

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



25TH 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, Sept 20 Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest,
and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
VIGIL: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Bill Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)

Sunday, Sept 21 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † Bea Jones (Jerome, June & Joe Wynne)
11:15 am, Troy † The Martinez Family
(Mr. & Mrs. David Pierchorowicz)

Monday, September 22 Our Lady of Sorrows
7:00 am, Rectory † Family of Karen & Vince Nargone
(Msgr. Robert Wargo)

Tuesday, September 23 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
5:30 pm, Troy † Kathleen Howe
(Mr. & Mrs. David Pierchorowicz)

Wednesday, September 24 Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Mike Polly (Cheryl Carlonas)
6:00 pm Holy Hour

Thursday, September 25 Weekday
No Mass

Friday, September 26 Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Marjorie Maloney
(Jim & Joyce Maloney)

Saturday, September 27 Saint Vincent DePaul, Priest
VIGIL: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, Sept 28 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Eleanor & Robert Mahonski
(The Family)
9:30 am, Canton † Theresa Kingsley (Joe & Joanne Kropf)
11:15 am, Troy † Irene 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 all whose hearts ache from
participating in abortion to be strengthened to
seek the Lord's compassion, mercy, and healing
in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS September 8 - 14, 2025

Weekly Offerings:	2,387.00
Electronic Offerings:	525.00
Other Parish Income:	169.40
Total Parish Income:	3,081.40
Average weekly expenses:	4,356.13
Difference:	(1,274.73)
Care & Education of Priests	367.00

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 Con-
firmation. OCIA begins with the Inquiry Phase, which
will begin Monday, September 29th at 7:00 pm in the
rectory. 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. People love fun and unusual flavors, so let
your creativity flow! (*One note - we don't have refrig-
eration at our booth.*) 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. *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 are open.
This fundraiser has been very helpful to the fiscal
health of our parish and is a great way to build relation-
ships within our community. Both of those things are
vitaly important. Your help is needed to continue these
traditions.

***You are invited to bake pies in Saint Michael's kitchen
on Friday, September 26th, any time between noon
and 5:00 pm. Hope to see you there!***

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Roberta Arnold,
Karl Barton, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszc, Mary Blaszc,
Gus Branish, Jerry Brann, 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,
Giselle Phillips, Brittany Romaine, Elizabeth Ross,
Joan Ross, Pat Rushin, Cristy Schmelzle,
Ahmed Hassa Sharief, Anthony Shipula,
Christine Shipula, Bev Smith, Elaine Strange,
Wayne Strange, Elias Vroman, Calvin Watson,
Steven Wilber, John Wilcox, Fran Zizza

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Sunday, October 5th | 4:00pm

St. Michael's Catholic Church

106 N. Washington St., Canton, PA

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A light reception will be held in
St. Michael's Hall following the concert.



Life Chain

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

Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA. You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer. Bring the whole family – rain or shine. Water, lawn chairs, and umbrellas are welcome. (Please do not park in front of an open business.)

Signs will be provided: Abortion Kills Children -- Adoption the Loving Option -- Jesus Forgives and Heals -- Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation -- Abortion Hurts Women -- El Aborto Mata Ninos -- Life, the First Inalienable Right -- Pray to End Abortion -- Pregnant, Need Help? 1-800-712-HELP!

BRADFORD COUNTY PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE is Sponsoring Life Chains at these locations:

Athens Township: Elmira Street from 2 to 3:30 PM
(across from Wendy's in front of the UPS Store)

Chairperson: John Moliski, 570-423-6001

**Canton: Main Street from 2 to 3 PM, Chairperson:
David Beahm 570-244-6232**

Dushore: Main Street/on corners by traffic light, from 2 to 3 PM, Chairpersons: Joe and Diane McDonough: 570-928-9621

Meshoppen: Route 6 in front of PS Bank by the blinker, from 2 to 3 PM, Chairperson: Marilyn Burton: 570-833-4851

Nichols, NY: West River Road at NY 17 Exit from 2 to 3 PM, Chairperson: Sharon Russell: 570-247-7438

Towanda: in front of the Courthouse from 2 to 3:30 PM, Chairperson: Marie Seibert: 570-265-3122

Tunkhannock: In front of Nativity BVM, Route 6, from 2 to 3 PM, Diane Stone – 570-836-3275

Wyalusing: In front of St. Mary's, Rt. 6, from 2 to 3 PM; Marilyn Burke – 570-746-1280

Owego, NY: Courthouse Square, from 2 to 3 PM; Rob Howard: 570-395-3417

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.

Details about the prizes can be found on the parish website here: <https://stmichaelscanton.com/news/fill-the-freezer-affle/>

Your help is needed to sell all 500 tickets!

Tickets can be signed out to sell to family, friends and co-workers. Tickets can also be purchased on behalf of The Canton Food Pantry and/or the Troy Food Pantry.



All prizes are from Leona Meat Plant and will be frozen and ready to go!
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10TH ANNUAL DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

**BE A CATHOLIC MAN
CONFERENCE**



CHRIST IS KING

SAT., OCT. 4, 2025, 8 AM - 3:00 PM

Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Penna. Ave., Wilkes-Barre

**Speakers: Mike Aquilina, David Bereit, Fr. Charles Connor
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\$40, (Early \$30 by 9-15-25) Students \$15, Priests/Deacons/Seminarians FREE

Morning coffee & box lunch included

ONLINE info and registration:

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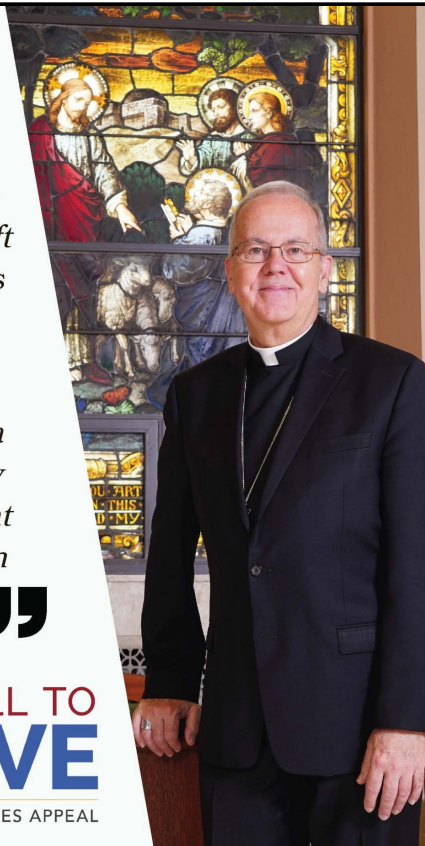
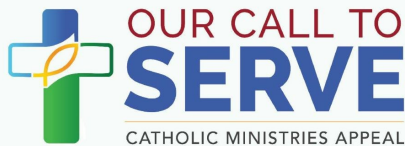
Contact: Mike Kilmer 570-721-0872 • mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com

Our anonymous sponsor is, as always, eager to pay the registration fee for any Saint Michael parishioner wishing to attend the BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE. Contact the parish office to take advantage of this offer. Those who have attended previously have enjoyed the conference.



“ In this **Jubilee Year of Hope**, I humbly invite you to consider making a gift of any amount to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Every dollar makes a difference, and every gift tells someone that they are not forgotten and are loved. ”



Thank You for Your Gift During Celebration Weekend or at AnnualAppeal.org



Donate now at AnnualAppeal.org, call (570) 207-2250 or click this QR code



As of September 13th, we have reached 4.98% of our \$20,283 parish goal. \$1,010 has been donated or pledged by 7 donors, which makes our current participation rate 2.59%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

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



Blessing - of the - ANIMALS



On the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday, October 4, 2:00 pm
Saint Michael's Parking Lot

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
 VOCATIONS 
YOUNG ADULTS
 KICK OFF NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK
 +
Leave a Mark 2025
NOVEMBER 2ND
 5pm Mass - Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton

 Food Trucks and Reception after Mass!

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).



POPE LEO XIV

SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF CREATION: Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

THIS WEEK ON **formed**, WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

PADRE PIO: MIRACLE MAN

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



SAINT MATTHEW | CATHOLIC SAINTS

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle and evangelist.



PADRE PIO: BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.



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SEPTEMBER 15 - 21, 2025 READINGS

Mon: 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9

Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tues: 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-3b, 5-6 Lk 7:11-17

Wed: 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 7:31-35

Thurs: 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-10 Lk 7:36-50

Fri: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3

Sat: 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 8:4-15

Sun: Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-8 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13



Religious Education

Classes start on Sunday, September 28th, 8:15-9:15 am.

Pre-K through 7th grade classes will be held in Saint Michael's Church hall. The Confirmation Class will meet in the rectory chapel.

The much anticipated and *oh-so-delicious* ANNUAL CATECHETICAL SUNDAY BAKE SALE will be held after all weekend Masses on September 20th & 21st. All proceeds go toward CCD materials.

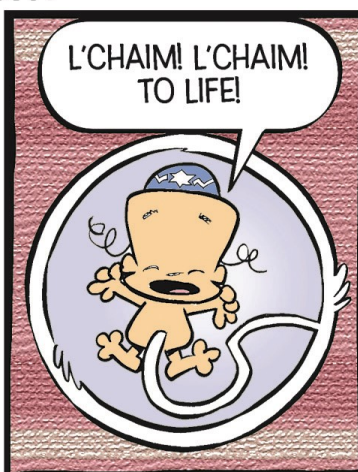


SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL HARVEST SUPPER

The 2025 Harvest Supper will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd in St. Michael's Church Hall. Watch the bulletin for details. It's not too early to start thinking about what you might like to bake and donate for the dessert table. See Jim Ross or call the parish office if you can donate winter squash.

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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