

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



# THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 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, September 13** Saint John Chrysostom,  
Bishop, Doctor of the Church  
VIGIL: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
4:00 pm, Canton † Kathy Harrington  
(Saint Michael's Altar & Rosary Soc)

**Sunday, Sept 14** THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
8:00 am, Ralston † Kathryn & Fred Fredo (The Family)  
9:30 am, Canton † Christine Vroman (Jeff & Beth Cole)  
11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

**Monday, September 15** Our Lady of Sorrows  
7:00 am, Rectory † Family of Joyce Stack & Richard  
Robinson (Msgr. Robert Wargo)

**Tuesday, September 16** Saints Cornelius, Pope, and  
No Mass Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

**Wednesday, September 17** Weekday  
5:30 pm, Canton † Helen Canon (David Beahm)  
6:00 pm Holy Hour

**Thursday, September 18** Weekday  
No Mass

**Friday, September 19** Weekday  
7:00 am, Rectory † Rexford Storch (Family)

**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)

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 people to always recognize  
each member of this human family as being  
loved by God and made in his image.

*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 4 - 7, 2025

Weekly Offerings:	2,891.00
Electronic Offerings:	525.00
Other Parish Income:	301.00
Total Parish Income:	3,717.00
Average weekly expenses:	4,356.13
Difference:	(639.13)
Gaza Special Offering:	1,981.00
Care & Education of Priests	237.00

*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 Fire-  
men's Field in Canton. People love fun  
and unusual flavors, so let your creativity flow! *(One  
note - we don't have refrigeration 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 still need coverage.

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, 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, 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.*



## ROSARY RALLY

A ROSARY RALLY will be held in  
Saint Michael's Church Hall on  
Thursday, September 18, at 10 am.  
A light lunch will follow.  
***ALL ARE WELCOME!***

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### MARIAN DAY OF REFLECTION

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Holy Child Church

Saturday, October 11, 10:30 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$25/person; \$40/couple

In honor of Our Blessed Mother and this Jubilee Year of Hope, everyone is invited to this special event, which will include two presentations by Jill Metz, lunch, Adoration, Confession, Benediction, and 4:00 pm Mass.

To register\*: Mail registration fees to:

St. Peter's Church

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Wellsboro, PA 16901

or, drop them in the collection basket at St. Peter's or Holy Child parish. Make checks payable to "St. Peter's Church." Deadline for Registration: September 25th.

\* Please include an email address and phone number with your registration.

#### ABOUT OUR SPEAKER, JILL METZ

Jill Metz is a Catholic convert, sacred artist, and the U.S. National Director of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement. She lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with her husband, Ken of 26 years. Together, they have two young adult children and have joyfully served the Church in youth ministry, RCIA, pro-life work, Eucharistic ministry, diocesan fundraising, and as members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem.

Jill brings contagious joy and unwavering passion to her mission, living a life dedicated to helping hearts encounter the love of Jesus through Mary and spreading the fire of her Flame of Love across the nation.



## 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.*



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### PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE

BUS TO PA MARCH FOR LIFE on Monday, Sept.

22. The bus will stop at several locations in Bradford County early in the morning and in the evening on Monday, Sept 22. To reserve a seat, please call or text Frank Socha at 570-772-6524. The cost to ride is free due to generous donations from the Knights of Columbus, Congressman Dan Meuser, Stevensville Presbyterian, Bradford County Pennsylvanians for Human Life and others.

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) annual banquets. 6 pm on Sept 20th at the Troy Sale Barn and Sept 27 at the Sayre Elks Club. They always have a great speaker and a great meal. Your attendance and donations support the great work they do.

## Blessing - of the - ANIMALS



*On the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi*

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



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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.

### 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.prorometours.com/knightsofcolumbuspa](http://www.prorometours.com/knightsofcolumbuspa) or call 434-953-1112.

### 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](http://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).

### AVISO AL RESPECTO DE REPORTAR EL ABUSO SEXUAL DE UN MENOR

De Edad Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley. Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. De conformidad con la Comunidad de los Servicios de Protección Infantil de Pennsylvania Leyes, informes de sospecha de abuso de niños también debe hacerse inmediatamente por teléfono las 24 horas maltrato infantil hotline (ChildLine) al 1-800-932-0313 o electrónicamente en [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis)

Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual. Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (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.



## Religious Education

A PARENTS' MEETING will be held on Tuesday, September 16 at 7 pm in St. Michael's Hall. This is a very important meeting for the parents and guardians of all students in our Religious Education program - whether in the Sunday classes or homeschooling.

*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.

## SEPTEMBER 8 - 14, 2025 READINGS

**Mon:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6abc

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

**Tues:** Col 2:6-12 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11 Lk 6:12-19

**Wed:** Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-13b Lk 6:20-26

**Thurs:** Col 3:12-17 Ps 150:1b-6 Lk 6:27-38

**Fri:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11

Lk 6:39-42

**Sat:** 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1b-7 Lk 6:43-49

**Sun:** Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17

## THIS WEEK ON **formed**, WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

### THE SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

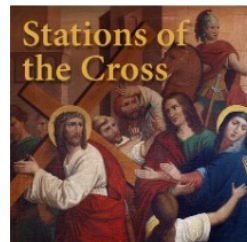
The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

BY SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer.



### THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY | BROTHER FRANCIS

Join Brother Francis as he prays and explores the Seven Sorrows of Mary Devotion!



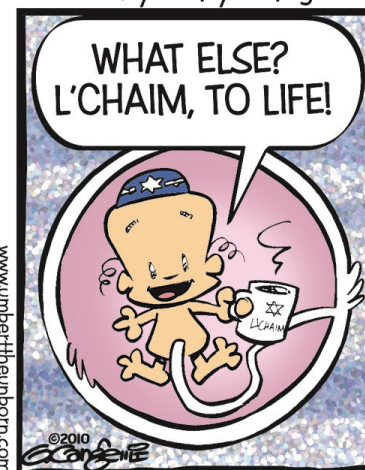
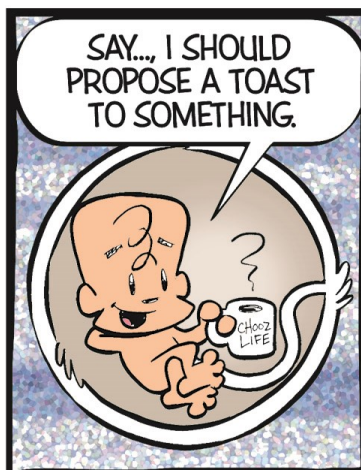
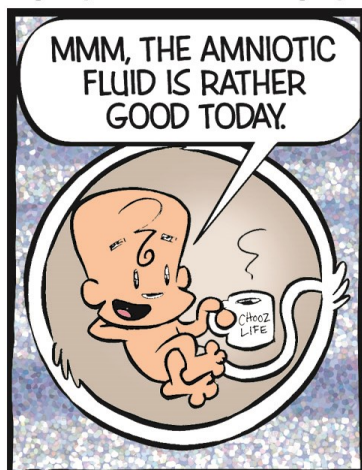
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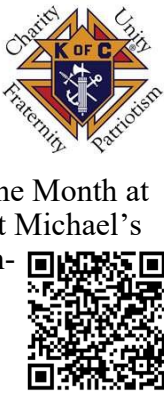
by Gary Cangemi





# 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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