

AUGUST 24, 2025



21ST 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

LUKE 13:22-30

TRY YOUR BEST TO ENTER BY THE NARROW DOOR



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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 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)

Monday, August 25 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Tuesday, August 26 Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Steve Tapocik (Cheryl Carolonas)

Wednesday, August 27 Saint Monica

5:30 pm, Canton † Ginny VanDyke (Sherry Vargson)

6:00 pm Holy Hour

Thursday, August 28 Saint Augustine, Bishop,

No Mass

Doctor of the Church

Friday, August 29 The Passon of Saint John the Baptist

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

Saturday, August 30 Weekday

VIGIL: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Colleen Labonte (Mike & Jean Herman)

Sunday, August 31 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Dave & Bill Mahonski (The Family)

9:30 am, Canton † Marie O'Hara (Dot Hopkins)

11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

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 sick, suffering, and those near death to receive adequate care which embraces their physical, psychological, and spiritual needs as they journey toward eternal life.

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 11 - 17, 2025

Weekly Offerings: 2,720.00

Ascension Offerings: 387.00

Electronic Offerings: 525.00

Other Parish Income: 91.50



Total Parish Income: 3,723.50

Average weekly expenses: 4,356.13

Difference: (632.63)

Care & Education of Priests: 1.00

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 are available for pickup in all three churches. Pie drop-off will be on Friday, September 26th in Saint Michael's Church hall 10:00 am - 6:00 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.*



ST. MICHAEL

CATHOLIC PARISH

FILL THE FREEZER MEAT BUNDLE RAFFLE

Tickets are \$10/each

Tickets are available after all weekend Masses,
from any Parish Pastoral Council member,
or at the parish office during office hours - (570) 673-5253.

Drawing will be held during the Harvest Supper in Saint Michael Church Hall on Wednesday, October 22nd. You need not be present to win.

FIRST PRIZE

SUPER DELUXE BUNDLE

51.25 POUNDS

RETAIL VALUE: \$285.00

15 lbs. Fryers (halves or quarters)
2×1½ lb. Leona Ham Steak
5×12 oz. Delmonico Steak
4 lbs. Country Style Ribs
3 lbs. Pork Steak
1×2½ lbs. London Broil
2×2 lbs. Boneless Sirloin
5 lbs. Leona Hamburg Patties
2 lbs. Cube Steak
5 lbs. Leona Super Dogs
2 lbs. Hot or Mild Italian Sausage

SECOND PRIZE

FREEZER FILLER

54 POUNDS

RETAIL VALUE: \$215.00

5 lbs. Rib End Pork Chops
3 lbs. Loin End Pork Chops
6 lbs. Country Style Ribs
6 lbs. Pork Steaks
3x1 lbs. Breakfast Sausage
10x1 lbs. Ground Chuck
3 x 2 lbs. Chuck Steaks
10 lbs. Chicken Leg Qtrs.
5x1 lbs. Hot Dogs

THIRD PRIZE

ECONOMY BUNDLE

21 POUNDS

RETAIL VALUE: \$85.00

6 lbs. Ground Beef
2×1 lbs. Hot Dogs
3 lbs. Loin End Pork Chops
2 lbs. Pork Country Ribs
3 lbs. Chuck Steaks
5 lbs. Chicken Leg Quarters



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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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ANNUAL PRO LIFE PICNIC, Thursday, August 28 at 6 PM, starting at 6:00 PM. This is the meeting where we elect officers for the next year and summarize our activities for this year and next year. We will discuss the hot issues concerning the protection of human life from conception to a natural death. Even if you have never attended, you are cordially invited to join us. The picnic will be at the home of Michael and Lou Ann Kilmer in Wyalusing Borough, PA. From the center of the village turn left on Gaylord St, go to the end of the street, turn left into our driveway, marked with a sign, Indian Meadows. The house is brown and cream with a small barn at the end of the long driveway. Meat and beverage will be provided. Bring a dish to pass if you are able. This is always a fun event so plan on joining us!

RALLY FOR LIFE in Towanda on Sunday, September 14th, We gather at the Bradford County Court House for a few remarks and a prayer at 2:00 PM Sunday, Sept 14th. Those that are able will walk down Main St to the bridge and back. We will then drive or walk to Saints Peter and Paul Church on Third St, Towanda for a non-denominational worship service and a talk by State Representative Clint Owlett, followed by a social with light refreshments in the Church lower level. (Grotto Hall).

BUS TO PA MARCH FOR LIFE on Monday, September 22. We are promoting a bus (maybe two) to the PA March for Life. The bus will stop at several locations in the county leaving early in the morning and returning in the evening on Monday, September 22. To reserve a seat on the bus, please call or text Frank Socha at 570-772-6524. The cost is free due to generous donations from the Knights of Columbus and Congressman Dan Meuser.

LIFE CHAIN, a peaceful prayer demonstration, Sunday, October 5th at 8 locations around the area. More information to follow.

HOPEGATE (Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center) will hold their annual banquets on Sept 20th at the Troy Sale Barn at 6PM and Sept 27 at the Sayre Elks Club,, 6 PM. They always have a great speaker and a great meal. Your attendance and donations support the great work they do.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY WITH AUDIENCE WITH POPE LEO

The Knights of Columbus of the Northeast Region (Scranton and Allentown Diocese) have put together A Summer Pilgrimage to Italy for June 21—July 2, 2026.

The Pilgrimage includes 2 nights in Padua, Assisi, Florence and 4 nights in Rome with a day trip to Venice. On June 30th there will be a Papal Audience with Pope Leo in St. Peter's Square.

The Pilgrimage is a great opportunity to bring pilgrims face to face with great saints, martyrs, miracles and cultural heritage of Roman Catholicism and to have a papal audience.

Additional information can be found at www.prrometours.com/knightsofcolumbuspa or call 434-953-1112.



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For More Info

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KICK OFF NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

NOVEMBER 2ND
5pm Mass - Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton

Food Trucks and Reception after Mass!





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 24, 2025

THE CONFESSIONS OF ST. AUGUSTINE | LITTLEST SAINTS

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.



FEAST OF SAINT MONICA | CATHOLIC SAINTS

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.



THE CONFESSIONS OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

Actor Leonardo DiCaprio captures the poetry and passion of Saint Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430) in a performance that is accessible and deeply moving. The play is astonishingly relevant for our own times. Augustine struggled with promiscuity, fathered a child out-of-wedlock and dabbled in a "new age" style cult. Be inspired by his relentless pursuit of Truth and encouraged by the prayerful perseverance of his faithful mother, Saint Monica.



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AUGUST 25 - 31, 2025 READINGS

Mon: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b

Mt 23:13-22

Tues: 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 Mt 23:23-26

Wed: 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12b Mt 23:27-32

Thurs: 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17

Mt 24:42-51

Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12 Mk 6:17-29

Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Mt 25:14-30

Sun: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-7, 10-11

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14

2025-2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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 7th. 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 to be eligible for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2nd & 8th grades, respectively.

The ANNUAL CATECHETICAL SUNDAY BAKE SALE will be held at all weekend Masses on September 20th & 21st. All proceeds go toward CCD materials.



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

"STUFF THE BUS" UNDERWAY!!

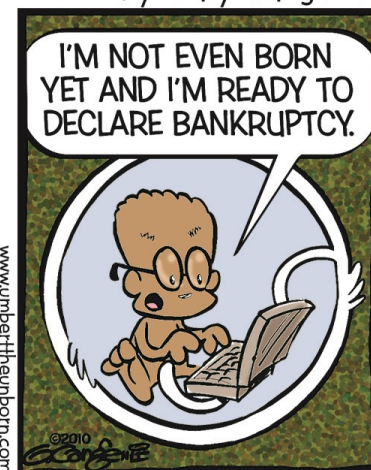
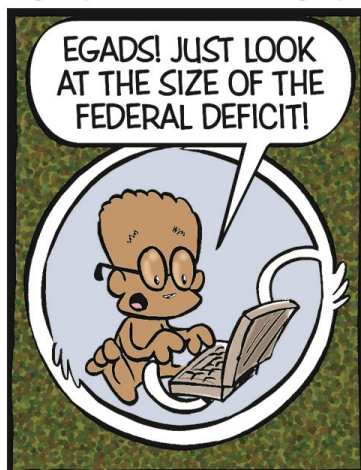
Our "Stuff the Bus" drive continues through the month of August. We are collecting school supplies for less fortunate students. Collection bins are in Saint Michael's and Saint Aloysius Churches.

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

Meetings are the second Wednesday of the Month at 7:15 pm in Saint Michael's Hall. New members are always welcome. Join online here:



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