

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - JANUARY 11, 2026



ST. MICHAEL

CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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Anointing of the Sick

All who are seriously ill, hospitalized, or having surgery can receive this sacrament. Contact the parish office to request this sacrament.

Baptism

All parents must attend a baptismal preparation meeting prior to the Baptism.

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

St. Michael's Church: 6 - 7 pm Mass on Wednesdays and First Fridays after 7 am Mass until 7 pm.

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. (2025/26)

Religious Education held on Sundays from September until May 8:15 -9:15 am, St. Michael's hall

Pastoral Council: David Beahm, David Brann, Leslie Debach, Will Hawrylo, Jean Herman, Ralph Lepper, Sherry Vargson, Sarah Watson - youth representative

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 10	Christmas Weekday
VIGIL: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
4:00 pm, Canton † Jerome Wynne (The Skipper Family)	
Sunday, January 11	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo	
9:30 am, Canton † Isabelle Loftus & Dorothy Ferretti	
	(Families)
11:15 am, Troy † Peggy Young	
	(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)
Monday, January 12	Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Tom Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)	
Tuesday, January 13	Weekday
5:30 pm, Troy † Pauline Pazzaglia	
	(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)
Wednesday, January 14	Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Deceased members of Knight of	
Columbus Council #5517 (K of C Council #5517)	
6:00 pm, Rosary	
Thursday, January 15	Weekday
No Mass	
Friday, January 16	Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Catherine Dalton (The Dalton Family)	
Saturday, January 17	Saint Anthony, Abbott
VIGIL: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
4:00 pm, Canton † Theodora Petruska	
	(Chick & Leslie Debach)
Sunday, January 18	2ND 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 all Christians to live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel of God's love and the dignity of every human life.

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

December 29, 2025 - January 4, 2026

Weekly Offerings:	2,992.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,430.00
Solemnity of Mary:	854.00
Other Parish Income:	978.00
Total Parish Income:	6,254.00
Average weekly expenses:	4,868.51
Difference:	1,385.49
Care & Education of Priests:	520.00
Christmas Mass Intentions:	20.00

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 12th at 7 pm in the rectory.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for doing the heavy lifting of getting the Christmas trees down from the bell tower onto the altar. Thank you, also, in anticipation of returning them to the bell tower this week.

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 Contribution Statements are available by request. Call or email your request to the parish office. If you received a statement last year, one will be generated for you and mailed or emailed by the end of January.

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

2026 RESOLUTIONS

Please consider an increase in your participation in and support of the parish for 2026. You could:

- Add a daily Mass to your routine
- Spend time in Adoration on First Friday or during Wednesday Holy Hour
- Join in the 9:30 Thursday morning Rosary
- Volunteer in one of our many ministries
- Use FORMED to learn more about our faith
- Increase your financial contributions.

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, 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 Perrotto, 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.

Parish Financial Report
St. Michael - Canton
TREND ANALYSIS

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Revenue					
Collections	194,018	192,073	181,720	179,389	163,555
Faith Formation Fees	547	345	694	784	305
Fundraising/Development	31,424	16,320	24,118	74,840	12,055
Other Income	12,486	12,343	9,249	9,377	7,182
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	3,663	2,952	2,735	-	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	-	-	15,617	1,902	-
Diocesan Special Collections	16,297	14,157	-	14,162	7,536
Total Revenue	258,435	238,190	234,133	280,453	190,633
Expenses					
Administration	135,837	130,641	122,244	121,771	108,700
Rectory	13,847	13,870	14,200	13,734	16,043
Liturgy	10,217	9,162	13,788	6,896	4,660
Faith Formation	3,160	965	3,816	2,640	1,729
Social Justice	3,418	4,953	15,950	20,653	3,900
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	46,508	29,264	25,340	22,188	26,656
Fixed Expense	23,242	20,048	18,665	19,142	16,004
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	21,460	-	5,000	-	-
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	8,610	2,664	2,038	-	(6)
Catholic School Assessment	16,932	17,616	14,400	14,868	15,852
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	16,339	11,829	15,558	15,479	5,882
Total Expense	299,571	241,012	250,999	237,371	199,419
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	(41,136)	(2,822)	(16,866)	43,082	(8,786)
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	**(SEE NOTE)**	276	(239)	(124)	5,882
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(40,860)	(3,061)	(16,990)	48,964	(14,234)

****NOTE****

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.

End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	87	363	124	-	5,882
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	363	124	-	5,882	434
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	276	(239)	(124)	5,882	(5,448)
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Please note: Some of these numbers vary from the parish financial summary that was published a couple of months ago. The biggest difference is that the parish report did not include second collection information. If you have any questions, contact the parish office.

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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.”

Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

Revenue

- **Collections** include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- **Faith Formation Fees** include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adult programs.
- **Fundraising/Development** includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- **Other Income** includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- **Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan** includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- **Transfers Savings Account/Other** includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- **Diocesan Special Collections** are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

Expenses

- **Administration** includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedraticum (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- **Rectory** expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- **Liturgy** includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- **Faith Formation** includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- **Social Justice** includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- **Operation & Maintenance of Plant** includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- **Fixed Expense** includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- **Debt Service** includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- **Capital Outlays** includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- **Designated Expenses/Transfers Out** includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- **Catholic School Assessments** paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- **Diocesan Special Collections Remittance** are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- This line represents the increase or decrease in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a **CASH BASIS** based on actual expenses paid.

(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- This amount represents the change in the parish's **unpaid obligations** over the year. If there is an **increase** in unpaid obligations, this number will be **negative**. If the parish **reduced** its unpaid obligations, this will be a **positive** number.

Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

- This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and **ACTUAL** Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their **CASH Basis** Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations.

This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- This section highlights the **change** in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an **increase** in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

Diocesan Loan/Debt

- This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.



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.

“They offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh”

Matthew 2:11

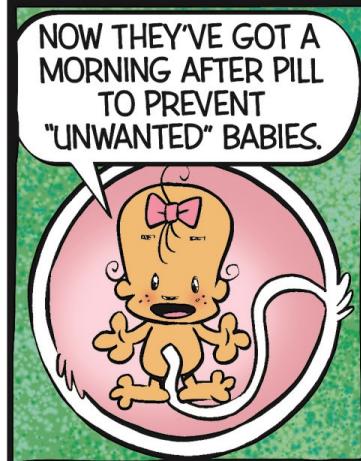


As the Magi followed the star to encounter Christ, we are called to share His light with others. Through the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you support parish and social service programs, seminarians and Catholic school students.

Make a gift today at AnnualAppeal.org

As of January 3rd, we have reached 74% of our \$20,283 parish goal. \$16,185 has been donated or pledged by 55 donors, which makes our current participation rate 20%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed, both financially and with your prayers. The Appeal has been extended into 2026.

Umbert the Unborn



JANUARY 12 - 18, 2026 READINGS
Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-19 Mk 1:14-20
Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d Mk 1:21-28
Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10 Mk 1:29-39
Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25
 Mk 1:40-45
Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12
Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2:13-17
Sun: Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 1:1-3
 Jn 1:29-34

THIS WEEK ON [formed](https://formed.org), WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2026

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Reborn explores the deeply personal power of Baptism, bringing to light the spiritual reality for parents and godparents and, most importantly, the child being baptized. Rendered with a cinematic beauty that's become the hallmark of the Augustine Institute's film productions, Reborn presents the foundation of the Church's teaching on Baptism, with a step-by-step explanation of the rite itself, including its profound place in Scripture and Tradition.



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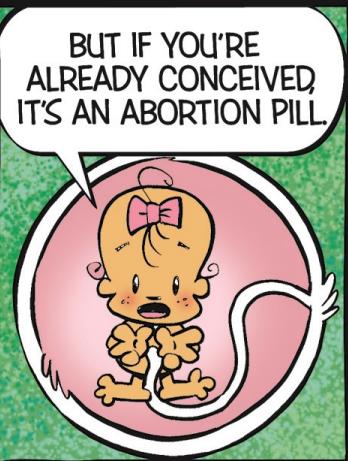
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by Gary Cangemi



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Meetings
are the second
Wednesday of the Month at
7:15 pm in Saint Michael's
Hall. New mem-
bers are always
welcome. Join
online here:

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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