

MAY 18, 2025



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 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, May 17 Easter Weekday

VIGIL: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 pm, Canton † Bea Jones (Joe & Joanne Kropf)

Sunday, May 18 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Theresa Kingsley (George Kingsley)

11:15 am, Troy † Rob Morris (Theresa & Joe Sheridan)

Monday, May 19 Easter Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † John Alcibiade

(Ray & Katherine Harrington)

Tuesday, May 20 Easter Weekday

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

Donald Trump (The Garvey Family)

Wednesday, May 21 Easter Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His Family)

6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, May 22 Easter Weekday

No MASS

Friday, May 23 Easter Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Kathleen Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)

Saturday, May 24 Easter Weekday

VIGIL: SIX SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 pm, Canton † Bill & Bonnie Spencer

(Jeff & Beth Cole)

Sunday, May 25 SIX SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Beatrice Jones (Marilyn Machmer)

11:15 am, Troy † Robert Morris (St. Michael'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 the intentions of our First Holy Communicants: Claire Bradford, MacKenzie Hamburger, Riley Hamburger, and Sunni Stanton. *Sanctuary lamp intentions may be requested by contacting the parish office.*

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



SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS May 5 - 11, 2025

Weekly Offerings:	5,126.00
Electronic Offerings:	525.00
Other Parish Income:	183.53
 Total Parish Income:	5,834.53
Average weekly expenses:	4,356.13
Difference:	1,478.40
Care & Education of Priests:	253.00
Mothers' Day Envelopes:	626.00

Thank you for your continued support.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will be celebrated this Sunday during the 9:30 and 11:15 am Masses. Please pray for our First Holy Communicants and their families.

St. Michael's: Sunni Stanton

*St. John's: Claire Bradford
MacKenzie Hamburger
Riley Hamburger*



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday, May 28

5:30 pm Vigil Mass, St. Michael's Church

Thursday, May 29th

5:30 pm Mass, St. John's Church

SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL YARD SALE

Donation Drop offs: 10:30 am - 4:00 pm on Saturday June 21 & Sunday June 22. *(Please, no clothing, large furniture, mattresses, televisions, broken toys, computer monitors or exercise equipment.)*

The Yard sale is 8:00 am - 3:00 pm on Friday June 27 & Saturday June 28.

The Knights will provide food in the parking lot. Baked goods will be available for purchase.



SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

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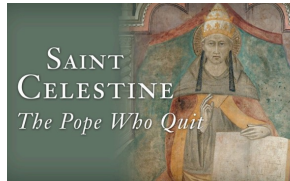
MAY PRAYER INTENTION: FOR WORKING CONDITIONS

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

THIS WEEK ON **formed**, WEEK OF MAY 18, 2025

SAINT CELESTINE: THE POPE WHO QUIT

This docu-drama investigates the secrecy of this dramatic time in history and reveals a story that involves deadly dealings, apocalyptic maneuverings, and papal intrigue. It uncovers the riveting and mysterious story of Pope St. Celestine V, the pope who retired from the papacy after a very short reign. At the close of the tumultuous Middle Ages, this future monk and pope seemed destined from birth to save the world.



SAINT RITA

St. Rita of Cascia is immortalized in this wonderful, deeply moving film. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. Her story and love for Christ will inspire you to great holiness!



THE POPE | WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE

Join Dr. Christopher Mooney, assistant professor of theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as he answers some of the internet's most popular questions about the pope and the papacy.



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MAY 19 - 25, 2025 READINGS

Mon: Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tues: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wed: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thurs: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

Fri: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-12 Jn 15:12-17

Sat: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

Sun: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29



GRADUATION MASS & MEAL

The Mass is planned for the weekend of June 7th & 8th, with details depending on the schedules of the families. If you or a close family member will be graduating high school or college this year, please contact the parish office ASAP so plans can be finalized.

NAZARETH GROUP MEETING - The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth invite young women grades 9-12 to join us on Saturday, June 7th, from 11 am - 4:30 pm. Learn more about the Faith, make wholesome friendships, and grow more in love with Jesus through prayer and inspirational talks. To RSVP by June 5, or for more information, call Sr. Angela in Tunkhannock at 570-836-2737 or Sr. Clare in Williamsport at 570-745-3334. Calling times are: Mon-Thurs & Sat - 9-11:30 am; 1-4:30 pm; 7-8:15 pm.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

As of May 3, we have reached 79.76% of our \$19,238 parish goal. \$15,345.00 has been donated or pledged by 73 donors. Our current participation rate is 27.04%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

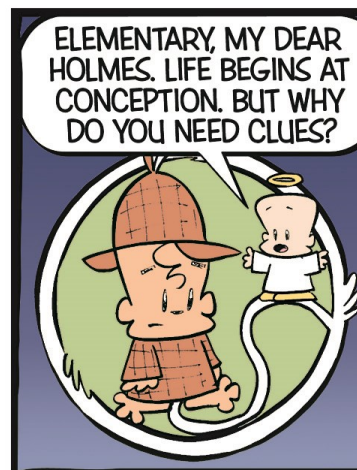
2025 HOPEGATE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Hopegate's (formerly Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center) baby bottle campaign continues through Father's Day. Pick up your baby bottle by the bulletins and check the parish website for more information: <https://stmichaelscanton.com/news/hopegate-baby-bottle-campaign/>.



Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





Saint Michael Parish

2025 Mother's Day Intentions



Jane McCaw and Erica Arnold by Mrs. James Arnold.

Carol Asbury, Lucy Asbury, Rose Zaleski, Peaches Schram, Grace Cochrane and Adell Westrick by The Asbury Family.

Mrs. Wallace Bell and Mrs. Josephine Szczech by Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Bell.

Joy Brann, Rose Brann and Marion Madigan by Atty & Mrs. Gerald Brann.

Shirley Brenchley and Patty Munjack by Mr. & Mrs. John Brenchley.

Marjorie Vineski, Roberta Vineski, and Irene Brozowski by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brozowski.

Anna Capaldi, Florence DePalma, Melanie Cleveland, Michele Watkins, and Jen Cleveland by Jayne Cleveland.

Bonnie Spencer, Margaret Acresti, Geraldine Spencer, Nancy Wright, Lois Rook, Kathryn Kilborn, Rosa Acresti, Hilda Cressy, Thelma Cole, Cassi Blaney, Chrissi Stanton, Carri Bilbrey, Kelsey Cole, Cindy Vroman, Mona Parker, and Marilyn Scott by Jeff & Beth Cole.

Carol Ann Gergel, Maureen Peterson, and Nanette Gergel by Thomas & Nanette Gergel.

Samantha Hamburger, Anna Bradford, Cassie Hamburger, Violet Davis, Sarah Hamburger, Josie Hamburger, and Shawn Hamburger by Danette & Paul Hamburger.

Danette Hamburger, Violet Davis and Josephine Hamburger by Dr. Paul Hamburger.

Private intention by Mr. Will Hawrylo.

Helen Taverniti by Diane Hedrick.

Mary E. McMahon and Joey Herman by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Herman.

Mary Dolobach and Rose Heruska by Mrs. Harold Hopkins.

Theresa Kingsley and Dora Cooley Kingsley by Mr. George Kingsley.

Private intentions by Joseph & Joanne Kropf.

Joyce Maloney by Sally Maloney VanHorn.

Lucille Chagnon, Marion Mulno, Victoria Johnson, and Allura Booker by Mr. & Mrs. John Mulno.

Celeste M. O'Gara, Eleanor M. O'Gara, and Marie Shivers by Thomas O'Gara.

Joy Snell, Anastasia Snell, June Pepper and Mary Erickson by Mrs. Rancy Pepper.

Helen Pierchorowicz and Rita Martínez by Mr. & Mrs. David E. Pierchorowicz.

Josephine Szczech by Barbara Szczech.

Barbara, Lena, Ruth, Dora, Clara, Rose, Alice, Adeline, Jean, Theresa, and Marian by Mrs. Sherry Vargson.

Mrs. Josephine Szczech by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Weed.

Josephine Szczech by Mrs. Louise Wilber.

Eva Jenkins and Lula Wilcox by Mr. & Mrs. John Wilcox.

June Wynne, Adell Wynne, and Betty Franklin by Mr. Joseph Wynne II.





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Statement of the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, on the election of Cardinal Robert F. Prevost as the New Pope

SCRANTON (May 8, 2025) – On May 8, 2025, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, released the following statement on the election of Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, as the new Pope, who has chosen the papal name Leo XIV:

"Today is a day of great joy and thanksgiving in the life of the Church as we welcome a new Successor to the See of Saint Peter. I invite all the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton to join me in fervently praying for our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, who has been chosen today by the College of Cardinals as the 267th Pope.

"While the election of Pope Leo XIV is historic as the first North American to be elected Pope, his vast missionary experience of walking among the poor and serving those on the margins with humility, will serve him well as he echoes Christ's call of going forth and making disciples of all nations to all people.

"With this selection, I believe the Cardinals have recognized the vibrancy, faithfulness, and strength of the Church in the United States. For generations, American Catholics have sought to embrace the Gospel with compassion – and having a shepherd chosen from among us is both humbling and affirming. It also speaks to the goodness that has grown in the church of North America – a goodness bearing fruit in service and evangelization.

"We entrust Pope Leo XIV to the care of the Holy Spirit. May his heart be open to divine guidance, and may he be filled with strength, wisdom, courage, insight, and compassion for the great responsibility that lies before him.

"This is a beautiful moment for our Church to show its unity. Let us remain united in prayer – and especially hope – in the weeks and months ahead as the 2025 Jubilee Year continues."

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come new members.

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