

**MARCH 22, 2026**



**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



# 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

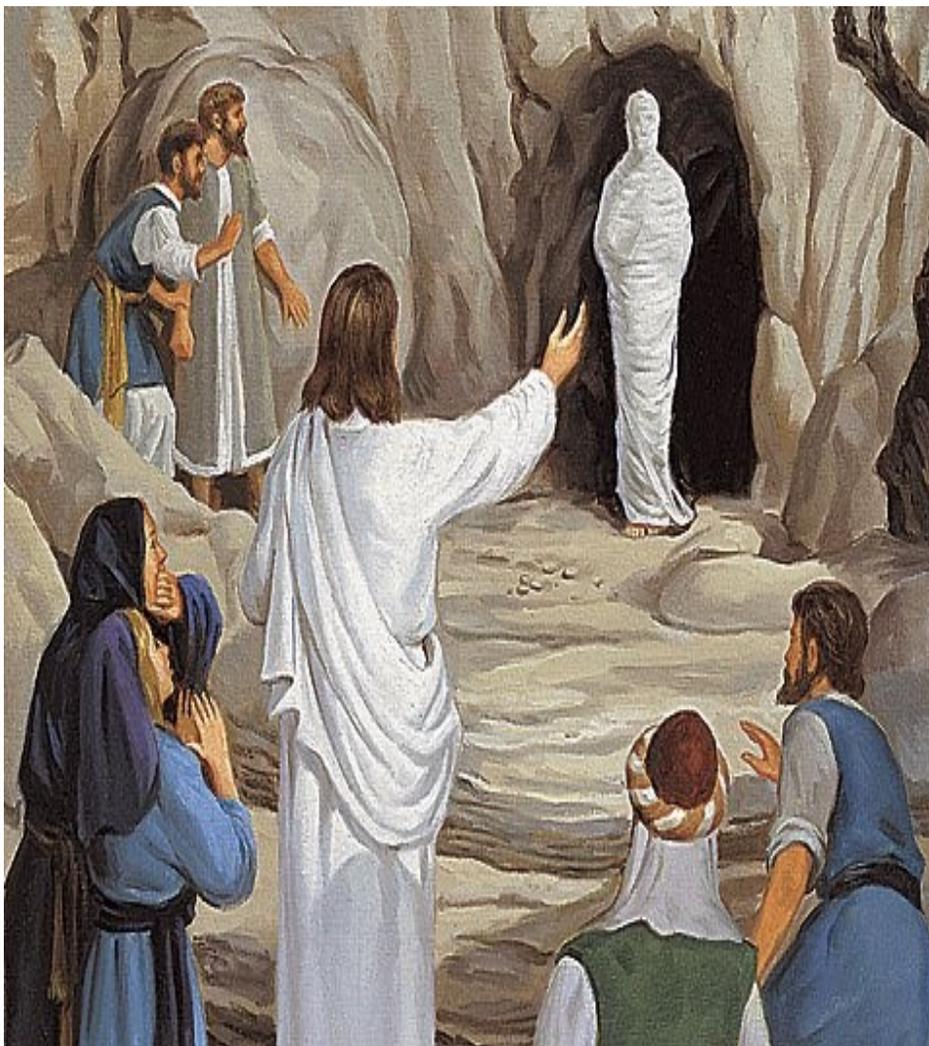
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

### 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, March 21** Lenten Weekday

VIGIL: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm, Canton † Kevin Rook (Jeff & Beth Cole)

**Sunday, March 22** 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Ann Wynne Mallare  
(Jerome Wynne & Marie Merker)

11:15 am, Troy † Helen Herko (Cheryl Carlonas)

**Monday, March 23** Lenten Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Lois Rook (Jeff & Beth Cole)

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

**Tuesday, March 24** Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Frances DePaola

6:00 pm, Stations of the Cross

**Wed, March 25** THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

5:30 pm, Canton † Claudia Blaney (Jeff & Beth Cole)

6:00 pm, Stations of the Cross

**Thursday, March 26** Lenten Weekday

No Mass

**Friday, March 27** Lenten Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Geraldine Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)

**Saturday, March 28** Lenten Weekday

VIGIL: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

4:00 pm, Canton † Jerome Wynne  
(Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hamm)

**Sunday, March 29** PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

8:00 am, Ralston † Robert & Eleanor Mahonski  
(The Family)

9:30 am, Canton † Gerald Brann (Sherry Vargson)

11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

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 mothers facing difficult pregnancies to be lovingly accompanied as they prepare to encounter Christ anew through the gift of their children.

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

As of March 7th, we have reached 85% of our \$20,283 parish goal. \$17,325 has been pledged by 64 donors. Our current participation rate is 24%.

### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS

March 9 - 15, 2026

Weekly Offerings: 2,321.00

Electronic Offerings: 525.00

Other Parish Income: 165.00



Total Parish Income: 3,011.00

Average weekly expenses: 4,868.51

Difference: (1,857.51)

Catholic Relief Services: 441.00

Care & Education of Priests: 5.00

*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, March 23, 2026 in the rectory.

Three Scrutinies for the elect occur on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. Following instruction on the mystery of sin during the catechumenate, the Church invites the elect to reflect on three Gospel stories that reveal the meaning of their upcoming baptism.

**Third Scrutiny (at the 9:30 Mass this Sunday)**

**Christ as the Resurrection and the Life**

In the Gospel story of Jesus raising his friend Lazarus back to life (John 11:1-45), Jesus calls himself the *resurrection and the life*:

“Jesus said to [Martha], ‘Your brother will rise.’

Martha said to him, ‘I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus told her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.’” John 11:23-26

### THE LAMB OF GOD PRESENTATION - SAVE THE DATE

The Knights of Columbus Council #5517 is pleased to invite you to a biblical experience in Saint Michael's Church hall called THE LAMB OF GOD on Saturday, April 18th at 5:00 pm following the 4:00 pm Mass.



**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU** concludes this Monday, March 23rd. Confessions will be heard from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in St. Michael's Church.



### 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, Melissa Gowan, William Hall, Peter Hamburger, Barb Hinman, Dot Hopkins, 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

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



**POPE LEO XIV**  
**MARCH PRAYER INTENTION**  
 FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE  
 Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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

**THE ANNUNCIATION**

The Angel Gabriel appeared and all of Heaven trembled in anticipation. Mary gives her fiat and our long wait is over! Generation after generation of longing and aching for a Messiah comes to fulfillment.



**THE ANNUNCIATION | SACRED ART**

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.



**THE ANNUNCIATION: HAIL MARY**

Join Ms. Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary and the significance of Mary's "yes." All the while, you will learn new drawing techniques as you draw the Annunciation.



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We want to thank all who worked, donated, and purchased Pierogies from the 2026 Saint Michael Altar & Rosary Society Annual Pierogi Sale. We work great together to support our Parish. God Bless you all.

**Pierogi SALE**

**MARCH 23 - 29, 2026 READINGS**

**Mon:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-6  
 Jn 8:1-11  
**Tues:** Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 Jn 8:21-30  
**Wed:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10  
 Lk 1:26-38  
**Thurs:** Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59  
**Fri:** Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42  
**Sat:** Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-12d, 13 Jn 11:45-56  
**Sun:** Mt 21:1-11 (procession) Is 50:4-7  
 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11  
 Mt 26:14—27:66

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

*(In Saint Michael's Church unless otherwise noted)*

**Palm Sunday**



Regular Weekend Schedule

**Monday of Holy Week**

7 am Mass, rectory chapel

**Tuesday of Holy Week**

4 pm Chrism Mass,  
 St. Peter's Cathedral  
 Scranton



**Wednesday of Holy Week**

No Mass or Stations

**Holy Thursday**

7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday**

12 pm Celebration of the  
 Lord's Passion

7 pm Stations of the Cross  
 followed by a meatless meal  
 in the hall



**Holy Saturday**

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

12 pm, Troy, 1 pm, Canton

8 pm, Easter Vigil Mass

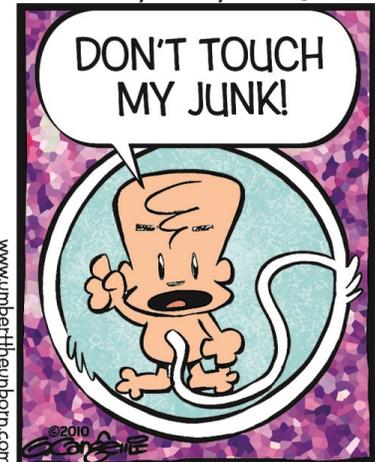
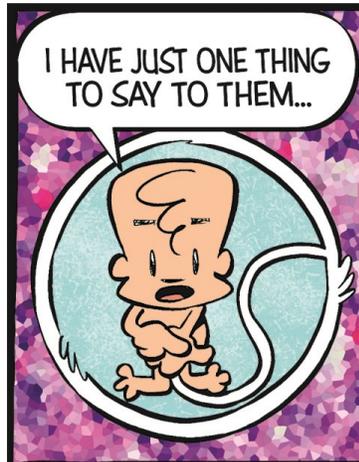
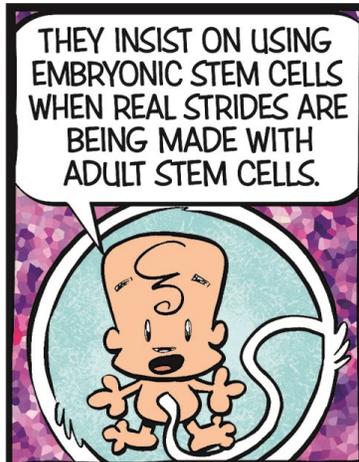
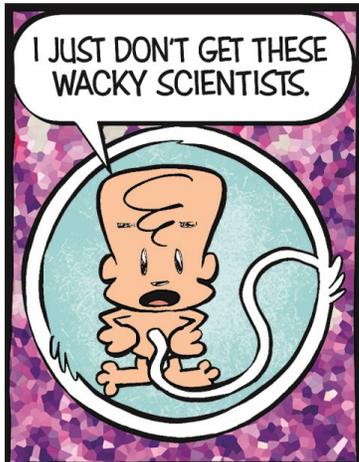
**Easter Sunday**

Regular Sunday Schedule



**Umbert the Unborn**

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 members are always welcome. Join online here:



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