

JUNE 1, 2025



7TH 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

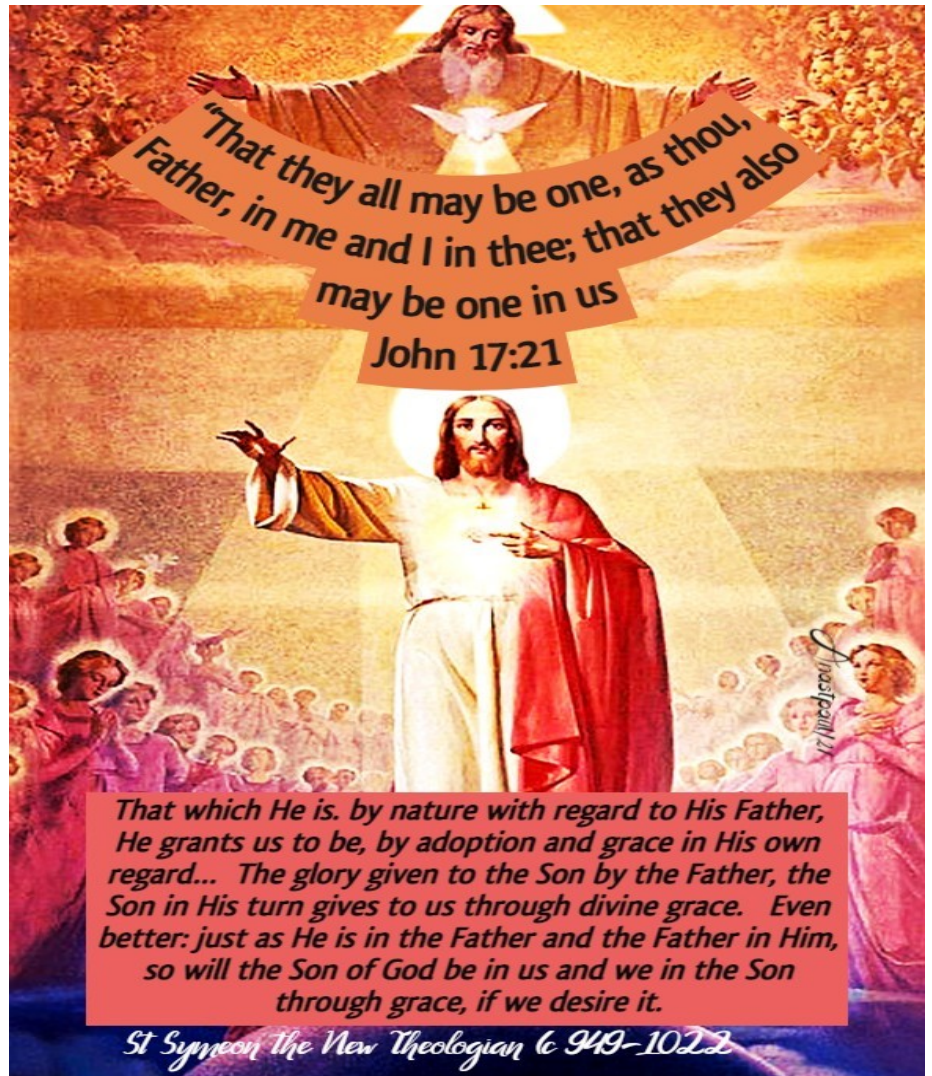
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass
until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

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 31 Easter Weekday
VIGIL: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
4:00 pm, Canton † Irene Bitcola (Cheryl Carlonas)

Sunday, June 1 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † Beatrice Jones (The Mulno Family)
11:15 am, Troy † Bill Thacker
(Mr. & Mrs. David Pierchorowicz)

Monday, June 2 Saint Charles Lwanga and
Companions, Martyrs
7:00 am, Rectory † Scipione Alcibiade
(Ray & Katherine Harrington)

Tuesday, June 3 Easter Weekday
5:30 pm, Troy † Barbara & Lefty Shanley
(Barbara Wyworski)

Wednesday, June 4 Easter Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Margaret (Peggy) Wesneski
(St. Michael's A&R)

Thursday, June 5 Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr
NO MASS

First Friday, June 6 Easter Weekday
7:00 am, Canton - A Special Intention
(Jim & Joyce Maloney)

Saturday, June 7 Easter Weekday
VIGIL: PENTECOST SUNDAY
4:00 pm, Canton † Beatrice Jones (Jane & Erik Polcrack)

Sunday, June 8 PENTECOST SUNDAY
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † Theresa Kingsley (The Mulno Family)
11:15 am, Troy † Louis Bitcola (Cheryl Carlonas)

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 Cohen Herman Deitrick, who was baptized in St. Michael's Church on May 24th. Congratulations to his parents, godparents and family.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION follows the
7 am Mass in St. Michaels' Church.
Reposition is at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.
If you can commit an entire hour, contact
Leslie Debach at (315) 521-0258.



SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS May 18 - 25, 2025

Weekly Offerings:	2,672.00
Electronic Offerings:	525.00
Other Parish Income:	138.05
Total Parish Income:	3,335.05
Average weekly expenses:	4,356.13
Difference:	(1,021.08)
Care & Education of Priests:	16.00

Thank you for your continued support.



FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

In addition to the Father's Day intention envelopes that are in your envelope packets, Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards are in all three churches. If you choose to use these cards, complete the envelope, include your offering, and drop it in the collection basket on or before Father's Day. There is also a beautiful Father's Day card for you to give to your father, grandfather, or great grandfather. *The Father's Day intentions will be printed in the June 22nd bulletin and will be on all four of our altars for the remainder of June.*

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETIES NEWS

JOINT ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETIES DINNER

June 16, 2025, 6:00 pm, St. Michael's Hall

Choice of meatloaf or baked chicken. Dinner includes scalloped potatoes, green beans, corn, rolls & butter, cake & cookies.

The cost is \$15 per person. Please reserve your seat by Monday, June 9th. Sign up sheets are in all three churches or on the parish website at: <https://stmichaelscanton.com/news/joint-altar-rosary-dinner/>

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.



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 Blaszczyk, Gus Branish, Betty Brown, Dennis & Barbara Clarke, Anthony DeMarco, Kiran Dhawan, Dorland & Carlene Eck, Leon English, Wayne Ettinger, Misty Frame, Douglas Greene, Melissa Gowan, William Hall, Robert Dale Hostetter, Victoria Johnson, Bob Jones, Lauren Kreager, David Kule, Jo Kule, Bob Lutz, Joyce Maloney, Tom McBlane, Bunny Meuse, Ed "Buster" Merritt, Bernadette Moore, Orlando Morales, Delina Morgan, Charlotte Morse, Mary Nybeck, Pamela Porter O'Brien, John O'Brien, Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker, Gary Paquette, Lori Pellegrini, Brittany Romaine, Pat Rushin, Cristy Schmelzle, Ahmed Hassa Sharief, Anthony Shipula, Christine Shipula, Bev Smith, 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.

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June 2025

St. Michael Parish

One Minute Meditations

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Born in 1568 to the Marquis of Castiglione Castle in Italy, St. Aloysius was living at the court of Francesco de' Medici as a page when he met St. Charles Borromeo. In 1585, St. Aloysius entered the Jesuit Order. His studies for the priesthood were disrupted by famine and a plague. He volunteered to tend the sick. He died of the same plague at the age of twenty-three. He was known for his purity, penances, and theological brilliance.

Encountering God's heart

It's one thing to "know about" God — like knowing someone's name and zip code — but knowing His heart is a different matter. Jesus founded the Church so everyone everywhere could encounter God and experience His redeeming, transforming love. If just "knowing about" Jesus isn't enough for you — good! He's always calling us to experience His love more.

"A first essential setting for learning hope is prayer. When no one listens to me any more, God still listens to me. When I can no longer talk to anyone or call upon anyone, I can always talk to God. When there is no longer anyone to help me deal with a need or expectation...he can help me...if I pray, I am never totally alone."

Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe Salvi*

You are a passion of Christ

Want to know someone? Find out what he or she loves. So what is Jesus passionate about? It's simple — He is passionate about you. Not humanity in general, but you.

When Jesus looked at the crowds, He didn't see a blur of faces. He saw each person—knew them, loved them. The Crucifix and the Eucharist aren't just symbols; they're proof that His love goes to staggering lengths to be with us and bless us. It's a love so personal and intense, it demands a response. So how do we respond?

Start simple: "Thank you. I love you." We assume people know we love them, but it still matters to say it out loud. The same is true of Jesus. In His appearances to St. Margaret Mary and later to St. Faustina, He shared how deeply wounded He is by indifference and ingratitude, especially in the Eucharist. He also promised immense grace to those who console Him with

love, thanks, and attention.

Come to the Feast. At every Mass, Jesus gives everything—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1374). He gives us His whole Heart, hoping we'll give ours

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love" (John 15:9).

in return. He is as present now as He was at the Last Supper. Simply showing up to be with Him is an act of love — and a bold act of faith.

Receive His Mercy. When we come to Him in Confession, genuinely sorry, He doesn't scold—He celebrates. Not because of our sin, but because He gets to pour out His mercy. "Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me" (*Diary of St. Faustina*, 1146). Confession doesn't just free your soul—it fills His Heart with joy.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics hold Eucharistic processions?

A Eucharistic procession — a public act of worship during which the Blessed Sacrament is carried by a priest through the streets — is a centuries-old tradition.

Dating back to the Middle Ages, at the center of the procession is the Blessed Sacrament in a radiant vessel called a monstrance. Behind the priest (or deacon), the faithful follow, praying and

singing in reverent joy.

When these processions move beyond church walls and into the streets, they become more than a ritual — they become a living proclamation of Christ's Real Presence. No speeches, no signs — just silent reverence and an open invitation for others to encounter the Lord Himself.

Words can build—or break—bridges

"The way we communicate is of fundamental importance." Pope Leo's point is that words can build up or tear down, open hearts or shut them tight. In a noisy world, choosing how we speak is one of the most important choices we make.

Manners matter. Real communication doesn't bulldoze others. It doesn't chase agreement at all costs. It doesn't feed off competition. A healthy conversation makes space for different viewpoints while still seeking the truth. Winning an argument might feel good—but it rarely changes hearts. And changing hearts is the point.

Speak the Truth—with love. Truth isn't always popular. Sometimes it's hard. But truth, spoken without love, loses its

power. As Pope Leo put it, we must never separate "the search for truth from the love with which we must humbly seek it." This is especially vital when carrying out spiritual Works of Mercy like counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, or even admonishing the sinner. The goal isn't just to be right—it's to bring people closer to Truth Himself.

Ditch the stereotypes. People don't fit neatly into boxes. When we lean on lazy labels, we lose the chance to see each other clearly—and we only deepen division. As Pope Leo said, "Let us disarm communication of all prejudice and resentment ... Let us disarm words, and we will help disarm the world."

from Scripture

Matthew 16:13-19, Founded on the "Rock"

The events in this passage lay the foundations for the Catholic Church, intended to last for the rest of time. In it, Jesus asks His disciples, "*Who do you say that I am?*" It was a question about Jesus' identity, rather than about the persuasiveness of His teaching or His popularity. Catholicism centers around who Jesus is. The Truth is true, regardless of popular opinion.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Simon answered for the disciples, identifying Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah (Matthew 16:16). For this, Jesus

changed Simon's name to Peter ("Rock"), reflecting a change of identity and mission. He gave Peter (and his successors) the keys to the kingdom — a sign of authority to interpret Scripture, forgive sins, and (re)admit people into the Church.

This truth has been handed down through the ages, from the Apostles to the bishops to us. The Holy Spirit would lead Peter — and his successors, the popes — to continue speaking and acting in truth as the visible head of the Church.

Feasts & Celebrations

June is the month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, wounded by our sins, yet blazing with divine love for us. We're encouraged to receive Holy Communion worthily and visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

June 3 – St. Charles Lwanga and his companions (1886). While serving under Ugandan King Mwanga II, St. Charles and his friends faced persecution for their faith. When Lwanga his companions refused King Mwanga's immoral demands, the king ordered them all to be executed, which they underwent in joyful anticipation.

June 17 – St. Emily de Vialar (1856). Born into the French aristocracy, St.

Emily used her inheritance to found a religious order—the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition. They cared for the sick and started schools in Europe, Africa, and Asia.

June 19 – St. Romuald the Abbot (1027). Born in Ravenna, Italy, St. Romuald fled to a Benedictine monastery to do penance, after witnessing his father kill a relative in a duel. St. Romuald sought solitude as a hermit, yet many came seeking guidance. He founded several monasteries, including the Camaldolese.

June 28 – The Immaculate Heart of Mary. In response to the request made by Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to Mary's gentle and devout Immaculate Heart in 1942 and initiated this feast in 1944.

Q & A How can I get more out of using Scripture in prayer?

The practice of *lectio divina*, or "sacred reading" is a Catholic devotion with ancient roots. The best-known form was developed by Guigo II, a twelfth-century Carthusian monk, and consists of four steps.

Reading: The first "rung" of the ladder is simply to read. Consider reading the Gospel of the day, a favorite verse, or an event from Christ's life, e.g., the Anointing at Bethany (John 12:1-8).

Meditating: Reread and wait for the Holy Spirit to point you to something. Sit with it for a while. What do you feel? Can you imagine what's happening in the passage?

Praying: God always speaks to us through Scripture (Hebrews 4:12). This is the time to ask Him to shed light on it. God reveals His heart to us and us to ourselves.

Savoring: This stage is called "contemplation" — a resting in God. It's the moment when a conversation between friends settles into a comfortable silence.

Lectio divina is a guiderail for prayer, rather than a strict set of steps. Don't worry: God knows what we need and how best to reach our hearts.

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2025 GRADUATION MASS & FELLOWSHIP

The 2025 Graduation Mass will be the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 8. Fellowship will follow in the hall, hosted by St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Society. YOU are invited to attend and congratulate our graduates!

THIS WEEK ON **formed**, WEEK OF JUNE 1, 2025

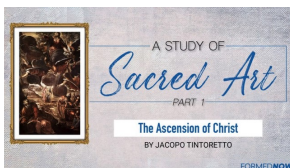
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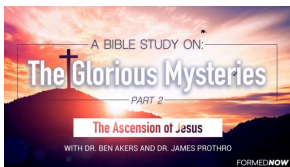
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Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on Formed, they discuss The Ascension of Christ by Jacopo Tintoretto.



A BIBLE STUDY ON THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES THE ASCENSION

Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary through the lens of Sacred Scripture.

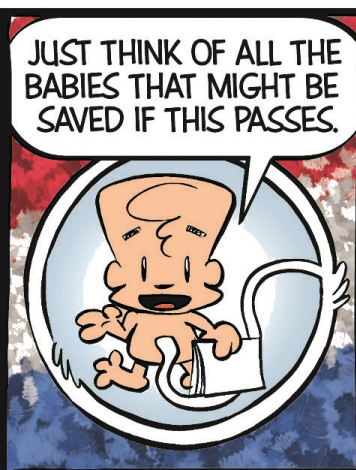
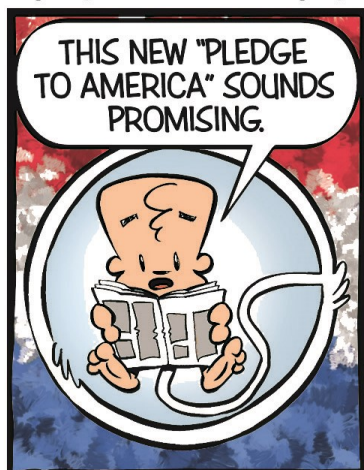


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There will be **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** following the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday June 29. You must have received First Holy Communion to be eligible to be an altar server. Current altar servers are encouraged to attend for a refresher training.

Summer Office Hours are Mon & Wed, 8 am - 3:30 pm. Email is checked daily, and the answering machine is also monitored for messages. If you have a spiritual emergency when the office is closed, you may try Cathy's personal cell number: (570) 692-2853.

Umbert the Unborn



by Gary Cangemi

JUNE 2-9, 2025 READINGS

Mon: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3b, 4, 5ac, 6-7b Jn 16:29-33

Tues: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

Wed: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b Jn 17:11b-19

Thurs: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11

Jn 17:20-26

Fri: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab

Jn 21:15-19

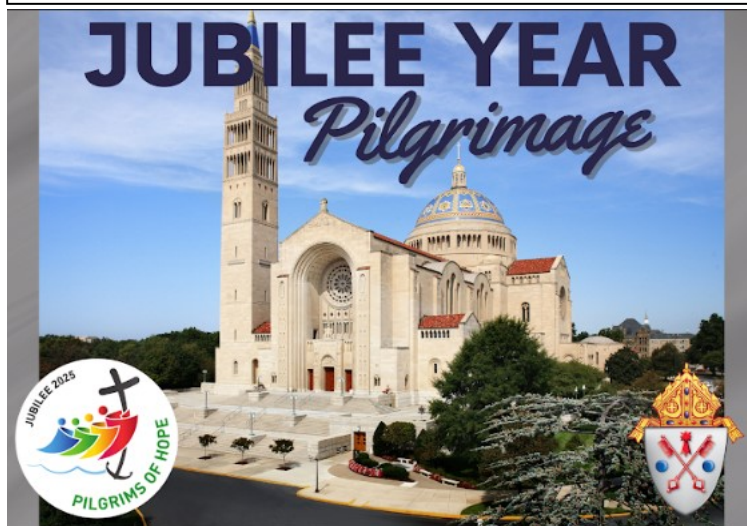
Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

Pentecost Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5 Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30 Rom 8:22-27 Jn 7:37-39

Sun: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17

Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



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