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Almighty, everlasting God, Who in Thy beloved Son, King of the whole world, hast willed to restore all things anew; grant in Thy Mercy that all the families of nations, rent asunder by the wound of sin, may be subjected to His most gentle rule. Who with Thee lives and reigns world without end. Amen.



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. (2024/25)

(Religious education classes held during the school year)
Sunday - 8:15 am - 9:15 am, St. Michael Church hall

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."

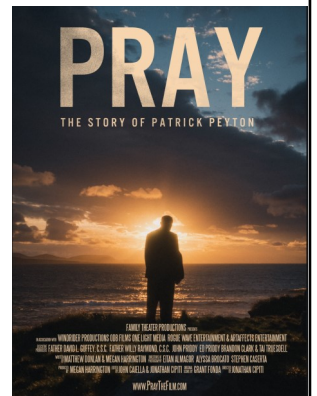
PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY AND MOVIE SCREENING

St. Michael's Parish Christmas Party will be on Monday, December 16th in the parish hall. The party will feature a screening of the movie PRAY. The party will begin at 6:00 pm and the movie will begin at 6:30 pm. The movie is just over an hour long, so the party will continue after the movie. Bring a dish (or snack) to pass.



ABOUT PRAY

A true story of a poor Irish immigrant who sets sail for America in 1928 with dreams of becoming a millionaire. Stricken with tuberculosis and miraculously healed through prayer, he spends his life, with the help of the most iconic celebrities of Hollywood, championing the message worldwide, "*The family that prays together stays together.*"



THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON AS PART OF FATHER PEYTON'S LEGACY

In the fall of 1949, the first Rosary Rally in the United States was held in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Organized by "the rosary priest" Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., the Rosary Rally was an effort to re-ignite the untold benefits of devotion to the rosary and prayer to our Blessed Mother. Nearly 50,000 people gathered to pray the rosary on this special day.

Father Patrick Peyton devoted his priestly life to spreading devotion to Mary and encouraging family prayer, especially the rosary. He used radio, television, and film, and 540 Rosary Rallies worldwide to accomplish his mission.

FATHER PEYTON'S TIES TO THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

The reason he chose Scranton for the first Rosary Rally in the United States may have been his ties to the Diocese of Scranton. Patrick Peyton was working as a sexton in the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton when he heard the call to the priesthood!



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November 4, 2024

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every December 8, Catholics joyfully celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patroness of the United States.

This year, December 8 will fall on a Sunday – specifically the Second Sunday of Advent.

As a result, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9th.

In the past, it was understood that when this situation occurred, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception did not maintain the obligation to attend Mass due to its proximity to the Sunday Mass obligation. However, the Holy See just recently clarified that the obligation must remain.

As we quickly approach the end of the liturgical year, I am keenly aware that many parishes have already finalized their schedules for December and many deaneries are planning communal penance services around that time. Furthermore, the short notice of this change might cause confusion.

Therefore, in accord with canon 87, §1, I am hereby granting a dispensation to the Catholic faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Monday, December 9, 2024, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception throughout the territory of the Diocese of Scranton.

In granting this dispensation, I want to emphasize two things.

First, while the obligation will not be in effect this year, I strongly encourage all faithful who are able to make a special effort to attend Mass on December 9 or do some form of extra prayer, like praying the Rosary.

Second, this dispensation is for this year (2024) only. Next year, in 2025, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will fall on a Monday and there will be NO dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on that day.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family as the sacred season of Advent approaches.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 23 Weekday
VIGIL: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
 4:00 pm, Canton † Deceased members of the
 Altar & Rosary Society (St. Michael's A&R)

Sunday, November 24 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
 9:30 am, Canton † Christine Vroman (Jeff & Beth Cole)
 11:15 am, Troy † John Hite
 (The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

Monday, November 25 Weekday
 7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Tuesday, November 26 Weekday
 5:30 pm, Troy † Mike Davison (Shirley Grantier)

Wednesday, November 27 Weekday
 5:30 pm, Canton † Margaret Walsh (Joan Miller)
 6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, November 28 Weekday
 No Mass **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Friday, November 29 Weekday
 7:00 am, Rectory † Catherine Dalton (Bob & Carol Dalton)

Saturday, November 30 SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE
VIGIL: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 4:00 pm, Canton † Pro Populo

Sunday, December 1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 8:00 am, Ralston † Rita Chamberlain
 (Anna Marie Mimplitsch)
 9:30 am, Canton † Kathryn Kilburn & Mike Acresti
 (Jeff & Beth Cole)
 11:15 am, Troy † Michael Davison
 (Louise Wilber & Fran Weed)


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 Holy Spirit to guide all married couples considering adoption in their discernment, grant them peace, and bring to fruition His holy will.

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

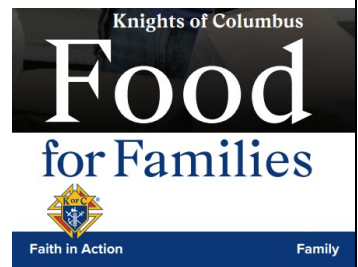
SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS November 11 - 17, 2024

Weekly Offerings:	2,762.00
Electronic Offerings:	475.00
Other Parish Income:	<u>651.25</u>
 Total Parish Income:	3,888.25
Average weekly expenses:	<u>4,124.61</u>
Difference:	(236.36)
CCHD	185.00
Care & Education of Priests:	50.00

Thank you for your continued support.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM. Your donations will go to the food pantries of Canton and Troy. The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will refund us \$100 for every \$500 or 1,000 lbs. of food donated which we can give to the pantries.



If you choose to give a monetary donation, please write *Knights of Columbus* on the memo line of your check. The pantries will keep track of donations towards the refund. Monetary donations can be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to:

Canton Area Food Pantry PO Box 83 Canton, PA, 17724	Troy Food Pantry 532 Elmira St. Troy, PA, 16947
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Financial contributions can allow the pantries to procure the exact items needed. The Knights thank you for your generosity.

Saint Michael's Marketplace & Café

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

8:00 AM UNTIL 3:00 PM

SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL
107 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET, CANTON, PA

We have 30 tables of New Ideas and
Christmas Craft items!

The Chinese Auction
has a wide variety of products and gift cards.

The Christmas Café
will feature delicious homemade soups,
BBQ sandwiches, and baked goods. Eat-in or take-out.

Santa Claus is coming to town
from Noon until to 2 pm!

Take a chance on our beautiful quilt raffle!

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Karl Barton,
Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszc, Gus Branish, Joy Brann,
Betty Brown, Dennis & Barbara Clarke, Kiran Dhawan,
Dorland & Carlene Eck, Leon English, Ben Flood,
Douglas Greene, Melissa Gowan, William Hall,
Robert Dale Hostetter, Victoria Johnson, Beatrice Jones,
David Kule, Jo Kule, Bob Lutz, Joyce Maloney,
Tom McBlane, Bunny Meuse, Bernadette Moore,
Orlando Morales, Delina Morgan, Mary Nybeck,
Pamela Porter O'Brien, Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker,
Gary Paquette, Lori Pellegrini, Pat Rushin,
Cristy Schmelzle, Anthony Shipula, Sharon Snyder,
Elias Vroman, Calvin Watson, Steven Wilber,
John Wilcox, Anthony Wolf, Nicholas Wolf, Fran Zizza

*Contact the office to add a name to the prayer list.
Names remain on the list for 3 months per request.*



**POPE FRANCIS'S
NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION**
FOR ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A CHILD
We pray that all parents who mourn
the loss of a son or daughter find sup-
port in their community and receive
peace and consolation from the Holy
Spirit.

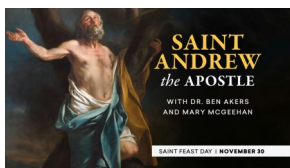
NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 1, 2024 READINGS
Mon: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 21:1-4
Tues: Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10-13 Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1-3, 7-9 Lk 21:12-19
Thurs: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a Ps 100:1b-5
Lk 21:20-28
Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a Lk 21:29-33
Sat: Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22
Sun: Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14
1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24, 2024

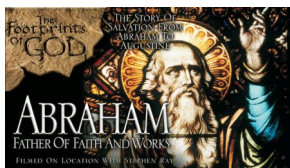
ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE | CATHOLIC SAINTS

All of the saints had a story before they met Christ. For St. Andrew, he was a fisherman. Hearing the call of Christ, Andrew and his brother Peter left everything behind to follow Jesus. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they discuss St. Andrew, his life, and the example he provides to all Christians.



ABRAHAM: FATHER OF FAITH & WORKS

He left his home, the bones of his ancestors, and the false gods of his fathers to follow the God of glory. Excruciating trials, weary miles of desert travel, and even the command to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice did not deter him. Mount your camels and ride back in time to discover Abraham, the only man called the "Friend of God."



THE PERPETUAL VIRGIN | LECTIO: MARY | EPISODE 5

Why do Catholics believe that Mary remained a virgin her whole life? Dr. Brant Pitre unpacks this much debated topic in this engaging presentation.



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**ENDLESS MOUNTAINS PREGNANCY CARE CENTER
CHRISTMAS MARKET DONATIONS REQUEST**
EMPCC is requesting items for their Annual Christmas Market, which will be held on Dec 2nd and Dec 4th at their Athens location. EMPCC clients are able to shop at the Market for gifts for their family with the Baby Bucks they have earned throughout the year by taking classes at either the Athens, Canton or Towanda centers. Find the list on the parish website at:
<https://stmichaelscanton.com/news/endless-mountains-pregnancy-care-center-christmas-client-gifts/>
Donations can be dropped off at any of their locations.
Athens hours: Mon 9 am-12 pm & 4 pm-7 pm
and Wed 10am-4pm
Canton hours: Wed 10 am-4 pm & Thurs 12 pm-5 pm
Towanda hours: Tues 10 am-6 pm & Thurs 10 am-4 pm

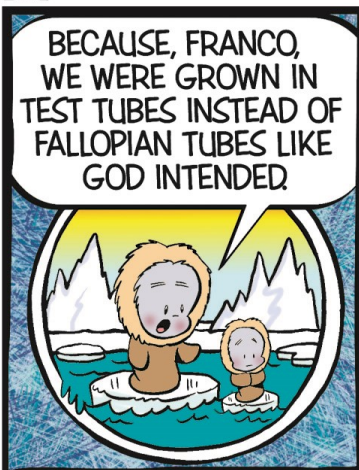
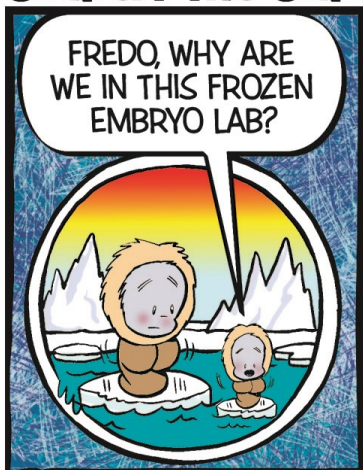
The **DEANERY ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** in Saint Michael's Church will be held on Sunday, December 8th at 2 pm. Ss. Peter & Paul's will be at 4 pm.

OUR CALL TO SERVE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Donate now at AnnualAppeal.org, call (570) 207-2250 or click this QR code

As of November 16th, we have reached 57.41% of our \$19,238 parish goal. \$11,045 has been donated or pledged by 44 donors, which makes our current participation rate 16.3%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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St. 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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