

JULY 27, 2025



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST. MICHAEL

## CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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Summer Office Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

### 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

It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place,

after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him,

## Lord, teach us to

# PRAY

just as John also taught his disciples. Luke 11:1

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**Pastoral Council:** David Beahm, David Brann, Leslie Debach,  
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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, July 26** SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE  
VIGIL: 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
4:00 pm, Canton - For the special intentions of  
Laurie Bagley (St. Michael's A & R)

**Sunday, July 27** 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo  
9:30 am, Canton † Theresa Kingsley (Dot Hopkins)  
11:15 am, Troy † Don Wilber (Louise Wilber)

**Monday, July 28** Weekday  
7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

**Tuesday, July 29** Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus  
5:30 pm, Troy † Gail & Russell Smith  
(Mr. & Mrs. David Pierchorowicz)

**Wednesday, July 30** Weekday  
5:30 pm, Canton † Ginny VanDyke (Pat Pepper)  
6:00 pm Holy Hour

**Thursday, July 31** Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest  
No Mass

**First Friday, August 1** Saint Alphonsus Liguori,  
Bishop, Doctor of the Church  
7:00 am, Canton † Marjorie Renzo (Jim & Joyce Maloney)

**Saturday, August 2** Weekday  
VIGIL: 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
4:00 pm, Canton † Pamela Anzer (Mike & Jean Herman)

**Sunday, August 3** 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo  
9:30 am, Canton † Robert Fleury (Christina Fleury)  
11:15 am, Troy † Rich Carlonas (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 the faith of all those nearing death to  
grow ever stronger, as they prepare in hope to  
share eternal life with Christ.

*Sanctuary lamp intentions may be  
requested by contacting the parish office.  
The cost is \$10 for all three lamps for a weekend.*

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 July 14 - 20, 2025

Weekly Offerings:	2,871.00
Electronic Offerings:	525.00
Other Parish Income:	68.50
Total Parish Income:	3,464.50
Average weekly expenses:	4,356.13
Difference:	(891.63)



*Thank you for your continued support.*

## PARISH CENSUS

As of July 21st, we have 102 responses out of 269  
registered families. Census forms are availa-  
ble by the bulletins, on the parish website at  
[stmichaelscanton.com/news/parish-census/](http://stmichaelscanton.com/news/parish-census/),  
or by using this QR code:



## HOPEGATE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Hopegate sent a thank you letter and statement of  
our contributions to their 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign,  
which totaled \$606.81. **Thank You!**

## NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

MASS INTENTION FOR THE CANONIZATION OF  
BLESSED FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY,  
FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



On Sunday, August 10th, the 9:30 am Mass will be  
offered for the Canonization of Blessed Father Michael  
McGivney by the Knights of Columbus. A Rosary and  
Litany of Blessed Father Michael McGivney will begin  
at 8:45 am, led by the Knights of Columbus.

Michael McGivney was born August 12, 1852, or-  
dained December 22, 1877, and died August 14, 1890 at  
the age of 38 after serving in the Priesthood for 13 years.



He founded the Knights of Columbus in  
1882. He was declared Venerable on  
March 15, 2008. A miracle was ap-  
proved for his Beatification on May 27,  
2020. Venerable Father Michael  
McGivney was beatified on October 31,  
2020. His Feast Day is established as  
August 13th.

## SAVE THE DATE!

The ENDLESS MOUNTAINS CHORAL SOCIETY invites  
you to their Fall *Choral Anthems Concert* in Saint  
Michael's Church on Sunday, September 14th at 4:00  
pm. A light reception will follow in the church hall.

## SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Karl Barton,  
Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszczyk, Mary Blaszczyk, Gus Branish,  
Betty Brown, Dennis Clarke, Grace Cott,  
Anthony DeMarco, Kiran Dhawan, Philip Doud,  
Dorland & Carlene Eck, Leon English, Wayne Ettinger,  
Misty Frame, Douglas Greene, Melissa Gowan,  
William Hall, Barb Hinman, Maryllis Hughes, Victoria  
Johnson, Bob Jones, Lauren Kreager, David Kule,  
Jo Kule, Judy Lepper, Bob Lutz, Joyce Maloney,  
Tom McBlane, Ed "Buster" Merritt, Delina Morgan,  
Charlotte Morse, Mary Nybeck, Pamela Porter O'Brien,  
John O'Brien, Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker,  
Gary Paquette, Lori Pellegrini, Olivia Perrotto,  
Brittany Romaine, Pat Rushin, Cristy Schmelzle,  
Ahmed Hassa Sharief, Anthony Shipula,  
Christine Shipula, Bev Smith, Elias Vroman,  
Calvin Watson, Steven Wilber, John Wilcox, Fran Zizza  
*Contact the office to add a name to the prayer list.  
Names remain on the list for 3 months per request.*



## POPE LEO XIV JULY PRAYER INTENTION

FOR FORMATION IN DISCERNMENT

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

## THIS WEEK ON **formed**, WEEK OF JULY 27, 2025

### THE VIOLINIST: STORIES OF SOLANUS CASEY

The Violinist is a must-watch documentary that chronicles the inspiring life of a humble Capuchin friar known for his deep faith, simplicity, and profound impact on those he served. Featuring personal stories from the people who knew Bl. Solanus, the film showcases his remarkable ability to inspire others, sharing heartwarming anecdotes about his modest lifestyle and passion for playing the violin.



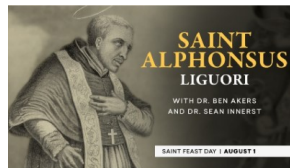
### IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called "The Saint of Second Chances," St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.



### ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI | CATHOLIC SAINTS

Born to a noble Italian family and known as the "Prince of Moral Theologians", St. Alphonsus Liguori was a great preacher, lawyer, bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. In this episode of Catholic Saints, Augustine Institute professors Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today.



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## JULY 28 - AUGUST 3, 2025 READINGS

**Mon:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-23 Mt 13:31-35

**Tues:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-13  
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Wed:** Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5-7, 9 Mt 13:44-46

**Thurs:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3-6a, 11  
Mt 13:47-53

**Fri:** Lv 23:1, 47-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37  
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11b Mt 13:54-58

**Sat:** Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

**Sun:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17  
Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

## 2025-2026 CCD REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

TEACHERS AND SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!

Anyone interested in faith formation ministry, please contact Sarah Watson at [dre@stmichaelscanton.com](mailto:dre@stmichaelscanton.com) or 570-447-8799.

CCD registration is open through September 7. Register here: <https://stmichaelscanton.com/news/2025-2026-religious-education/> or by using the hard copies by the bulletins. Keep an eye on the bulletin for a Parents' Meeting to be scheduled in September.

Two consecutive years of religious education are needed for Sacramental Preparation. Children entering 1st & 7th grade should be enrolled in CCD. 2nd & 8th graders who are eligible for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, respectively.

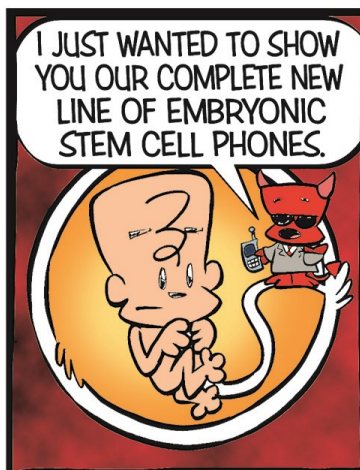
## THE 2026 MASS SCHEDULE IS NOW OPEN!

Masses can be requested by phone, email, or a note in the offertory basket. When making your request, please include:

- Who the Mass is being offered for. Are they living or deceased. Who is making the request.
- The \$10/Mass stipend. (*No Mass is declined for an inability to pay.*)
- A phone number or email in case there are questions.
- If applicable: The date and/or church in which you would like the Mass to be offered. (*no guarantees*)
- If applicable, the name & address of the person to whom you would like a Mass card mailed.

## Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





### Knights of Columbus Council #5517

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



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