

JULY 5, 2026



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. MICHAEL

CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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Summer Office Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays 8 am - 3:30 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. (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, July 4 Weekday

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4:00 pm, Canton † Richard Stankiewicz (The Family)

Sunday, July 5 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Elma Finnelli (Bob & Diane Jones)

11:15 am, Troy † Maureen Yanak (Barbara Wywiorski)

Monday, July 6 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † Dominick Curmaci, Sr.

Tuesday, July 7 Weekday

5:30 pm, Troy † Carol Ann Toomey

(Barbara & Robert Wywiorski))

Wednesday, July 8 Weekday

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

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

6:00 pm Rosary

Thursday, July 9 Weekday

No Mass

Friday, July 10 Weekday

7:00 am, Rectory † George Whyte (Pat Hutchison)

Saturday, July 11 Saint Benedict, Abbot

VIGIL: 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Canton † Bea Jones (Bob & Diane Jones)

Sunday, July 12 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo

9:30 am, Canton † Walburga Koval (George Kingsley)

11:15 am, Troy † William Misson (his wife)

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 nation, may our laws protect every person's right to life, from conception to natural death.

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 June 28 - July 5, 2026

Weekly Offerings: 2,676.00

Electronic Offerings: 525.00

Other Parish Income: 220.50



Total Parish Income: 3,421.50

Average weekly expenses: 4,868.51

Difference: (1,447.01)

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July 2026

St. Michael Parish

One Minute Meditations

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Born in Brindisi, Naples, Cesare de Rossi entered the Capuchin Order when he was sixteen, taking the name Lawrence. In addition to Italian, he was fluent in many languages. His knowledge of Latin, Greek, and Hebrew made him a great Biblical scholar, but his knowledge of German, French, and Spanish made Him a good preacher and diplomat. As minister general of the Capuchins, he spread the influence of the Order, establishing monasteries in Germany, Austria, and Spain.

The indispensability of prayer

St. Martha is often criticized for her busyness while her sister Mary is praised for sitting at Jesus' feet. Yet Martha's fault was not her service itself, but for allowing productivity to take precedence over prayerful attentiveness to the Lord. Scripture does not call us to perpetual activity; God commands us to rest (Exodus 20:10-11) and to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17), while still fulfilling our responsibilities. Prayer enables us to live out our vocations, especially our fundamental vocation to love.

"That [Precious] blood inebriates the soul. It clothes her in the fire of divine charity. It gives her the food of the sacrament that I have set up for you in the hostel of the mystic body of holy Church, the body and the blood of my Son..." – God to St. Catherine of Siena

Your summer soul-care checklist

Summer brings a welcome change of pace. While routines may take a break, our faith doesn't have to. Here are seven simple ways to stay rooted in God's presence and make this summer spiritually fruitful:

1. Begin every journey with prayer. Before heading out, take a moment to entrust your plans to God. Pray the Guardian Angel prayer and ask for protection, wisdom, and peace throughout your travels and activities.

2. Wear reminders of your faith. A crucifix, Miraculous Medal, scapular, or Rosary bracelet can do more than complete an outfit. These sacramentals serve as quiet reminders of who you belong to and what you value.

3. Adopt a saint for summer. Choose a saint to be your spiritual companion for the season. You may discover that the saint you choose has something to teach you exactly when you need it.

4. Let creation lead you to the Creator. A brilliant sunset, a mountain view, or even flowers blooming in a neighbor's garden can become moments of prayer. When beauty captures your attention, let it lift your heart and mind to God, the source of all

beauty and goodness.

5. Look for opportunities to serve. Summer may offer additional flexibility. Use it to love your neighbor in practical ways. Help with yardwork, spend time with someone who appears lonely, offer encouragement to a colleague.

"The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge" (Psalm 19:1-2).

6. Keep your soul in training. Athletes know that strength comes through discipline. Spiritual strength is no different. Choose a sacrifice or habit that challenges you. Limit social media, wake up earlier for prayer, or attend an extra Mass during the week. Even small acts build up the heart for greater things.

7. Remember the 1-1-1 Rule. A simple rhythm can keep you faithful throughout the summer: *Pray (at least) once a day. Attend Mass once a week. Go to Confession once a month.* These three practices provide a steady anchor, even amidst the looser structure of summer.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call Rome "home?"

Throughout the Gospels, Peter takes up a leadership role among the Apostles – a role Jesus confirmed when, in Matthew 16, He names Peter "the Rock" upon which Jesus would build His Church (Matthew 16:17-18). After the Ascension, St. Peter traveled to Rome with the Gospel and became the bishop

of the Christian community there. He was martyred and buried in Rome, and his successors became the next popes. Historically, the church in Rome became a source of unity, strength, and faithfulness in adversity. Today, Catholics everywhere call Rome – the resting place of St. Peter – "home."

The secret to balance isn't to do more

Do you struggle to find balance in life? As founder and abbot of an entire Order, St. Benedict of Nursia knew the challenge of balancing prayer, work, community, and service. His wisdom for cultivating balance, order, and peace remains remarkably practical today:

Keep a daily rhythm: Few of us are called to a monk's strict schedule, but we can establish healthy routines, make time for rest and meals, and safeguard time for prayer. Structure creates freedom by helping us focus on what matters most rather than constantly reacting to demands. You, and those around you, will benefit.

Be punctual: "On hearing the signal for an hour of the

divine office, the monk will immediately set aside what he has in hand and go with utmost speed" (Rule of St. Benedict, Ch. 43). A balanced life depends on moving promptly to what is most important at the proper time. Punctuality is not merely efficiency; it is a way of honoring both our commitments and the people around us.

Make peace before sunset: Peace of mind requires letting go of anger and forgiving quickly. When a busy day leads to conflict, St. Benedict urges us to "make peace before the setting of the sun." Resentment drains our energy and disrupts our relationships, while reconciliation restores the peace needed to live and work well.

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Matthew 13:44-52, The value of the Kingdom

Jesus used the parables in this Gospel passage to emphasize the life-changing value of the Kingdom. In the first parable, a man discovers – seemingly by accident – a treasure buried in a field. Recognizing its value, he sells everything he has to buy the field. In the second scenario, a merchant finds a valuable pearl after diligent searching. He also sells everything to possess the precious pearl.

By these parables, Jesus taught that being part of God's Kingdom – accepting His love for us and loving others as He loves – is the only thing

that completely fulfills our hearts. God's unconditional love is the only thing that is worthy of everything we have. If we accept His invitation (He forces no one), our lives will change as our hearts change.

Finally, Jesus compared the separation between the evil and righteous to the sifting that happens when a large catch of fish is brought ashore. When we put our whole life in service to God's love, then the individual pieces fall into place around that love, and anything contrary to it falls away.

Feasts & Celebrations

July 6 – St. Maria Goretti (1902). Twelve-year-old Maria was attacked by a neighbor who tried to assault her. When she fought rather than submit, he stabbed her repeatedly. She forgave him before dying shortly after. Her attacker dreamed of Maria while in prison and his first act when released 27 years later was to beg Maria's mother's forgiveness. He wept tears of joy when he attended Maria's canonization.

July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene (1st century). Jesus expelled seven demons from Mary (Luke 8:2) and she financially supported His ministry. She stood by His Cross with His mother and was the one who informed the

Apostles of His Resurrection.

July 26 – Saints Joachim and Ann (1st century). Little is known about Jesus' grandparents, but Mary's unshakeable faith, her devotion to the laws of her religion, and her steadiness in crises indicate the values with which she was raised. Today, pray for your grandparents.

July 30 – St. Peter Chrysologus (c.450). Born in Imola around the year 400, St. Peter converted to Christianity and was ordained deacon. For a while he lived ascetically as a monk. He was ordained Bishop of Ravenna and spent his office defending his see against heresies. His preaching style was so impactful and articulate he was given the title of "golden-tongued." He produced about one hundred seventy-six homilies.

Q & A Who are the incorrupt Saints?

"Incorrupt" saints are those whose bodies have been found to resist normal decomposition, either wholly or in part, without deliberate human preservation. Some, such as St. Bernadette Soubirous, appear remarkably well preserved, while in other cases only certain parts of the body, such as St. Vincent de Paul's heart, remain incorrupt.

The Church regards incorruptibility not as proof of sainthood, but as a possible sign of a person's holiness. These extraordinary cases also serve as reminders of the future glory promised to all believers. The human body possesses a unique dignity and is destined to share in God's glory through the resurrection of the dead (CCC 997). Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven offers a glimpse of the destiny to which all the faithful are called.

For this reason, the Church has long venerated the bodies and relics of the saints. Such veneration, including that of incorrupt bodies, is intended to be reverent and prayerful. By encountering these remarkable witnesses of faith, we are inspired to imitate their virtue and draw closer to Christ. When we honor the saints, we ultimately honor the God whose grace transformed their lives.

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**POPE LEO XIV
JULY PRAYER INTENTION**

FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

Welcome, Father Jose Joseph Kuriappilly! This year's mission offering supports the Diocese of Kottapuram. Your generosity will be much appreciated.

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The 11th annual **BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE** will take place October 10th at Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes Barre. The theme is "JUST BE CATHOLIC". We have three great speakers:

BISHOP JOSEPH COFFEY is the auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. He has dedicated his life to ministry, focusing on spiritual guidance and pastoral care, especially for military personnel and their families. His compassionate leadership and commitment to strengthening faith communities have earned him widespread respect.

JOHN MARTIGNONI, author of Blue Collar Apologetics, is a full time evangelist. He hosts the "EWTN Open Line" radio show. He is the founder/president of Queen of Heaven Catholic Radio; 1480 AM in Birmingham, Alabama. He's founder/president of Bible Christian Society and director of the Office of the New Evangelization in the Diocese of Birmingham. He is married and has four children.

BRIAN HOLDSWORTH, a convert to the Catholic Church, is a writer, speaker, commentator, and evangelist producing content in the service of the mission of the Church. He has a substantial online and social media presence including YouTube videos. He lives in Edmonton, Alberta with his wife and 7 children.

Registrations is open at www.BeACatholicMan.com Early bird \$30 - student \$15. Contact the parish office for an anonymous donor to pay your registration fee. Christus Vincit!

JULY 6 - 12, 2026 READINGS

Mon: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 Ps 145:2-9 Mt 9:18-26

Tues: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 115:3-7b, 8-10 Mt 9:32-38

Wed: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 105:2-7 Mt 10:1-7

Thurs: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16

Mt 10:7-15

Fri: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17

Mt 10:16-23

Sat: Is 6:1-8 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mt 10:24-33

Sun: Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14 Rom 8:18-23

Mt 13:1-23

THIS WEEK ON FORMED, WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2026

PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI: IF I DIDN'T HAVE LOVE

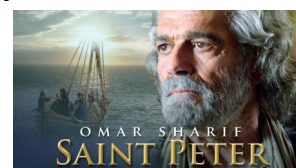
This is a classic Italian film that celebrates the life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925), re-released in honor of his 2025 canonization. Frassati was a



joyful, athletic young man from a wealthy Italian family who gave his life in service to the poor, the sick, and the marginalized as a powerful witness of Christian charity. An avid mountain climber and leader in Catholic youth and social action, he died of polio at 24, leaving a lasting legacy of faith and joy.

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by Gary Cangemi



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