

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. MICHAEL

CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 8 am - 3:30 pm, Thursday 8 am - 1 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

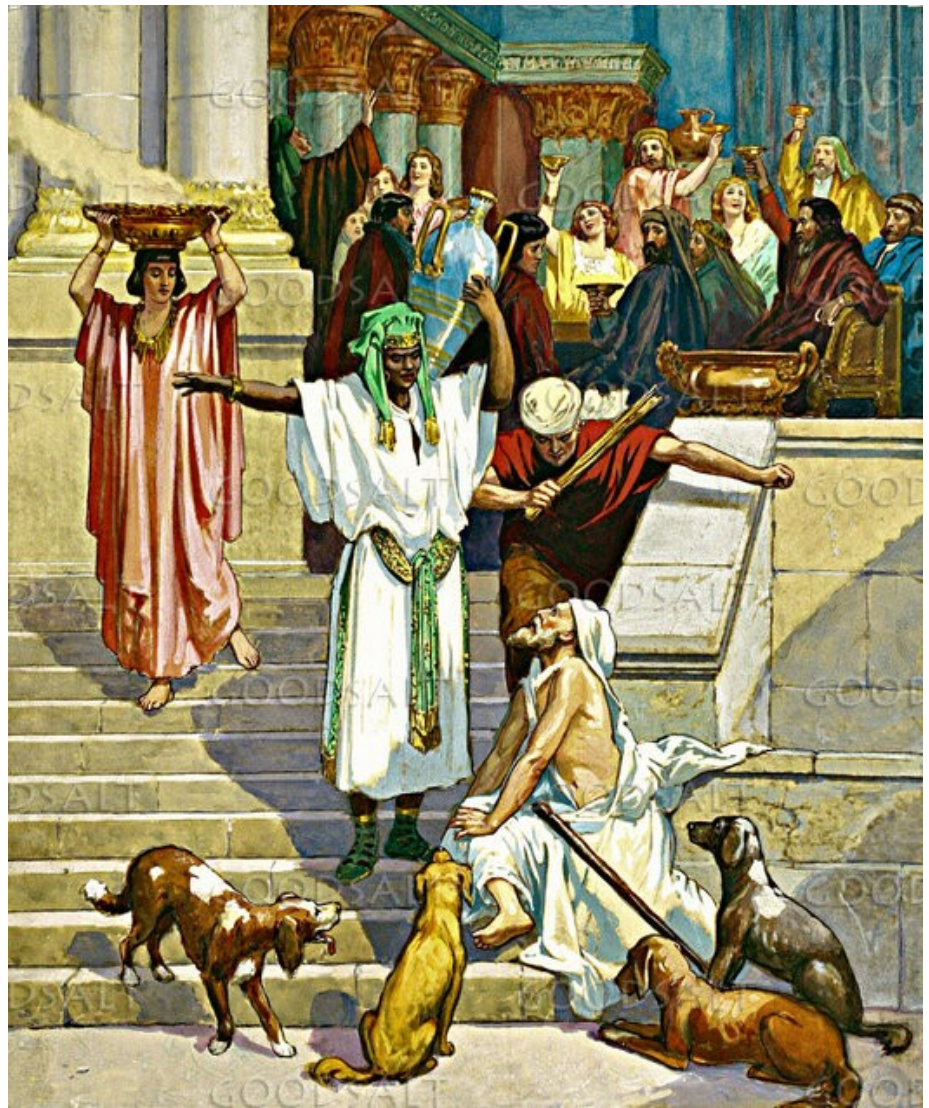
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass
until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

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 Brann, Leslie Debach, Ray Harrington
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, 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)

Monday, September 29 Saints Michael, Gabriel
and Raphael, Archangels
7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Tuesday, September 30 Saint Jerome, Priest,
Doctor of the Church
5:30 pm, Troy † Theodore McCarrick (Barbara Wyworski)

Wednesday, October 1 Saint Thérèse of the Child
Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
5:30 pm, Canton † Beatrice Jones (Reuben & Olga Rivera)
6:00 pm Holy Hour

Thursday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels
No Mass

First Friday, October 3 Weekday
7:00 am, Canton † The Family of Kimberly & Gary
Stack (Msgr. Robert Wargo)

Saturday, October 4 Saint Francis of Assisi
VIGIL: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, October 5 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Dave & Bill Mahonski (The Family)
9:30 am, Canton † Atty Robert Murphy (Jerry & Joy Brann)
11:15 am, Troy † Gail & Russell Smith
(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 the repose of the soul of Alan
Kelley by his Family

*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 15 - 21, 2025

Weekly Offerings:	2,563.00
Electronic Offerings:	525.00
CCD Bake Sale:	591.00
Other Parish Income:	353.00
Total Parish Income:	4,032.00
Average weekly expenses:	4,356.13
Difference:	(324.13)
Care & Education of Priests	5.00

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 SALE

Thank you to everyone who baked and volunteered
for the Fruit Pie Sale at THE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL! Final
numbers will be in next weekend's bulletin.

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Sunday, October 5th | 4:00pm
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A light reception will be held in
St. Michael's Hall following the concert.

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, Roberta Arnold,
Karl Barton, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszczyk, Mary Blaszczyk,
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
*Contact the office to add a name to the prayer list.
Names remain on the list for 3 months per request.*

From Fr. Joe

To all parishioners, families, and friends; this Saturday, October 4, at 2:00pm, we will have the traditional Blessing of Animals and Pets for the Feast of St. Francis.

Everyone is invited to bring their pets and animals of any kind, to the parking lot of St. Michael's Church at 107 North Washington Street in Canton.

The Blessing Service will last approximately 10 to 15 minutes. Through the Blessing of St. Francis may we always be faithful stewards of all God's creatures.





OUR CALL TO SERVE

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



116,610 MEALS SERVED

To Guests at Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre last year
(That is an increase of 7.5% from the previous year)

Support the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal at: AnnualAppeal.org



Donate now at
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call (570) 207-2250 or
click this QR code



As of September 20th, 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.



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 ANNUAL CATECHETICAL SUNDAY BAKE SALE was a rousing success. Thank you to all of our bakers, Cathy Asbury for transporting the goodies to all four weekend Masses, and to everyone who purchased or donated to this event. With a previous donation, we raised a total of \$641 for our religious education materials!

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
Adoration, Reconciliation, Exhibitors, Mass- Bishop Bambera

\$40, (Early \$30 by 9-15-25) Students \$15, Priests/Deacons/Seminarians FREE

Morning coffee & box lunch included

ONLINE info and registration:

BeACatholicMan.com

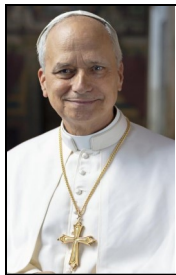
BY MAIL: Send name, address, email & parish with check or money order (payable to "Be a Catholic Man")
Put "Men's Conference" in check memo.

Mail to: Be a Catholic Man, PO Box 669, Wyalusing, PA 18853

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.





POPE LEO XIV OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION

FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS : Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



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.

Canton: Main Street from 2 to 3 PM,

Chairperson: David Beahm 570-244-6232

For other times and locations, see the September 14th bulletin on the parish website:

<https://stmichaelscanton.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2025-25th-Sunday-in-Ordinary-Time-bulletin.pdf>

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.

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 5, 2025 READINGS

Mon: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev 12:7-12ab, Ps 138:1-5
Jn 1:47-51

Tues: Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1b-7 Lk 9:51-56

Wed: Neh 2:L1-8 Ps 137:1-6 Lk 9:57-62

Thurs: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8-11

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Fri: Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9 Lk 10:13-16

Sat: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69:33-37 Lk 10:17-24

Sun: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14
Lk 17:5-10

THIS WEEK ON **formed**, WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

ST. THERESE | LITTLEST SAINTS

Which flower in Jesus's garden is the best? The most beautiful? St. Therese gives us her "little" answer to these questions.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: SIGN OF

CONTRADICTION

From 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a breathtaking film on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. A fool according to the standards of the world, St. Francis' life was a sign of contradiction, convicting others of the beauty of Christ and his Gospel.

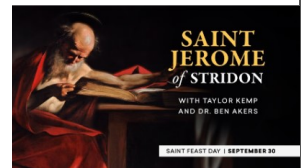
ST. JEROME | CATHOLIC SAINTS

An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

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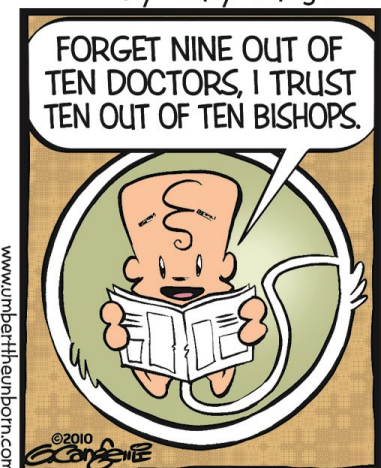
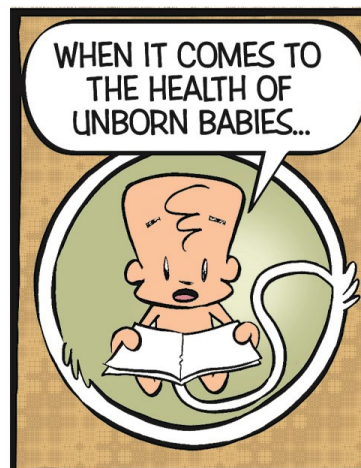
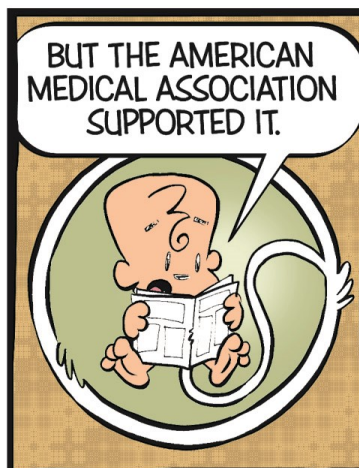
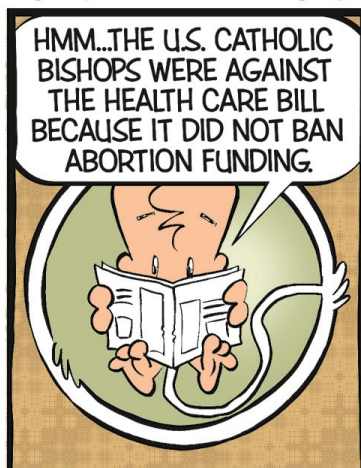
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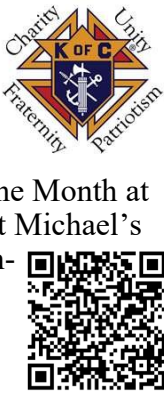
Umbert the Unborn

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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St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Society is open to all women of the parish. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Saint Michael's church hall

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