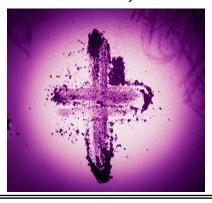
## MARCH 16, 2025





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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**

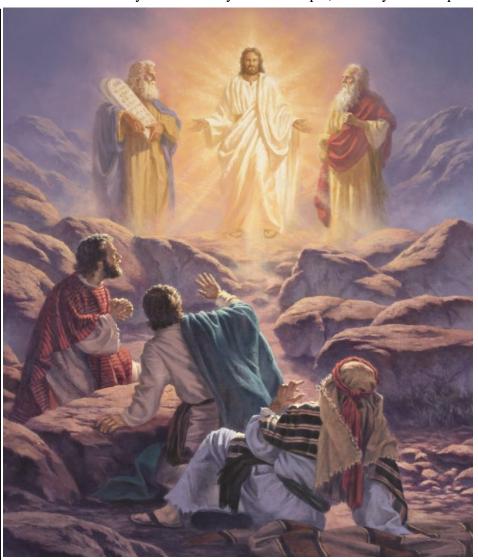
Wednesday: 6:00 pm, St. Michael's Church following 5:30 pm Mass, Benediction at 7:00 pm First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

## **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, March 15

Lenten Weekday

VIGIL: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 4:00 pm, Canton † Richard Ross (Family)

Sunday, March 16

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Theresa Kingsley (St. Michael's A&R)

11:15 am, Troy † Robert Morris (Louise Wilber)

Monday, March 17

Lenten Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory - Private Intention

Tuesday, March 18

Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Chris Wywiorski (Barbara Wywiorski)

6:00 pm, Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 19

SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

5:30 pm, Canton † Claudia Blaney (Jeff & Beth Cole)

6:00 pm, Canton - Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 20

Lenten Weekday

No Mass

Friday, March 21

Lenten Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Joseph Hover

(Ray & Katherine Harrington)

Saturday, March 22

Lenten Weekday

VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm, Canton † Robert Dalton (The Dalton Family)

Sunday, March 23

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo 9:30 am, Canton † Ann Mallare

(Jerome Wynne & Marie Merker)

11:15 am, Troy † Pasquale DePalma (Jayne Cleveland)

Fellowship is held in St. Michael's Church hall following the 9:30 am Mass each Sunday.





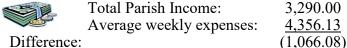
The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week for repose of the soul of Theresa Kingsley (offered by Bonnie Defelice)

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 March 3 - 9, 2025

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Weekly Offerings:	2,644.00
Electronic Offerings:	475.00
Other Parish Income:	171.05



Care & Education of Priests: 20.00

Church in Central & Eastern Europe 409.00 *Thank you for your continued support.* 

Contribution statements are available on request from the parish office. If you received one last year, it was sent mid-January, so please call if it hasn't arrived.

## SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL PIEROGI SALE!

Orders can be placed using the order form on the parish website, paper forms in all three churches, or by calling Alicia at (570) 673-4125. We are taking orders through 6 pm on Sunday, March 16th.

Pickup will be from St. Michael's Hall on:

- March 19th & 20th: 10:00 am 2:00 pm
- March 21st: 10:00 am 4:00 pm
- March 22nd: 9:00 am Noon
- March 23rd: 10:30 am 11:00 am

Pierogi making in St. Michael's Hall will be Monday, March 17 - Friday, March 21, 9 am - 2 pm, with lunch provided. Come for an hour or spend the day. *Everyone* is invited and we have *FUN*!!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in Saint Michael's Church on Mondays during Lent from 5:30 - 7 pm, except on Monday,



March 31st. Father Joe will be attending Holy Hour with Bishop Bambera in St. Basil Church, Dushore.

## **CHANCE OF A LIFETIME**

The Knights of Columbus have begun their annual COAL (Chance of a Lifetime) Sweepstakes. The drawing will be held on May 16, 2025. Tickets cost \$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!

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#### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Karl Barton, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blasz, Gus Branish, Betty Brown, Dennis & Barbara Clarke, Anthony DeMarco, Kiran Dhawan, Dorland & Carlene Eck, Leon English, Ben Flood, Douglas Greene, Melissa Gowan, William Hall, Robert Dale Hostetter, Victoria Johnson, Lauren Kreager, David Kule, Jo Kule, Bob Lutz, Joyce Maloney, Tom McBlane, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore, Orlando Moralez, Delina Morgan, Mary Nybeck, Pamela Porter O'Brien, John O'Brien, Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker, Gary Paquette, Lori Pellegrini, Tymber Pepper, 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.

### NAZARETH GROUP

Nazareth Group is for young women, grades 9 - 12, who desire to learn more about the faith, to make wholesome friendships, and to grow in their love for Jesus Christ through prayer and hearing inspirational talks.

Upcoming Meetings: April 5 and June 7, 2025. Two locations are available. For reservations, call: Mother of God Convent

215 Wellwood Drive, Tunkhannock, PA 18657 Sr. Angela - (570) 836-2737

Mother of the Eucharist Convent 6100 Jacks Hollow Road, Williamsport, PA 17702 Sr. Clare - (570) 745-3334

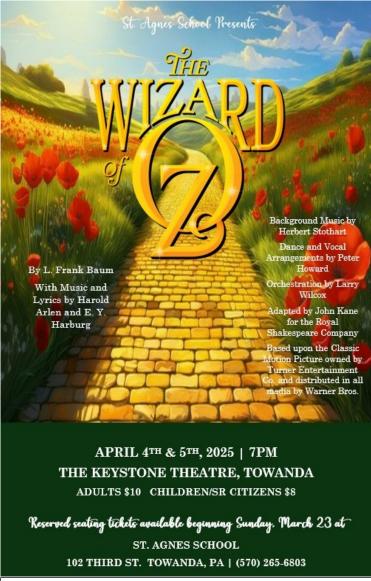
"May I die for love of Your Love, You Who were so good as to die for love of my love." St. Francis of Assisi

## PAYING IT FORWARD AS A LEAD MOTHER IN NIGERIA

In Nigeria, over 25 million people are experiencing extreme food insecurity due to climate change, poverty and of the change poverty and of the chan

food insecurity due to climate change, poverty and conflict. Because of violence in their hometown, Amina and her family were forced to flee and start life over again in a new village. Learn how Amina's participation in a CRS program helped her prepare nutritious meals for her family and support other families in her community to overcome the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Visit *crsricebowl.org/week-2* to read this week's Story of Hope.





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





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# How long is Jesus present in the Eucharist after we've received communion?



<u>Philip Kosloski - published on 05/17/17</u> https://aleteia.org/2017/05/17/how-long-is-jesus-present-in-theeucharist-after-weve-received-communion

The "Real Presence" of Christ does not end when we receive him at Mass under the appearance of bread and wine.

The great treasure of the Catholic Church is the Eucharist -- Jesus himself hidden under the appearances of bread and wine. We believe, as the Catechism states, that "In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist 'the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained" (CCC 1374).

Additionally, this Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist does not end immediately when we receive him at Communion time. The *Catechism* goes on to explain how, "The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist" (CCC 1377).

What does that mean when we receive him into our mouths? How long does Jesus' Real Presence remain in our bodies?

There is a famous story from the life of St. Philip Neri that helps answer that question. One day while he was celebrating Mass, a man received Holy Communion and left the church early. The man appeared to have no regard for the Presence within him and so Philip Neri decided to use this opportunity as a teaching moment. He sent two altar boys with lighted candles to follow the man outside of the church. After a while walking through the streets of Rome, the man turned around to see the altar boys still following him. Confused, the man returned to the church and asked Philip Neri why he sent the altar boys. Saint Philip Neri responded by saying, "We have to pay proper respect to Our Lord, Whom you are carrying away with you. Since you neglect to adore Him, I sent two acolytes to take your place." The man was stunned by the response and resolved to be more aware of God's presence in the future.

It is generally assumed that the Eucharistic species of bread **remains for about 15 minutes after reception**. This is based on simple biology and reflects the

Catechism's statement that the presence of Christ "endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist."

This is why many saints have recommended offering 15 minutes of prayer after receiving the Eucharist as a thanksgiving to God. This allows the soul to savor the presence of God and have a true "heart-to-heart" with Jesus.

In our fast paced world it is often difficult to remain long after Mass, but that doesn't mean we can't at least pray a brief prayer of thanksgiving. The main point is that we need to remember Jesus' presence in the Eucharist stays with us for several minutes and presents us with a special time when we can commune with our Lord and feel his love within us.

If one day you forget, don't be surprised if your parish priest sends altar servers to follow you to your car when you leave Mass early!

## SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL YARD SALE

Planning is underway for the Annual Yard Sale in June! During your Spring Cleaning, please set aside items to donate. Clean

items to donate. Clean, sellable items are needed. Please, no clothing, large furniture, mattresses, televisions, broken toys, computer monitors or exercise equipment.



## Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).



## POPE FRANCIS'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering

each other's gifts, even in their differences.

## LENTEN HOLY HOURS WITH BISHOP BAMBERA

For the third straight year, Bishop Bambera will visit each deanery in the Diocese of Scranton during Lent to hold a special Holy Hour for the faithful.



In the Sayre Deanery, Holy Hour will be at 7 pm on Monday, March 31st in Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Saint Basil Church, 123 Churchill Street, Dushore, PA. The complete list can be found online at <a href="https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/bishop-bambera-to-hold-holy-hours-throughout-diocese-during-lent/">https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/bishop-bambera-to-hold-holy-hours-throughout-diocese-during-lent/</a>

# **DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES**Sunday, April 6

2:00 pm, St. Michael's Church, Canton 4:00 pm, Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Towanda

Sunday, April 13 2:00 pm, St. Basil Church, Dushore 4:30 pm, Epiphany Church, Sayre

#### CHILI COOKOFF AND DESSERT COMPETITION

The Cemetery Association thanks all participants, judges, and attendees. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with parishioners and guests. The results were:

Best spicy yet edible chili - Matt Bradford Favorite mild chili: Beth Cole

Desserts winners: Cathy Asbury - Black Forest cake, and Beth Cole - Lemon Bars.

Most Honorable Mention: Anna Bradford - cupcakes.

As of March 1, we have reached 78.46% of our \$19,238 parish goal. \$15,095.00 has been donated or



\$15,095.00 has been donated or pledged by 72 donors. Our current participation rate 26.67%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

## **MARCH 17 - 23, 2025 READINGS**

**Mon:** Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6:36-38 **Tues:** Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23

Mt 23:1-12

**Wed:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Thurs:** Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31 **Fri:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Sat:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sun**: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

## This week on formed, week of March 16, 2025

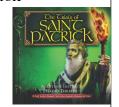
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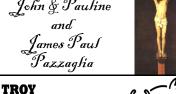
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