1: TAKE THIS COSMIC POWER BELT, EARTH BOY. IT WILL GIVE YOU SUPER POWERS TO HELP SAVE THE WOMBIVERSE.

Panel 2: WE LEAVE YOU NOW. BE BORN AND PROSPER!

Panel 3: WHAT HAPPENED TO "LIVE LONG AND PROSPER?"

Panel 4: IF YOU DON'T GET BORN, WHAT'S THE POINT?

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JANUARY 13 - 19, 2025 READINGS

- Mon:** Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9 Mk 1:14-20
- Tues:** Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2a, 5-9 Mk 1:21-28
- Wed:** Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Mk 1:29-39
- Thurs:** Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-11 Mk 1:40-45
- Fri:** Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8 Mk 2:1-12
- Sat:** Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mk 2:13-17
- Sun:** Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2025

THE BIBLE (PART 1)

Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers the Internet's most-asked question about the Bible.



INTERIOR LIFE

We all worship something, whether we know it or not. We are called to put God first, and that means giving him our time in prayer. The focus of this episode is developing a consistent prayer life.



A NEW CREATION: THE MYSTERY OF BAPTISM

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



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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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