Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 23, 2025

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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

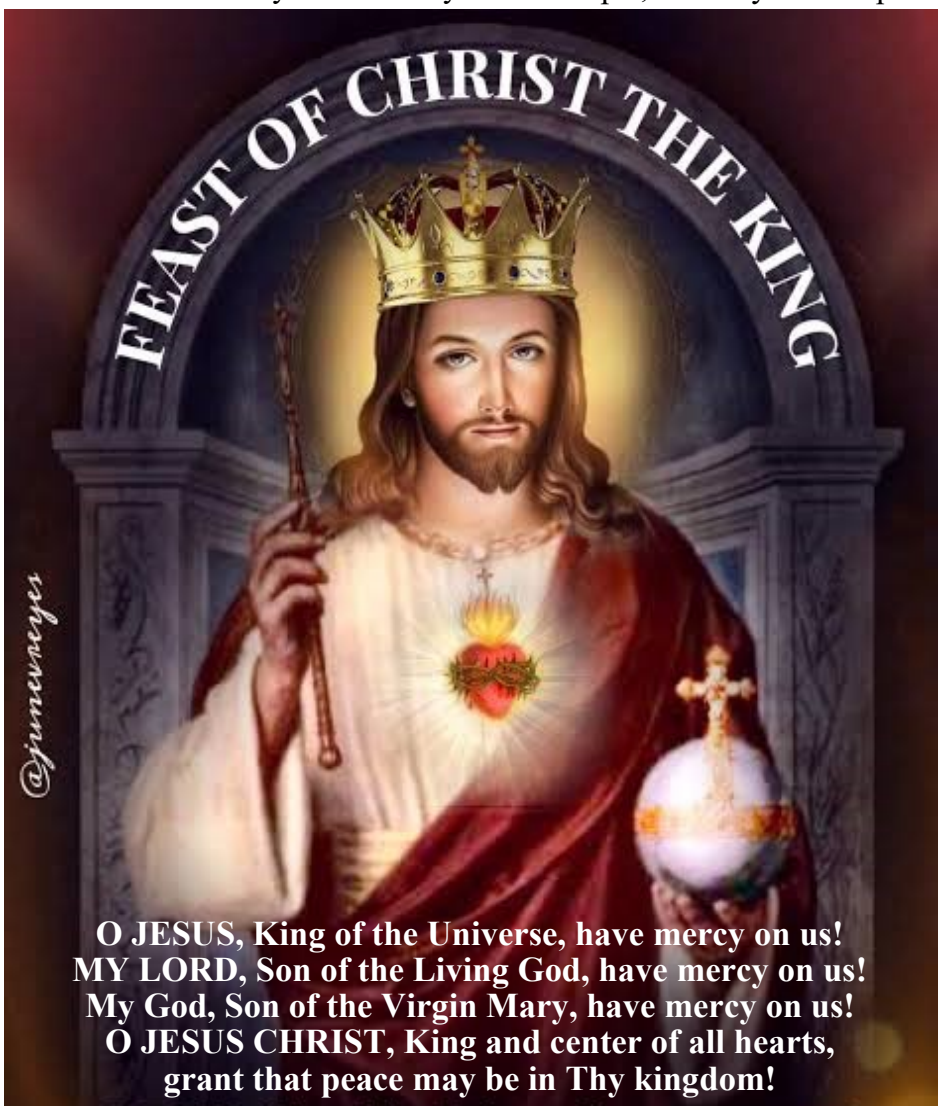
Wednesday: 6:00 pm, St. Michael's Church following 5:30 pm Mass, Benediction at 7:00 pm
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

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



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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, November 22 Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr
VIGIL: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
4:00 pm, Canton † Patrick Piaggio
(St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Society)

Sunday, November 23 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † Beatrice Jones (Reuben & Olga Rivera)
11:15 am, Troy † Kathleen Howe
(Mr. & Mrs. David Pierchorowicz)

Monday, Nov 24 Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Tuesday, November 25 Weekday
5:30 pm, Troy † Catherine Dalton (The Dalton Family)

Wednesday, November 26 Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Evelyn Terry (Jeff & Beth Cole)
6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, November 27 Weekday
No Mass **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Friday, November 28 Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Melissa Ashby & Family
(The Bradford & Hamburger Families)

Saturday, November 29 Weekday
VIGIL: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm, Canton † Vincent Walker
(St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Society)

Sunday, November 30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † Marty & Mark Kazcmarek
(Jeff & Beth Cole)
11:15 am, Troy † Joey Szczech (Louise Wilber)

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 for the repose of the soul of Gerald Brann by his friends from Vickery Funeral Home.

Sanctuary lamp intentions may be requested by contacting the parish office. The cost is $10 for all three lamps for a weekend.

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS
November 10 - 16, 2025

Weekly Offerings:	2,518.00
Electronic Offerings:	525.00
One-time gifts:	2,000.00
Other Parish Income:	432.00
Total Parish Income:	5,475.00
Average weekly expenses:	4,868.51
Difference:	606.49
C.C.H.D.:	495.00

Thank you for your continued support.

FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the way for adults to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. We are currently in the inquiry phase. It's culmination is the inquirer's decision to enter the catechumenate, the period of formal preparation for entrance into full membership in the Catholic Church. The next session of the OCIA will be Monday, November 24th at 7 pm in the rectory.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will hold our FOOD FOR FAMILIES THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE during November. Donations will go to the Canton Area & Troy Area Food Pantries. The Supreme Knights of Columbus will refund $100 for every $500 or 1,000 lbs. of food donated.

Monetary donations must go through the Knights to qualify for the refund. Checks should be payable to *Knights of Columbus* with *Food for Families* on the memo line. Please also indicate on the memo line if you have a preference as to which food pantry your donation should go. Checks may be dropped in the collection basket and should not be payable to the parish or the food pantries.

Financial contributions can allow the pantries to procure the exact items needed. The Knights thank you for your generosity.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Roberta Arnold, Karl Barton, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blasz, Mary Blasz, Gus Branish, Betty Brown, Dennis Clarke, Grace Cott, Anthony DeMarco, Kiran Dhawan, Philip Doud, Dorland & Carlene Eck, Colleen Eklund, Leon English, Wayne Ettinger, Misty Frame, Theresa Gentile, Douglas Greene, Melissa Gowan, William Hall, Hamburger Family Special Intention, Barb Hinman, Maryllis Hughes, Victoria Johnson, Bob Jones, 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, Brittany Romaine, Elizabeth Ross, Joan Ross, Pat Rushin, Cristy Schmelzle, Ahmed Hassa Sharief, Anthony Shipula, Christine Shipula, Bev Smith, Elaine Strange, Wayne Strange, Elias Vroman, Calvin Watson, 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.

U.S. Bishops Issue "Special Message" on Immigration

November 12, 2025

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30–37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5)

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

Saint Michael's Marketplace & Cafe'

Saturday, December 6, 2025
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!

Christmas Marketplace & Cafe

St. Michael's A & R Society is seeking donations for the Chinese Auction that will be held at our annual Christmas Marketplace & Cafe on Dec. 6th. Suggested items are: gift baskets, gift certificates/cards, bottled wine, or handmade crafts worth at least $25. Donations can be dropped off in the church hall or call Alicia Jennings - (570) 419-1980.

Tickets for the quilt raffle are available after weekend Masses in Saint Michael's Church.

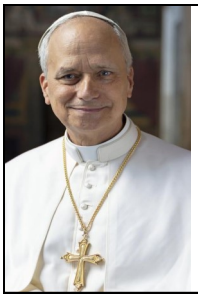
Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

Aviso al Respecto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor

De Edad Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley. Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. De conformidad con la Comunidad de los Servicios de Protección Infantil de Pennsylvania Leyes, informes de sospecha de abuso de niños también debe hacerse inmediatamente por teléfono las 24 horas maltrato infantil hotline (ChildLine) al 1-800-932-0313 o electrónicamente en www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

Al fi n de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual. Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551).



Pope Leo XIV
November Prayer Intention
For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

A gift of $360 (which is $30/month or only $1/day) helps a Diocesan Catholic School provide individualized instruction to a student with exceptionalities.

Support the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal at: AnnualAppeal.org

As of November 15th, we have reached 66.66% of our $20,283 parish goal. $13,520 has been donated or pledged by 42 donors, which makes our current participation rate 16%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

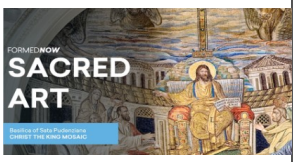
November 24 - 30, 2025 Readings

Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4
Tues: Dn 2:31-45 (Ps) Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 (Ps) Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19
Thurs: Dn 6:12-28 (Ps) Dn 3:68-74 Lk 21:20-28
Fri: Dn 7:2-14 (Ps) Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33
Sat: Dn 7:15-17 (Ps) Dn 3:82-87 Lk 21:29-33
Sun: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44

A Communal Rosary is prayed at 9:30 am on Thursdays in St. Michael's Church. All are invited to participate.

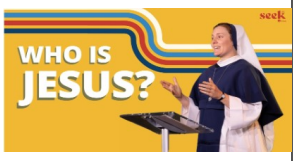
This week on formed, week of November 23, 2025

Sacred Art: Christ the King



Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna SEEK23



Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!

Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?

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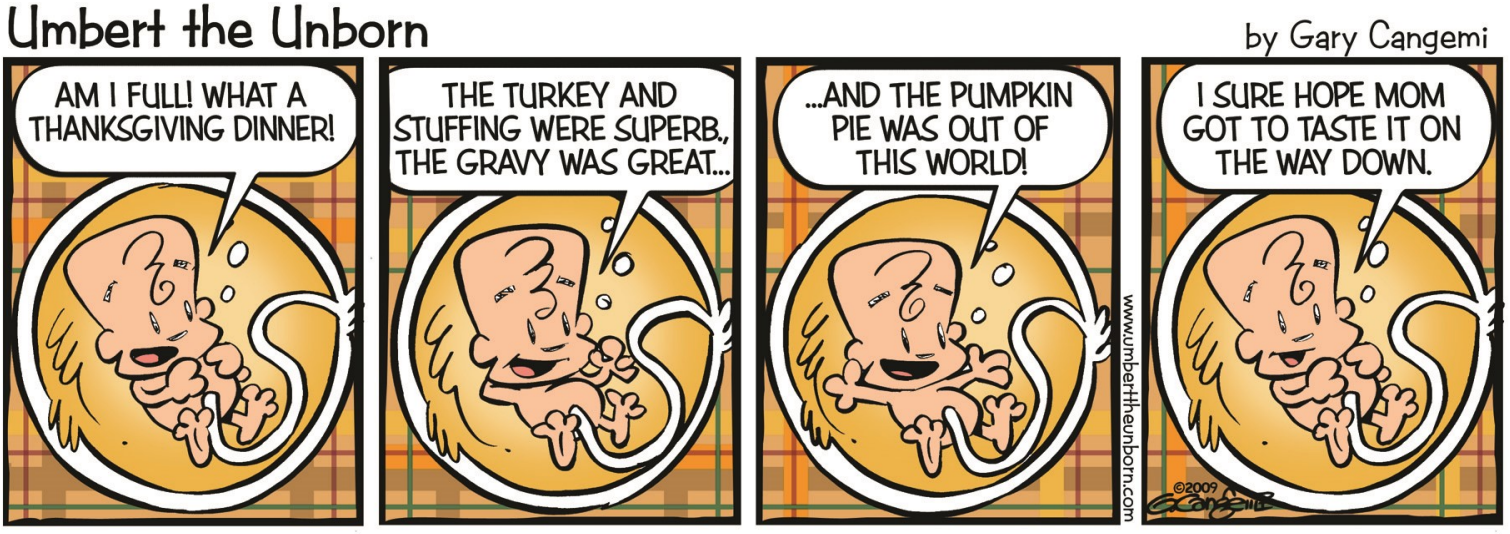

Knights of Columbus Council #5517

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

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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