

MAY 17, 2026



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ST. MICHAEL

CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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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. (2025/26)

(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, 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

Monday, May 18 Easter Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Edward Curry

Tuesday, May 19 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday, May 20 Easter Weekday

5:30 pm, Canton † Theresa Kingsley (The Family)

6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, May 21 Easter Weekday

No Mass

Friday, May 22 Easter Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Margaret Grattolino

Saturday, May 23 Easter Weekday

VIGIL: PENTECOST SUNDAY

4:00 pm, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (The Family)

Sunday, May 24 PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00 am, Ralston † Dave & Bill Mahonski (The Family)

9:30 am, Canton † Bil & Bonnie Spencer

(Jeff & Beth Cole)

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 all Christians, that our example give witness to the precious gift of human life and our responsibility to protect it until its natural end.

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

The cost is \$10 for all three lamps for a weekend.

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

May 4 - 10, 2026

Weekly Offerings: 3,952.00

Electronic Offerings: 525.00

Other Parish Income: 108.00



Total Parish Income: 4,585.00

Average weekly expenses: 4,868.51

Difference: (283.51)

Care & Education of Priests: 21.00

Mother's Day: 661.00

Rice Bowl: 606.74

Thank you for your continued support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

Please pray 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 Saints Peter & Paul Church, Towanda. A parish reception is scheduled following the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 24th, Pentecost Sunday.

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.



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, Orlando Guevara, 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



Saint Michael Parish
2026 Mother's Day Intentions



Carol Asbury, Lucy Asbury, Rose Zaleski, Peaches Schram, Grace Cochrane and Adell Westrick by The Asbury Family.

Mrs. Josephine Szczech and Mrs. Mary Joan Bell by Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Bell.

Living and deceased members of the Capaldi, DePalma, and Cleveland Families by Jayne Cleveland.

Bonnie Spencer, Peg Acresti, Gerry Spencer, Nancy Wright, Lois Rook, Thelma Cole, Hilda Cressy, Kathryn Kilborn, Ruth Bailey, Nancy Acresti, Claudia Blaney, Cassi Blaney, Chrissi Stanton, Carri Bilbrey, Kelsey Cole, and Marilyn Scott by Jeff & Beth Cole.

Anna Bradford; Violet Davis; and Sarah, Shawn, Cassie & Josie Hamburger by Danette Hamburger.

Private intentions by Dr. Paul Hamburger.

Pamela Harrington, Oliva Wimbrow, Marge Harrington, Kim Serine, Elizabeth Keefe, Emelia Ruse, Vena Harrington, Ethel Beauregard, Danielle Harrington, Denise Bolan, Maya Harrington, Aretha Salinas, Lauren Salinas, Katherine Harrington, Gertrude Alcibiade, Michele Matiski, Jennifer Hoover, Erica Hoover, Judith Hawn, Naomi Henehan, Anne Oman, Jean Henehan, Elaine Kennedy, Katie Kennedy, Mary Kathleen Kennedy and Krisi Kennedy by Ray Harrington

Private intention by Mr. Will Hawrylo.

Helen Taverniti by Diane Hedrick.

Mary E. McMahan, Joey Herman, Kelsey Herman, and Abigail Herman by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Herman.

Jessica Hernandez by Ximena & Aubri Hernandez.

Private intention by Mrs. Terri Kelley.

Dora Kingsley and Adeline Rittell by Mr. George Kingsley.

Lucille Chagnon, and Marion Mulno by Mr. & Mrs. John Mulno.

Eleanor M. O'Gara, Celeste M. O'Gara, and Meghan A. O'Gara by Thomas O'Gara.

Joy and Anastasia Snell, June Pepper, and Mary Anna Erickson by Mrs. Rancy Pepper.

Helen Pierchorowicz and Rita Martínez by Mr. & Mrs. David E. Pierchorowicz.

Private intentions by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ross.

Mrs. Josephine Szczech by Barbara Szczech.

Sue Sander and Joy Eck by Sarah Watson

Josephine Szczech by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Weed.

Josephine Szczech by Mrs. Louise Wilber.





8th Annual
Catholic Women's Conference
Marywood University
Scranton, PA



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.



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.



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

Sunday, June 28th, 2026
2:30pm
Cathedral of St. Peter
315 Wyoming Ave, Scranton PA 18503



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Celebrating Milestone Anniversaries:



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, or contact Bridget Maille at (570) 207-2213 x 1133 or familylife@dioceseofscranton.org.





**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 17, 2026

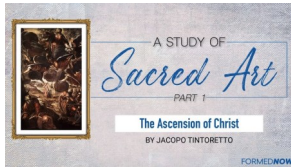
SAINT RITA

St. Rita of Cascia is immortalized in this wonderful, deeply moving film. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. Her story and love for Christ will inspire you to great holiness!



THE ASCENSION | SACRED ART

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on Formed, they discuss The Ascension of Christ by Jacopo Tintoretto.



SAINT RITA OF CASCIA: THE TRUE STORY

A compelling docu-drama that tells the whole story of the amazing life of St. Rita of Cascia, the very popular saint who lived in Italy in the 14th century. Famous as the patroness of hopeless situations, St. Rita dealt with many very difficult and tragic events in her life. Through it all she developed a profound faith in God that was the source of her great strength, and why she is such a popular saint for all those dealing with difficult events in their own lives.



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MAY 19 - 24, 2026 READINGS

- Mon:** Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26
- Tues:** Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a
- Wed:** Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8
- Thurs:** Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11
- Fri:** Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-12 Jn 15:12-17
- Sat:** Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-3, 5 Jn 15:18-21
- Sun:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Scranton to support local efforts. The other half support the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the United States and abroad. Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc. Envelopes are by the bulletins in all three churches.

St. Michael the Archangel
MOTORCYCLE RALLY

From wings to wheels bringing service to the streets.

Saturday August 29th • 8 AM
107 N. Washington St. Canton, Pa.

*Supporting the outreach of
St. Michael's Catholic Parish.*

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi

THE REAPER AGAIN? WHAT DO YOU WANT THIS TIME?

I'M HERE TO ASSIST YOU WITH END OF LIFE PLANNING.

ARE YOU NUTS? I JUST STARTED LIFE SIX MONTHS AGO.

SO WHY PROCRASTINATE?

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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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