

AUGUST 17, 2025



20TH 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

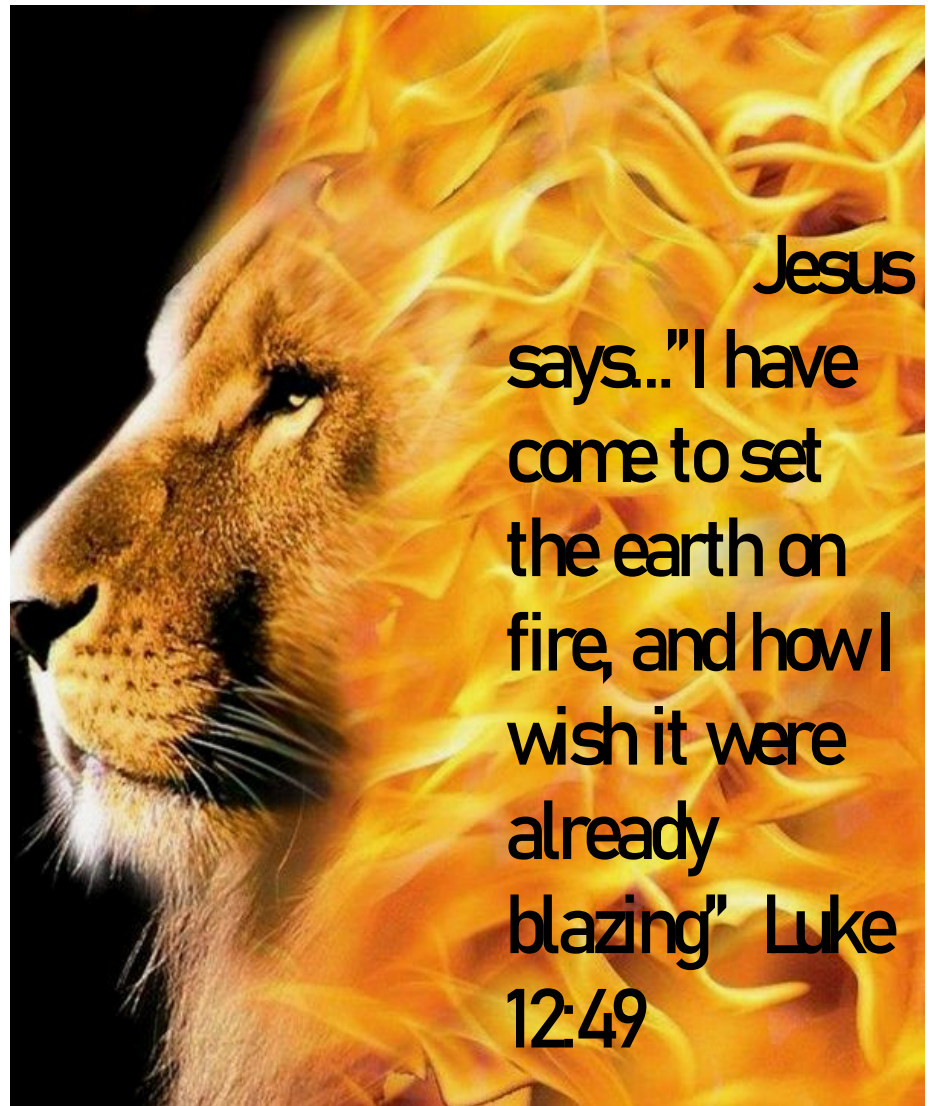
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass
until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

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



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, August 16 Weekday

VIGIL: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Kathleen Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)

Sunday, August 17 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Bea Jones (Dot Hopkins)

11:15 am, Troy † Helen Herko (Cheryl Carlonas)

Monday, August 18 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Kelly Martin

(Alden & Rosemary Fitzwater)

Tuesday, August 19 Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Shirley DePalma (Jayne Cleveland)

Wednesday, August 20 Saint Bernard, Abbot,
Doctor of the Church

5:30 pm, Canton † Elizabeth Beahm, (David Beahm)

6:00 pm Holy Hour

Thursday, August 21 Saint Pius X, Pope

7:00 am, Rectory † Beatrice Jones (Reuben & Olga Rivera)

Friday, August 22 The Queenship of the

NO MASS Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 23 Weekday

VIGIL: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Lois Rook (Jeff & Beth Cole)

Sunday, August 24 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Margaret Wesneski (Jerry & Joy Brann)

11:15 am, Troy † Joe Pierchorowicz, Jr.

(Mr. & Mrs. David Pierchorowicz)

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 Catholics to steadfastly proclaim and uphold the dignity of all human life, in all stages and circumstances.

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 August 4 - 10, 2025

Weekly Offerings: 3,839.50

Electronic Offerings: 525.00

Other Parish Income: 575.50



Total Parish Income: 4,940.00

Average weekly expenses: 4,356.13

Difference: 583.87

Care & Education of Priests: 30.00

Thank you for your continued support.

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC,
OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?**



The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the way for non-Catholics to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church and for Catholics who have not been fully initiated to receive Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. OCIA begins with the Inquiry Phase, which will begin in late September. For more information or to register, please call Father Joe at 570-673-5253.

ANNUAL FRUIT PIE SALES

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!

It is time for our annual fruit pie sale! THE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL will be held on **September 27 & 28** at the Firemen's Field in Canton. Don't think you're locked in to apple pies, people love the fun and unusual flavors, so let your creativity flow! Pie tins and boxes will be available for pickup in all three churches next weekend. Pie drop-off will be on Friday, September 26th in Saint Michael's Church hall 10 am - 6 pm.



Please print the pie flavor neatly on the post-it note on the box.



You can volunteer to work the booth on the sign-up sheet in the back of St. Michael's Church, or call the rectory during office hours to see what times still need coverage.

This fundraiser has been very helpful to the fiscal health of our parish and is a great way to build relationships within our community. Both of those things are vitally important. Your help is needed to continue these traditions.

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, David Martinez, 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, Elizabeth Ross, Joan Ross, 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 AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

FOR MUTUAL COEXISTENCE

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

THIS WEEK ON **formed**, WEEK OF AUGUST 10, 2025

SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX | CATHOLIC SAINTS

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church.



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Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.



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PARISH CENSUS

As of August 11th, we have 111 responses out of 268 registered families. Census forms are available by the bulletins, on the parish website at stmichaelscanton.com/news/parish-census/, or by using this QR code:



AUGUST 18 - 25, 2025 READINGS

Mon: Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44 Mt 19:16-22
Tues: Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-14 Mt 19:23-30
Wed: Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-7 Mt 20:1-16
Thurs: Jgs 11:29-39a Ps 40:5, 7-10 Mt 22:1-14
Fri: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Ps 146:5-10 Mt 22:34-40
Sat: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Ps 128:1b-5 Mt 23:1-12
Sun: Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1b-2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

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 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.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the meals for the CHS athletes. Your generosity of time, talent and treasure for this annual event is greatly appreciated!



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

"STUFF THE BUS" UNDERWAY!!

Our "Stuff the Bus" drive continues through the month of August. We are collecting school supplies for less fortunate students. Collection bins are in Saint Michael's and Saint Aloysius Churches.

In addition to school supplies, this year we are asking for donations of sweatpants or track pants for children aged kindergarten through 4th grade. There are a variety of reasons why a change of clothing may be needed for these ages.



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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the parish. We meet on the
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in Saint Michael's church hall

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