



# 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

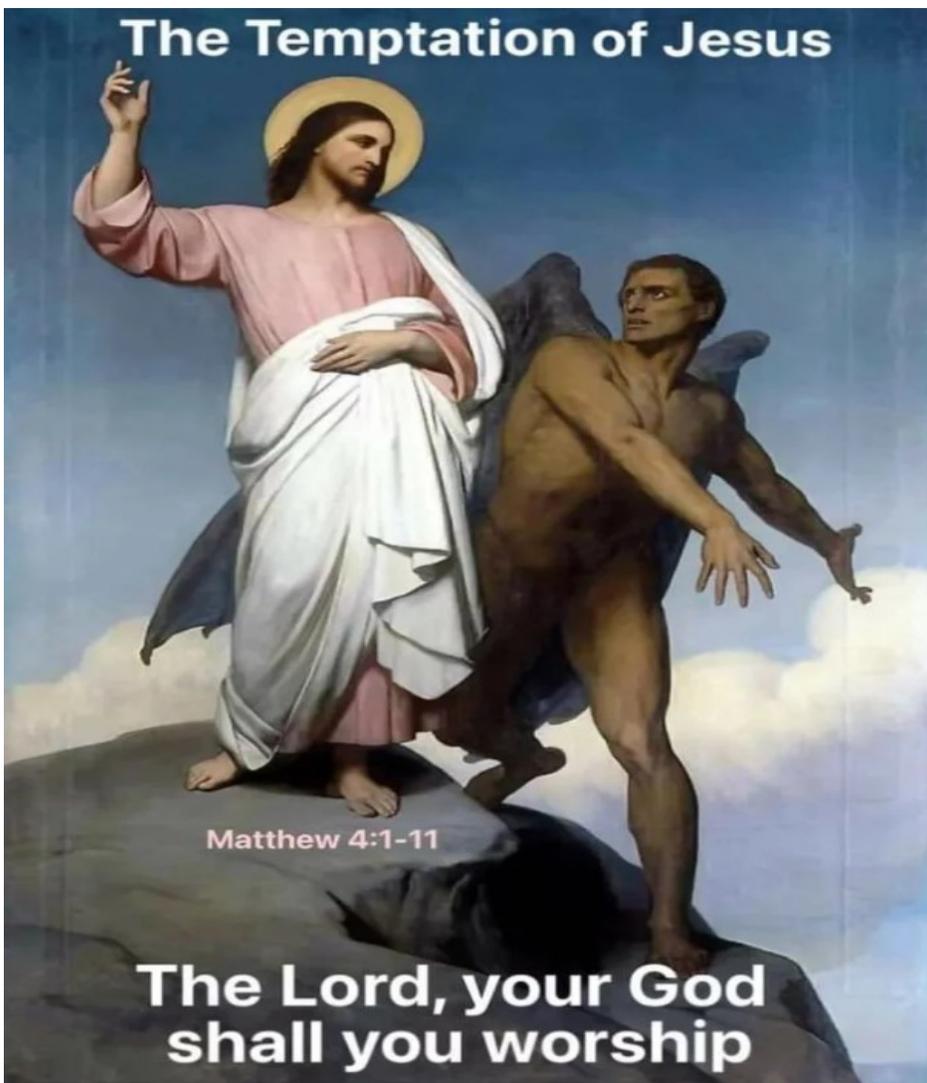
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

### 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, February 21** Saturday after Ash Wednesday

VIGIL: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm, Canton † Jerome Wynne (Sherry Vargson)

**Sunday, February 22**

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Gerald Brann (Leslie & Chick Debach)

11:15 am, Troy † Patricia Mack

(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

**Monday, February 23**

Lenten Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

5:30 pm, Canton, the Light is ON for You

**Tuesday, February 24**

Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Carol Toomey (Dorothy Pavslasky)

6:00 pm, Stations of the Cross

**Wednesday, February 25**

Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Deceased members of the Altar &

Rosary Society (St. Michael's A&R)

6:00 pm, Stations of the Cross

**Thursday, February 26**

Lenten Weekday

No Mass

**Friday, February 27**

Lenten Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † David Rinebold (St. Michael's A&R)

**Saturday, February 28**

Lenten Weekday

VIGIL: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm, Canton † Gerald Brann (Jane & Erik Polcrack)

**Sunday, March 1**

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Jerome Wynne

(The Honorable & Mrs. Matthew Brann & Family)

11:15 am, Troy † Rich Carlonas (Cheryl Carlonas)

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 every human person, from conception to natural death, to be recognized as precious and beloved in the eyes of the Lord.

Beginning on Monday, February 23rd and continuing through Monday, March 23rd of the Fifth Week of Lent, confessions will be heard on each Monday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Saint Michael's Church.



### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS February 9 - 15, 2026

Weekly Offerings:	2,409.00
Electronic Offerings:	585.00
Other Parish Income:	260.00
Total Parish Income:	3,254.00
Average weekly expenses:	4,868.51
Difference:	(1,614.51)

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC,  
OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?**



We are now in the catechumenate phase, the period of formal preparation for entrance into full membership in the Catholic Church. The next session is at 7 pm on Monday, February 23, 2026 in the rectory.

*The Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be held on Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, located at 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton.*

#### Candidates:

Ashley DeCristo, Nicole DeCristo, Sandra Jackson

#### Catechumens

Megan Regan, Max Colton, Mark Huffsmith

### Lent Is...

Lent is a time of preparing,

A time for forgiveness and a time for sharing;

A time to give to others and show some caring,

Lent is a direction with just the right bearing.

A forty day period of penitence and fasting,

That should remain in our hearts for a time everlasting.

Although it's observed from Ash Wednesday to Easter

by many churches,

It should affect everyone's life, for we're all searchers;

Looking for a purpose in life, a new direction;

And Lent is a way filled with affection,

For it paved the way for Christ's resurrection.

Lent is a time for feeling sorrow for our misdeeds.

It provides us with a way of fulfilling our needs;

The need to abstain from what is wrong,

And follow in the footsteps of Christ all along.

Author: Father Joe Kutch (1981)

### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Roberta Arnold,  
Karl Barton, John Bilbrey, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszczyk,  
Mary Blaszczyk, 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,  
Peter Hamburger, 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,  
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



**POPE LEO XIV**  
**FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION**  
 FOR CHILDREN WITH INCURABLE DISEASES  
 Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**2026 PIEROGI SALE**

Saint Michael's Altar & Rosary Society's annual Pierogi Sale is underway! Their delicious potato & cheese pierogies are just \$10/dozen. They freeze very well, so be sure to stock up!  
 There are order forms by the bulletins in all three churches. Order by phone by leaving a message at (570) 673-4125 or online from the parish website at <https://stmichaelscanton.com/news/annual-pierogie-sale/> or via the QR code below. Orders will be taken through March 1st.  
 Pick up will be in Saint Michael's hall on March 3rd, 4th & 5th from noon - 2 pm and on March 8th after the 9:30 am Mass until 11 am. Cash or personal check is due at pickup.  
 YOU are invited to help with pierogi-making, which is *always* a fun time! We will begin on Monday, March 2nd at 9 am in St. Michael's hall & kitchen and go to about 3 pm. Stay for the day, or just a couple of hours. Whatever fits your schedule. Lunch will be provided. We will do as many days as we need to complete the orders.



**SAINT MICHAEL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY CHILI COOK-OFF**  
 Congratulations to John Ciribassi for winning the chili cookoff and to Cathy Asbury for winning the dessert competition. See you February 10, 2027!

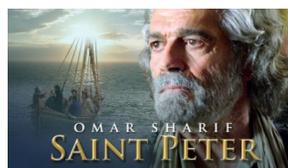
**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**  
 As of February 14th, we have reached 83% of our \$20,283 parish goal. \$16,935 has been donated or pledged by 63 donors, which makes our current participation rate 23%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed, both financially and with your prayers.

**FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 2, 2026 READINGS**  
**Mon:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46  
**Tues:** Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15  
**Wed:** Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32  
**Thurs:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8  
 Mt 7:7-12  
**Fri:** Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26  
**Sat:** Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48  
**Sun:** Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 2 Tm 1:8b-10  
 Mt 17:1-9

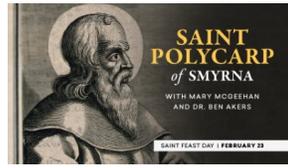
**SAYRE DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES**  
 March 8: 2:00 pm, St. Basil, Dushore  
 4:30 pm, Epiphany Church, Sayre  
 March 15: 2:00 pm, St. Michaels, Canton,  
 4:30 pm, St. Peter & Paul Towanda



**THIS WEEK ON *formed*, WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, 2026**  
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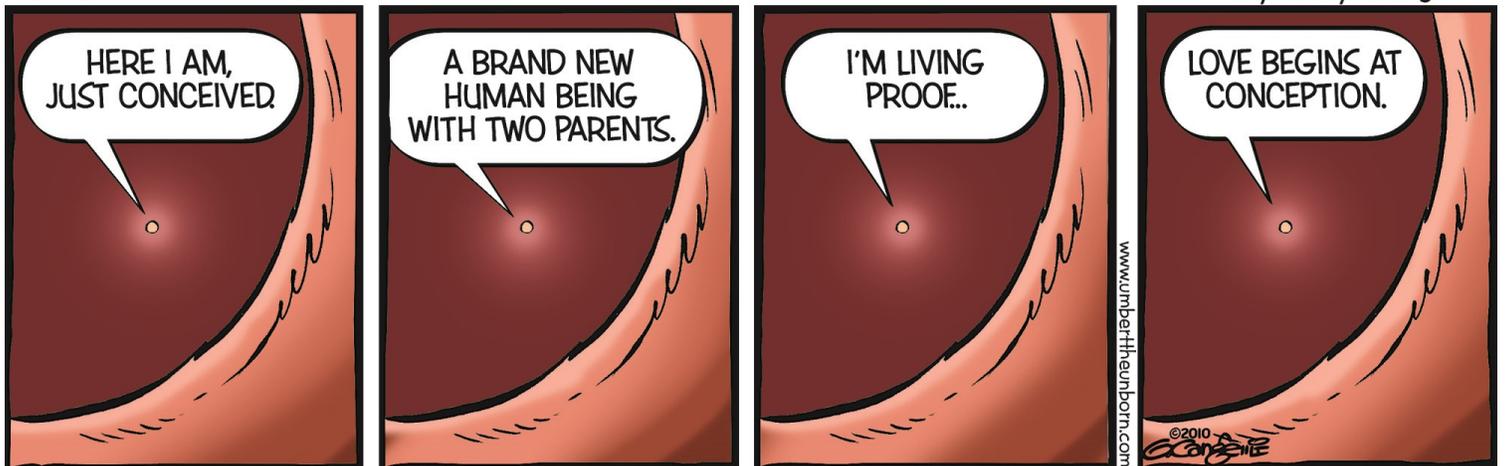


**ST. POLYCARP | CATHOLIC SAINTS**  
 Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of St. Polycarp, a second century bishop and martyr. St. Polycarp was a student of St. John the Apostle, defended the faith against early heresies, and offered his life like Christ as a martyr.  
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**Umbert the Unborn**

by Gary Cangemi



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**SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY**  
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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