NOVEMBER 9, 2025 - THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA





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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

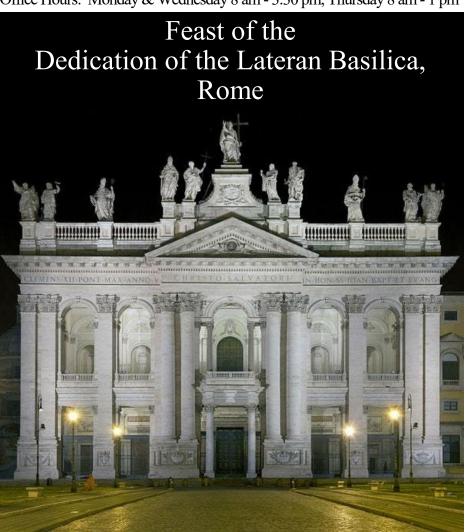
Wednesday: 6:00 pm, St. Michael's Church following 5:30 pm Mass, Benediction at 7:00 pm First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

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



<u>Pastoral Council:</u> 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, November 8

Weekday

VIGIL: THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA 4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, November 9

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LATERAN BASILICA

8:00 am, Ralston † Eleanor & Robert Mahonski

(The Family)

9:30 am, Canton † For all the Holy Souls in Saint
Michael's Cemetery (St. Michael's Cemetery Assoc.)
11:15 am, Troy † Larry Kieslor (Louise Wilber)

Monday, November 10

Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

7:00 am, Rectory † Holy Souls in Purgatory

(Msgr. Robert Wargo)

Tuesday, November 11 Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop 5:30 pm, Troy † Deceased members of Knights of Columbus Council #5517 (K of C council #5517)

Wednesday, Nov 12 Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr 5:30 pm, Canton † Deceased members of the O'Neal 6:00 pm, Holy Hour Family (John & Pat Rushin)

<u>Thursday, November 13</u> Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, No Mass Virgin

Friday, November 14

Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Richard "Dick" Merker
(Saint Michael's Altar & Rosary Society)

Saturday, November 15

Weekday

VIGIL: 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

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Sunday, Nov 16
8:00 am, Ralston † Kathryn & Fred Fredo (The Family)
9:30 am, Canton † Atty Robert Murphy

(Sara & Dave Barend)

11:15 am, Troy † Maria DePalma (Jayne Cleveland)

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 for the repose of the soul of Jerry Brann and for consolation for his family and friends by Vickery Funeral Home.

Sanctuary lamp intentions may be requested by contacting the parish office.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS October 20 - 26, 2025

Weekly	Offerings:	2,831.00
Electron	ic Offerings:	1,430.00
Other Pa	rish Income:	461.25
	Total Parish Income:	4,722.25
	Average weekly expenses:	4,868.51
Differen	ce:	(146.26)
Care & I	Education of Priests:	464.00
All Soul	s' Day Envelopes:	537.00
T^{p}	hank you for your continued supp	port.

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

Interested in becoming Catholic, or refreshing your memory?

OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the way for adults to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. The next session of the OCIA will be Monday, November 10th at 7 pm in the rectory.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Religious Education

The 2025 SAINT Fair boards are on display in Saint John Nepomucene Church this weekend. Please check them out and see what our CCD and Confirmation students have learned about some of the Saints.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
On Sunday, November 23rd, at 8:15
am, you are invited to join the Confirmation students in Saint Michael's Church for a presentation about Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are welcome!



SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Roberta Arnold, Karl Barton, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blasz, Mary Blasz, Gus Branish, Betty Brown, Dennis Clarke, Grace Cott, Anthony DeMarco, Kiran Dhawan, Philip Doud, Dorland & Carlene Eck, Colleen Eklund, Leon English, Wayne Ettinger, Misty Frame, Douglas Greene, Melissa Gowan, William Hall, Hamburger Family Special Intention, 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.

2025 SAINT MICHAEL PARISH ALL SOULS ENVELOPE INTENTIONS

- † Chris Arnold, Jerry Brann, Jerome Wynne, Jane McCaw, Joseph McCaw, and Pete Srnik by Mrs. James Arnold.
- † Deceased members of the Asbury, Zaleski, Cochrane, Schram, & Westrick families, Jerry Brann, and Jerome Wynne by the Asbury Family.
- † Warren E. Batcheller, Sr.; Donald James Batcheller; and Michelena C. Batcheller by Warren Batcheller.
- † Gerald W. Brann by Mrs. Gerald Brann.
- † William and Bonita Spencer, Monty and Kathleen Spencer, Christine Vroman, Evelyn Terry, Anthony and Margaret Acresti, Michael and Nancy Acresti, Louis and Rose Acresti, Herman and Kathryn Kilburn, Walter and Geraldine Spencer, Robert, Joseph and Thomas Spencer, Nancy and William Wright, Lois and Kevin Rook, Allan Cole, Skip and Darlene Cole, Gary and Claudia Blaney, Lisa Mosser, Martin and Mark Kaczmarek, Janet Fulciniti, Perry & Thelma Cole, Dick & Hilda Cressy, Craig Stanton, and Doug Peabody by Jeff & Beth Cole.
- † Deceased members of the Colton, Route, and Monte families by Mr.& Mrs. James Colton.
- † Carol Ann Gergel, the Gergel Family, the Yankus Family, Walter Staszewski, and the Krewczuk Family by James R. Gergel.
- † Carol Ann Gergel and our grandparents by Thomas & Nanette Gergel.
- † Russell & Vena Harrington, Kathy & Pam Harrington, James Hawn, Ed Diels, and Mike Killion by Ray Harrington.
- † Frank Taverniti, Helen Taverniti, and Rui DaCunha by Diane Hedrick.
- † Hal Hopkins, and the Dolobach and Hopkins Family by Mrs. Harold Hopkins.
- † Aaron Jones, Kerri Jones, Sarah, Leia, Jack, and Catherine by Bob & Diane Jones.
- † Deceased members of the Rittell & Kinglsey Families by Mr. & Mrs. George Kingsley.
- † Deceased members of the Mulno and Chagnon families by Mr. & Mrs. John Mulno.
- † Snell family members, Pepper family members, Joanne & Bob Strozyk, and Joann Hickok by Mrs. Rancy Pepper.
- † Joseph & Helen Pierchorowicz, Rita & Juan Martínez, and William Thacker by Mr. & Mrs. David E. Pierchorowicz.
- † Dick Ross and Pat Delvy by Mr. Nathaniel Ross.
- † Stanley & Kathryn Staszewski by Mrs. Kathryn Skipper.
- † Joey Szczech, Joseph & Josephine Szczech, Bill & Beverly Ayers, Babs Morris, Donal Wilber, Eugene Fletcher, and Lillian Packard by Barbara Szczech.
- † John Walker, Vincent Walter, Lucille Terry, Nancy Brook, Rosemary Carrol, William Piaggio, and Patrick Piaggio by Mrs. Loretta Walker.
- † Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Szczech, and Mr. Don Wilber by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Weed.
- † Don Wilber, Joseph Szczech, and Josephine Szczech by Mrs. Louise Wilber.
- † Jerome Wynne, Jefferey Wynne, Ann W Mallare, and Joseph & Adell Wynne by Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Wynne.
- † Private intentions by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hamburger, Mr. Will Hawrylo, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Herman, Joseph & Joanne Kropf, Walburga Koval, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Lepper, and Patrick & Marcia McConnell.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETIES

Our Altar & Rosary Societies use their accounts for many things. They provide candles, wine and hosts for Masses in the parish, maintain our altar linens, and keep our churches clean. They also host lunches after funeral Masses and receptions following Sacraments of Initiation. They send cards to parishioners who are facing difficult times or health issues, give generously to local charities around Christmas, request Masses for deceased parishioners and their immediate family members, and many other things.

Saint Michael's Altar & Rosary Society, after saving for many years, has undertaken the kitchen renovations in Saint Michael's Hall. Congratulations to Saint Michael's Altar & Rosary Society on a very successful Harvest Supper! A total of 272 dinners were served in house or by carry-out. Net income (sales & donations minus expenses) was \$2,001.62.

Contact the parish office if you would like to help the Altar & Rosary Society with any of their parish service.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will hold our FOOD FOR FAMILIES THANKS-GIVING FOOD DRIVE during November. Donations will go to the Canton Area or Troy Area Food Pantries. The Supreme Knights of Columbus will refund \$100 for every \$500 or 1,000 lbs. of food donated.



Monetary donations must go through the Knights to qualify for the refund, so if you choose this option, please make your check payable to *Knights of Columbus* and write *Food for Families* on the memo line. Please also indicate, on the memo line, which food pantry you would like your donation to go to. Checks should be dropped in the collection basket. Checks should not be payable to the parish or the food pantries.

Financial contributions can allow the pantries to procure the exact items needed. The Knights thank you for your generosity.

2025 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SO November Light the first violet candle on the Advent wreath, symbolizing Hope. Reflect on the source of your hope in Christ and what it means in your life.	December Be intentional. As soon as your alarm goes off, rise and kneel before a crucifix. Offer your day—and this entire season—to God with purpose and reverence.	Decide how you will draw closer to Christ this Advent—through intentional prayer, acts of penance, charitable giving, or participation in the Sacraments.	Read Luke 1:26–38, where Mary's "Yes" made way for the coming of Christ. Ask for the grace to respond with your own "Yes" to God's will in your life.	Set out your empty nativity scene as a sign of anticipation of the coming of the King. Gradually add the remaining figures throughout the Advent season.	Attend First Friday Mass, in honor of Jesus' Sacred Heart. "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours." And He will.	St. Nicholas of Myra Call or visit your parish office and ask who needs help this Christmas. Then do something about it — quietly, as St. Nicholas did.
Tight the second violet candle for Peace. Pray for the "peace which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7) for yourself and whoever needs it most.	S Conception Cod preserved Mary from sin so that she could be the mother of Jesus. Attend Mass and pray for our country. It is a holy day of obligation.	Make a small sacrifice today, offered solely to God. It is even more meaningful if it's done in secret, as encouraged in Matthew 6:18.	Prepare your heart and soul to welcome the King. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and encounter the mercy of God.	Advent is a busy season for parishes. Consider calling or emailing your parish office to ask how you can offer your time and support.	1 2 Cur Lady of Guadalupe Mary's miraculous image reveals a profound mystery of Christmas (John 1:14). Take time today to pray for expectant mothers and the gift of new life.	"If you have two shirts in your closet, one belongs to you and the other to the man with no shirt" (St. Basil the Great). Donate gently used clothing you don't need.
14 Gaudete Sunday Light the rose candle for Joy to mark the halfway point to Christmas.	Offer the alms of patience when you're irritated, a smile when you're weary, and a kind word in place of judgment. You will touch hearts in ways you'll never fully realize.	Harboring unforgiveness burdens the heart and disrupts inner peace. Pray for the grace to let go, so you can move forward in freedom and healing.	Only nine days remain until Christmas. Place a lamp or candle in a window as a sign of welcome for the Christ Child.	Visit the Blessed Sacrament, where Jesus fulfills His promise to remain with us (Matthew 28:20). Take this time to renew your faith in His unwavering love.	Today, refrain from recreational screen use between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Offer this sacrifice for those who struggle with screen-related addictions.	Share the joy of the Gospel—gather a group of friends and go caroling to bring the Good News to others through song.
Light the final violet candle, symbolizing Love—awaiting the coming of Christ, the ultimate expression of the Father's love (John 3:16).	The King is coming—prepare to welcome Him. Take time to ready your home as a reflection of the joy and reverence in your heart.	Discern which Advent practices you feel called to carry beyond Christmas. Which ones deepened your relationship with God? Which ones strengthened your capacity for charity?	24 **Rejoíce! Tonight, place the Christ Child in the manger and rejoice!	"In those days a decree we be enrolled. This was the fi So all went to be enrolled, Calilee from the town of Bethlehem, because he was Mary, his betrothed, who wher to have her child, and suaddling clothes and laid	"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Calilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the firm." (Luke 2:1-7).	that all the world should us was governor of Syria. loseph too went up from v of David that is called David, to be enrolled with e there, the time came for son. She wrapped him in ere was no place for them



POPE LEO XIV November Prayer Intention

FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

The Diocese of Scranton is one of the few dioceses in the country blessed to have a place like the Villa St. Joseph, where every need, care, and concern is met with compassion and genuine love. -Monsignor John J. Bendik Retired, In Residence at Villa Saint Joseph, Dunmore OUR CALL TO CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps to support Villa St. Joseph, a residence for retired clergy in Dunmore. Support the 2025 Appeal at Annual Appeal.org

As of November 1st, we have reached 40.23% of our \$20,283 parish goal. \$8,160 has been donated or pledged by 35 donors, which makes our current participation rate 13%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

NOVEMBER 10 - 17, 2025 READINGS

Mon: Wis 1:1-7 Ps 139:1b-10 Lk 17:1-6

Tues: Wis 2:23—3:9 Ps 34:2-3, 16-19 Lk 17:7-10 **Wed:** Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 Lk 17:11-19

Thurs: Wis 7:22b—8:1 Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175

Lk 17:20-25

Fri: Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-5b Lk 17:26-37

Sat: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43

Lk 18:1-8

Sun: Mal 3:19-20a Ps 98:5-9 2 Thes 3:7-12

Lk 21:5-19

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



This week on formed, week of November 9, 2025

St. Leo the Great | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vennerstrom as they discuss St. Leo the Great, who served as pope during the tumultuous time of the Council of Chalcedon.



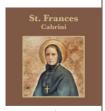
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St. Frances Cabrini

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Wednesday of each month in Saint Michael's Church hall at new members.

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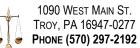
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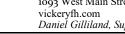
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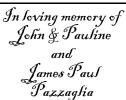


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