

MAY 10, 2026 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



On  
*Mother's Day*

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, May 9** Easter Weekday

VIGIL: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

**Sunday, May 10** 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 am, Ralston † Mother's Day envelope intentions

9:30 am, Canton † Mother's Day envelope intentions

11:15 am, Troy † Mother's Day envelope intentions

**Monday, May 11** Easter Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Wally Koval (Susan Schiess)

**Tuesday, May 12** Easter Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Mary Purcell (Barbara Wywiorski)

**Wednesday, May 13** Easter Weekday

VIGIL: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

5:30 pm, Canton † Deceased members of Knights of

Columbus Council #5517 (K of C Council #5517)

6:00 pm, Rosary

**Thursday, May 14** THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:00 am, Canton † Jerome Wynne (His Family)

6:00 pm, Troy † Pro Populo

**Friday, May 15** Easter Weekday

No Mass

**Saturday, May 16** Easter Weekday

VIGIL: 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 pm, Canton † Lynne Van Dyke (Susan Schiess)

**Sunday, May 17** 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 am, Ralston † Living & deceased family & friends  
(Annie & Jim McDermott)

9:30 am, Canton † Jefferey Jerome Wynne (His Family)

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 our parish community to come together to become a place of welcome and assistance for all mothers in need.

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

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 April 27 - May 3, 2026

Weekly Offerings: 2,766.00

Electronic Offerings: 1,430.00

Other Parish Income: 263.00



Total Parish Income: 4,459.00

Average weekly expenses: 4,868.51

Difference: (409.51)

Care & Education of Priests: 563.00

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: 1.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*



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### FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

#### MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS

In addition to the Mother's Day intention envelopes that are in your offertory packets, Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards are in all three churches. If you choose to use these cards, there is an envelope for your intentions and donation that goes in the collection basket, and another envelope with a beautiful Mother's Day card that you can give to your living mother, grandmother, or great grandmother. Just bring the completed, sealed intention envelope back to the church on or before Mother's Day.

#### CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next week our special collection supports the CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Diocese of Scranton to fund local communications efforts. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

Envelopes are by the bulletins in all three churches.

#### 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, Marilyn Gilbert, 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, Pat Rushin, Cristy Schmelzle, Marilyn Scott, Ahmed Hassa Sharief, Anthony Shipula, Christine Shipula, Bev Smith, 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.*

# Joint Altar & Rosary Dinner

June 15, 2026

5:30 pm

St. Michael's Hall

Choice of  
meatloaf or baked chicken  
potato & vegetable  
rolls & butter  
dessert

\$15/person

Sign up sheets in all three churches.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please pray for *Caleb Golembewski* and *Bo Ross*, who will receive First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 17th during the 9:30 am Mass in Saint Michael Church. A reception will follow in the church hall.



Pray also for our Confirmandi:

*Lana Bradford, Rory Herman, Amelia Pepper, Lael Smith; and Eli Waston.*

The Confirmation Mass is scheduled for 5:00 pm on Monday, May 18th in Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Towanda. A parish reception is scheduled following the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 24th, Pentecost Sunday.

The very first novena ever prayed was by the Apostles in the upper room during the nine days between the Ascension of the Lord and the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday.



You are invited to follow their example and pray a *Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts* for our Confirmation students, beginning on Sunday, May 10th and concluding on the day of their Confirmation, Monday, May 18th. Booklets are by the bulletins.

## 2026 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2026 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 28th, 2026. The event includes a 2:30 PM Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a light reception.

The registration deadline for this event is Sunday, June 7th, 2026. To register, please scan the QR code, visit [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org), or contact Bridget Maille at (570) 207-2213 x 1133 or [familylife@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseofscranton.org).



The **2026 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** for Hopegate kicks off this weekend and runs through Father's Day. Pick up your baby bottle by the bulletins and check the parish website for more information.

**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."



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Don't miss our last meeting on:  
**Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
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**COURAGEOUS FAITH**

SPECIAL FRIDAY JUNE 5 EVENING OPTION\*

TALKS BY FATHER DAN REEHIL AND SUE BRINKMANN

Location: Marian Chapel in the Swartz Center of Spiritual Life on Marywood Campus

Courageous faith is the kind of belief that acts boldly even when fear, uncertainty, or risk are present.

It shows up when a person:

- Trusts deeply in what they believe to be true or right, even without guarantees
- Moves forward despite fear, doubt, or opposition
- Stands firm in values when it would be easier to compromise
- Takes action, not just holding belief inwardly but living it out publicly

Courageous faith is believing that meaning, purpose, or divine guidance exists beyond what can be immediately seen or proven. It is faith with resolve—quiet or bold—that keeps moving forward when the path is unclear.

Don't miss hearing from Father Dan and Sue about their Courageous Faith!

4:00-6:00 PM Buffet Dinner in Nazareth Hall

7:00-8:30 PM Courageous Faith

\*Overnight accommodations available.

REFRESH YOUR FAITH CONFERENCE SCHEDULE ON SATURDAY LOCATION: NAZARETH HALL  
2300 Adams Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509

7:30 AM Conference Doors Open: Registration | Continental Breakfast | Marketplace Opening

8:00 AM Rosary

8:25 AM Opening Remarks: Mary Clare Hallman

8:30 AM Mass: Bishop Bambera will preside at Mass and his homily will "Refresh Your Faith with Courage."

9:45 AM Break and Confession

10:15 AM Father Dan Reehil, Spiritual Battle: Father will speak candidly about the ongoing, unseen battle between the forces of good and evil—a struggle that shapes human thoughts, choices, character, and destiny. He will explore the conflict between truth and deception, good and evil, faith and doubt, and selflessness and selfishness, calling you to become believers who live according to God's values.

11:00 AM Francesca LaRosa, Courageous Faith to Life: Blending music, scripture and reflections, Francesca will bring courageous faith to life.

11:45 AM Buffet Lunch and Confession

1:15 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Jesus awaits you in this sacrament of love. Meet Him in adoration.

2:15 PM Break

2:45 PM Susan Brinkmann, The Battle for Women's Soul: The Feminine Genius vs Radical Feminism  
Susan's talk will expose the occult roots of radical feminism, it's links to spiritualism, witchcraft, Marxism, and goddess worship that has led to an unprecedented age of confusion among women. This presentation will address the false forms of empowerment that are leading women to despair instead of hope, and how she learned, through her own experience, that only authentic femininity produces the kind of genius that can infuse the world with the Truth it so desperately needs.

3:45 PM Closing Remarks. Announcing Raffle Winners and the 9th Annual Conference in 2027.  
Marketplace Open until 4:30 pm

Please understand the schedule is subject to change.  
Thank you.

Scan the QR code for the home page of the conference for more information and to purchase tickets.



**SAINT MICHAEL PARISH**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**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, Saint Michael Church  
(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

**Parish Registration**

All Catholics should be registered in their local parish. Registration is part of your commitment to your local church and your desire to be known as a member of the Universal Church. Call the rectory office at (570) 673-5253 or email [office@stmichaelscanton.com](mailto:office@stmichaelscanton.com) to request a registration form.



### POPE LEO XIV

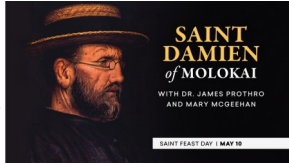
#### MAY PRAYER INTENTION

THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD  
Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

#### THIS WEEK ON FORMED, WEEK OF MAY 10, 2026

##### ST. DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI | CATHOLIC SAINTS

St. Damien was born in Belgium but spent most of his life ministering to lepers in Molokai, Hawaii. An incredible example of holiness, he dedicated his whole life to spreading the Gospel. Sit down with Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life and witness of this great saint.

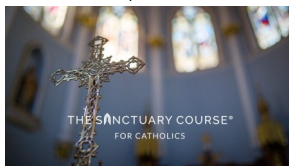


THE SANCTUARY YOUTH SERIES  
The Sanctuary Youth Series is centered on the pressing questions that young people are asking about faith and mental health. It provides space to engage these questions and start important conversations in youth ministries and church communities. Drawing on insights from mental health professionals, theologians, and evidence-based research, this educational and interactive course is designed to reduce stigma, increase awareness, and prepare students for a faith journey that includes seasons of flourishing and languishing.



##### THE SANCTUARY COURSE FOR CATHOLICS | TRAILER

This eight-session course—designed for use in small groups—explores the realities of mental health and illness, as well as the vital need for faith-based community conversations about these topics. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.



#### MAY 11 - 17, 2026 READINGS

- Mon:** Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tues:** Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11
- Wed:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14  
Jn 16:12-15
- Thurs:** Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23  
Mt 28:16-20
- Fri:** Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23
- Sat:** Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23b-28
- Sun:** Acts 1:12-14 Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 1 Pt 4:13-16  
Jn 17:1-11a

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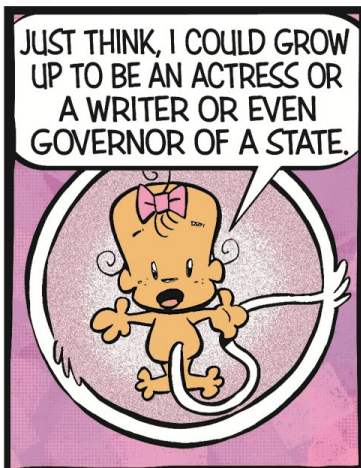
#### GRADUATION MASS & BREAKFAST

If you or a close family member will be graduating high school, college, or trade school this year, please contact the parish office ASAP. The graduates will be celebrated on Sunday, June 7th at the 9:30 am Mass and fellowship.



## Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



**Knights of Columbus Council #5517**  
 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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**SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY**  
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