

**JANUARY 18, 2026**



**THE 2ND SUNDAY OF 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

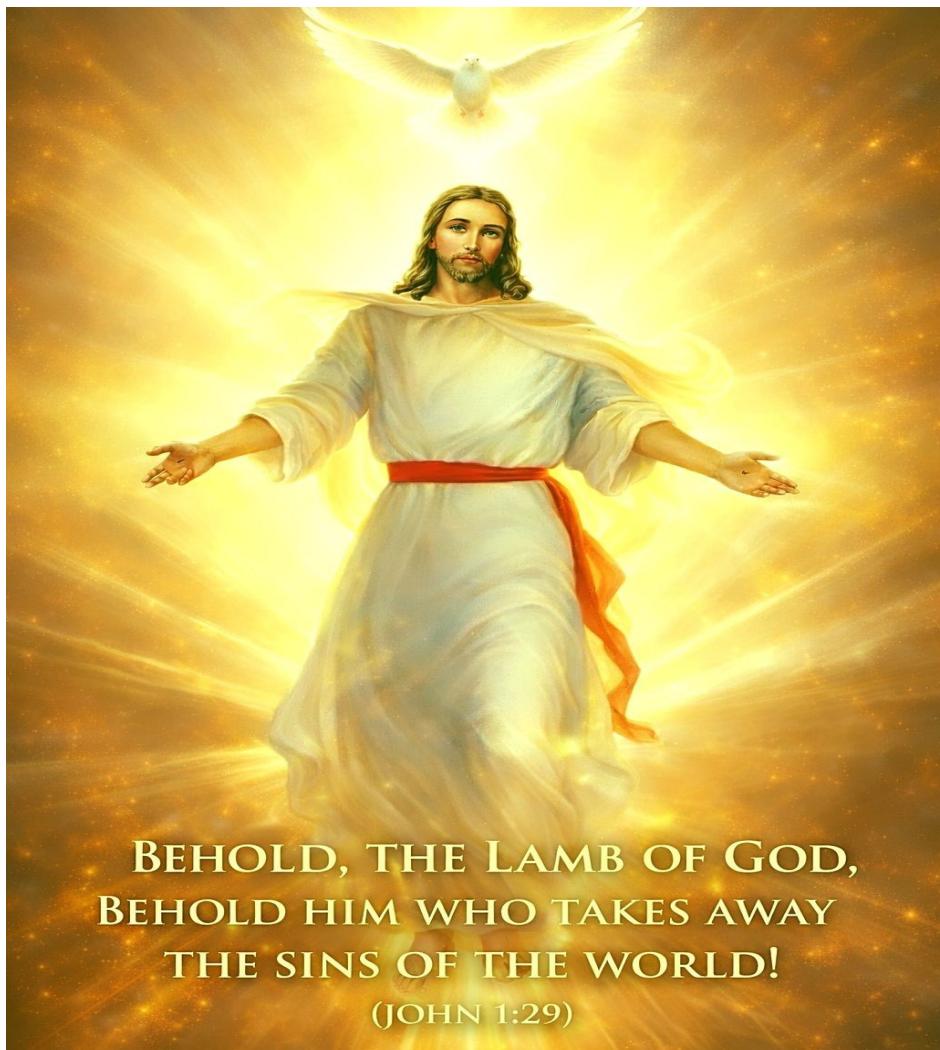
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass  
until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

### **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

<b>Saturday, January 17</b>	Saint Anthony, Abbott VIGIL: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00 pm, Canton † Jerome Wynne (Jane & Erik Polcrack)
<b>Sunday, January 18</b>	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo 9:30 am, Canton † Ginny VanDyke (Gerald & Joy Brann) 11:15 am, Troy † Rita Martinez (Mr. & Mrs. David Pierchorowicz)
<b>Monday, January 19</b>	Weekday 7:00 am, Rectory † Gerald Dalton (The Dalton Family)
<b>Tuesday, January 20</b>	Weekday No MASS
<b>Wednesday, January 21</b>	Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr 5:30 pm, Canton † J. Jerome Wynne (George Kingsley) 6:00 pm, Holy Hour
<b>Thursday, January 22</b>	Day of Prayer for the Legal No Mass Protection of Unborn Children
<b>Friday, January 23</b>	Weekday 7:00 am, Rectory † Emerson Bly (The Bradford & Hamburger Families)
<b>Saturday, January 24</b>	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00 pm, Canton † Theodora Petruska (Chick & Leslie Debach)
<b>Sunday, January 25</b>	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo 9:30 am, Canton † Jerome Wynne (Theresa & Joe Sheridan) 11:15 am, Troy † William Misson (His wife)

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 God to grant public servants and elected officials the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all human 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 am on Thursdays in St. Michael's Church. All are invited to participate.



## SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS January 5 - 11, 2026

Weekly Offerings:	2,936.00
Electronic Offerings:	525.00
Other Parish Income:	422.00
Total Parish Income:	3,833.00
Average weekly expenses:	4,868.51
Difference:	(985.51)
Care & Education of Priests:	97.00

*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 adults to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. The next session of the OCIA will be Monday, January 19th at 7 pm in the rectory.

### ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE TO BE HELD

#### JANUARY 22 AT CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

The Diocese of Scranton will once again mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with an Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word, which will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 12:10 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Christians of all denominations are warmly invited to attend this prayerful gathering, which reflects the Church's ongoing commitment to unity among all followers of Jesus Christ.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will serve as leader of prayer for the traditional ecumenical prayer service. Bishop Bambera is currently serving his final year as Chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

The guest preacher for this year's prayer service will be Rev. Dr. Nora Foust, Regional Conference Minister, Penn Central Conference, United Church of Christ.

The Ecumenical Prayer Service will be broadcast live at 12:10 p.m. on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton. It will also be made available on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel, and across all Diocesan social media platforms.

### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Roberta Arnold, Karl Barton, John Bilbrey, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blasz, Mary Blasz, Gus Branish, Betty Brown, Dennis Clarke, Ezra Cole, Grace Cott, Anthony DeMarco, Kiran Dhawan, Philip Doud, Dorland & Carlene Eck, Colleen Eklund, Leon English, Wayne Ettinger, Aldie Fitzwater, Misty Frame, Theresa Gentile, Douglas Greene, Melissa Gowan, William Hall, Barb Hinman, Maryllis Hughes, Victoria Johnson, Emily 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 Perotto, Giselle Phillips, Brittany Romaine, Elizabeth Ross, Joan Ross, Roger Rossi, Pat Rushin, Cristy Schmelzle, Marilyn Scott, Ahmed Hassa Sharief, Anthony Shipula, Christine Shipula, Bev Smith, Elaine Strange, Wayne Strange, Alyssa Van Zile, Elias Vroman, 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.*



**POPE LEO XIV**  
**JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION**  
**FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD**  
 Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### 2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 Contribution Statements are available by phone or email request to the parish office. If you received a statement last year, one has been generated for you. Contact the parish office if you have not received it.

Thank you to everyone whose contributions of time, talent and treasure made it possible to keep Saint Michael Parish operating last year.

Next week we will take up the **COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**. Many in Latin America and the Caribbean find that a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit [usccb.org/latin-america](http://usccb.org/latin-america). iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).



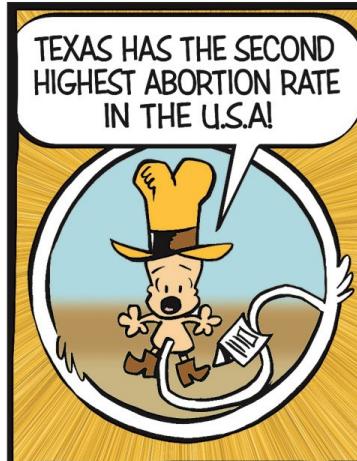
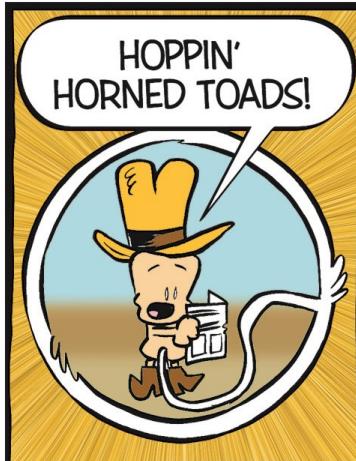
*We do not have envelopes for this offering, so use a check or write your name and "Latin" on an envelope if you want your offering recorded for tax purposes.*

As of January 10th, we have reached 78% of our \$20,283 parish goal. \$16,185 has been donated or pledged by 55 donors, which makes our current participation rate 21%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed, both financially and with your prayers.



**OUR CALL TO SERVE**  
 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

### Umbert the Unborn



<b>JANUARY 19 - 25, 2026 READINGS</b>	
<b>Mon:</b>	1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23 Mk 2:18-22
<b>Tues:</b>	1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28
<b>Wed:</b>	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b-2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6
<b>Thurs:</b>	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-16 Mk 3:7-12
<b>Fri:</b>	1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3:13-19
<b>Sat:</b>	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21
<b>Sun:</b>	Is 8:23—9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23

### THIS WEEK ON **formed**, WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2026

#### SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES: PASTOR OF SOULS

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th!



#### MARTYRDOM OF ST. AGNES | SACRED ART

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today. This week, they are looking at The Martyrdom of St. Agnes as depicted by Zampieri Domenico.



#### THE STORY OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

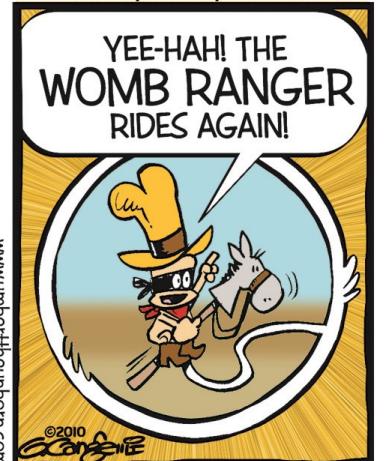
St. Francis de Sales is the patron saint of writers and we celebrate his feast on January 24. Enjoy this short audio reflection for kids.



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by Gary Cangemi



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Saint 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 at 1:00 pm. We always welcome new members.



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