

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

THE 6TH 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

**Saturday, February 14** Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

VIGIL: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

**Sunday, February 15** 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Gerald Brann (Dan & Betsy Clark)  
9:30 am, Canton † Jerome Wynne (Jerry & Joy Brann)  
11:15 am, Troy † Harriette & Dean Rumsey  
(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

**Monday, February 16** Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Jerome Wynne  
(Mrs. Wally Koval & Family)

**Tuesday, February 17** Weekday

**NO MASS**

**Wednesday, February 18** ASH WEDNESDAY

12:10 pm, Troy † Leon Bradford  
(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)  
5:30 pm, Canton † Gerald W. Brann (George Kingsley)  
6:00 pm, Stations of the Cross

**Thursday, Feb. 19** Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 am, Rectory † Gerald Dalton (The Dalton Family)  
7:00 pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wyalusing  
Holy Hour with Bishop Bambara

**Friday, February 20** Friday after Ash Wednesday

**NO MASS**

**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)

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 the Lord to help married couples struggling with infertility to trust in His love and sustain them with His peace.

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

### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS February 2 - 8, 2026

Weekly Offerings:	2,241.00
One time gift:	1,700.00
Electronic Offerings:	585.00
Other Parish Income:	408.50
Total Parish Income:	4,934.50
Average weekly expenses:	4,868.51
Difference:	65.99
Care & Education of Priests:	291.00

*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 16, 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.*

*Please pray for our Candidates, Catechumens, their sponsors, and the OCIA team as preparations continue for the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil.*

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will host their annual Valentine's Breakfast during fellowship following the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 15th.



### SAINT MICHAEL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY CHILI COOK-OFF

Our annual chili cookoff will be held on Tuesday, February 17th. We will accept entries starting at 5:00 PM. If you would rather donate a dessert we would appreciate those as well. We invite all to enjoy the entries starting at 5:30. We would like to conclude by 7:00 PM. The Saint Michael Cemetery association will award a cash prize for the best chili and a prize for favorite dessert. The cash prize may be small, bragging rights are invaluable.



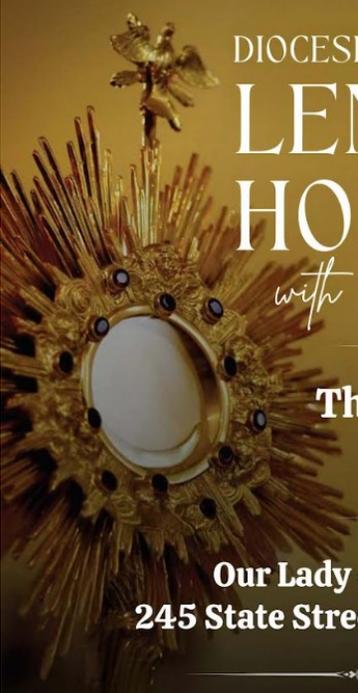
### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

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*Contact the office to add a name to the prayer list.*



**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.

**FEBRUARY 16 - 22, 2026 READINGS**  
**Mon:** Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-38, 71-72, 75-76 Mk 8:11-13  
**Tues:** Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21  
**Wed:** Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6bm 12-14, 17 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thurs:** Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25  
**Fri:** Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15  
**Sat:** Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32  
**Sun:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11


 DIOCESE OF SCRANTON  
**LENTEN HOLY HOUR**  
*with* Bishop Bambera  
**Thursday, February 19**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**  
**245 State Street, Wyalusing, PA 18853**  
 2026 Theme: "Finding Peace in Challenging Times"

**THIS WEEK ON *formed* WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

**LENT | WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE**  
 Join Fr. Scott Bailey, a priest in the Archdiocese of Denver, as he answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Lent. What is Lent? Why is it 40 days long? Or even, what should I give up for Lent? Find out in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



**WHOLE 40**  
 Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



**HEART OF PRAYER**  
 Heart of Prayer invites participants into an intimate and peaceful retreat with Bishop Andrew Cozzens. Set in the beautiful Chateau on the Augustine Institute Campus, Heart of Prayer reveals the beauty and transcendence of a prayer life, as Bishop Cozzens draws from Scripture and the saints to offer guidance that is practical and down-to-earth.

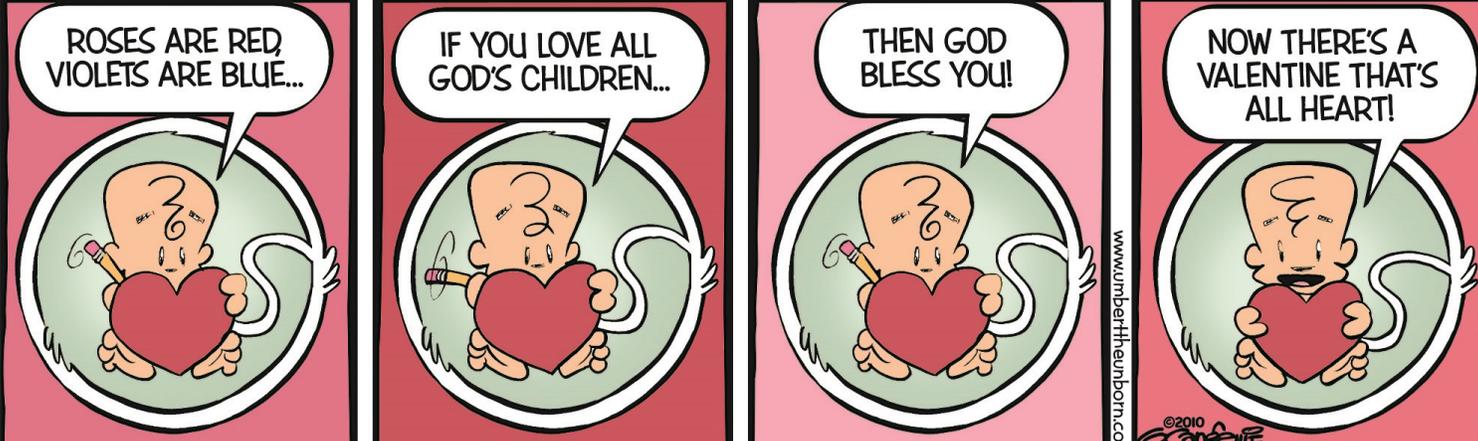


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 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL  
 As of February 7th, we have reached 83% of our \$20,283 parish goal. \$16,885 has been donated or pledged by 62 donors, which makes our current participation rate 23%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed, both financially and with your prayers.

**Umbert the Unborn**

by Gary Cangemi


 ROSES ARE RED,  
 VIOLETS ARE BLUE...  
 IF YOU LOVE ALL  
 GOD'S CHILDREN...  
 THEN GOD  
 BLESS YOU!  
 NOW THERE'S A  
 VALENTINE THAT'S  
 ALL HEART!  
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