

AUGUST 30, 2026

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. MICHAEL

CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

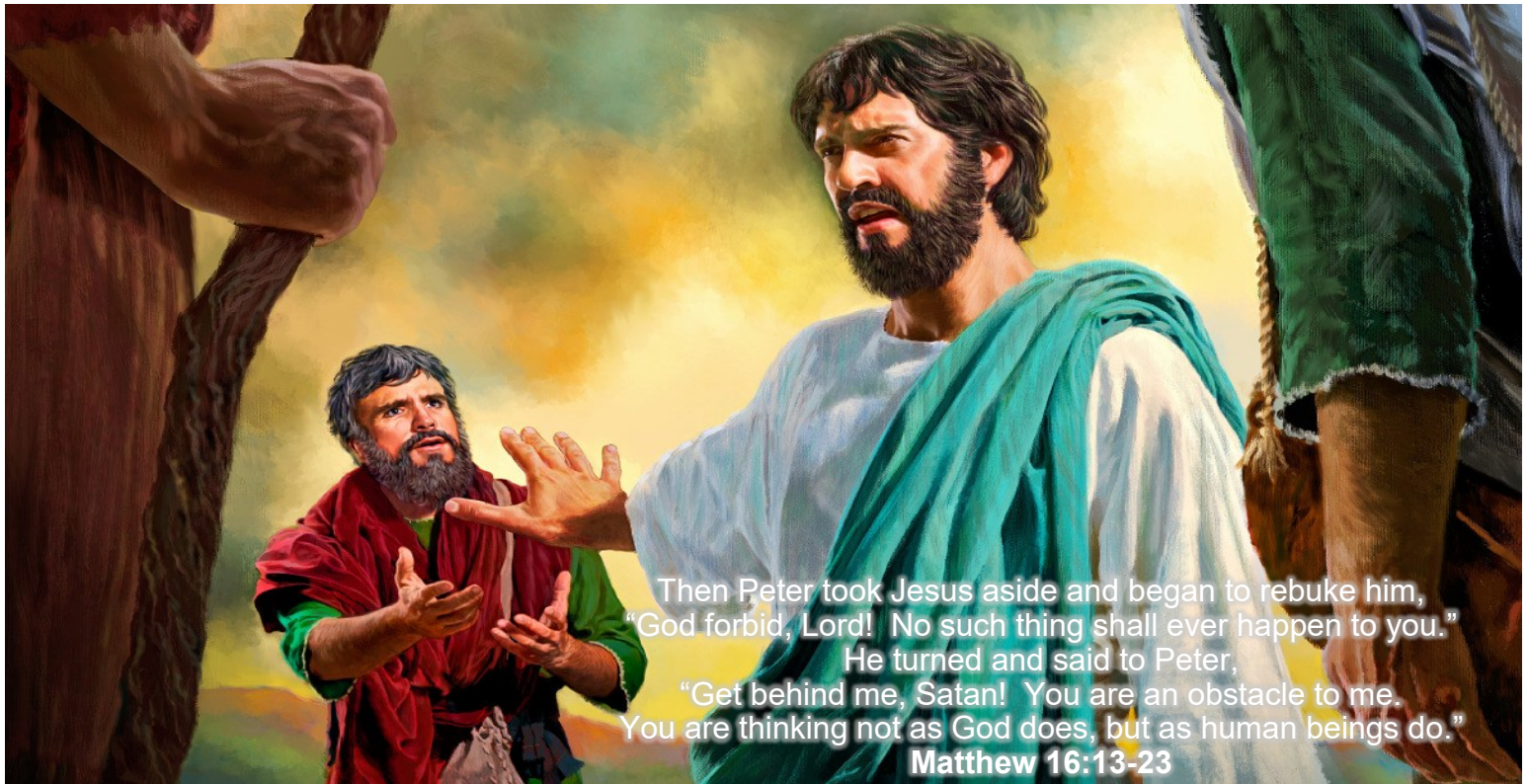
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Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him,
"God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."
He turned and said to Peter,
"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me.
You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."
Matthew 16:13-23

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, 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

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

Pastoral Council: David Brann, John Ciribassi, Leslie Debach, Ray Harrington, 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

Sat, Aug 29 THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
VIGIL: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Marilyn Gilbert (Bob & Diane Jones)

Sunday, August 30 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Tina Grant (The Camping Family)
9:30 am, Canton † Walburga Koval
(The Jerome Wynne Family)
11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

Monday, August 31 Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Tuesday, September 1 Weekday
5:30 pm, Troy † Joseph Mastracchio (Donna Hazelton)

Wednesday, September 2 Weekday
5:30 pm, Canton † Walter & Gerry Spencer
6:00 pm, Holy Hour (Jeff & Beth Cole)

Thursday, September 3 Saint Gregory the Great
No Mass Pope, Doctor of the Church

First Friday, September 4 Weekday
7:00 am, Canton † Theresa Kingsley (John & Pat Rushin)

Saturday, September 5 Weekday
VIGIL: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Betty Morse (Bob & Diane Jones)

Sunday, September 6 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Betsy Lynch (Clorinda Lynch)
9:30 am, Canton † Jeffery 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 those who have participated in an abortion and feel they have committed an unforgiveable sin to come to know the Lord's limitless mercy, and turn to Him for forgiveness and healing.

Contact the parish office to request Sanctuary lamp intentions. 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 August 17 - 23, 2026

Weekly Offerings:	2,324.00
Electronic Offerings:	525.00
Building & Maintenance single offering:	1,000.00
Other Parish Income:	82.00
Total Parish Income:	3,931.00
Average weekly expenses:	4,868.51
Difference:	(937.51)



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 non-Catholics to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church and for Catholics who have not been fully initiated to receive Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. OCIA begins with the inquiry phase, formally known as the Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate, which lasts for at least 6 weeks. For more information or to register, please call Father Joe at 570-673-5253. The first day of OCIA will be announced soon.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION follows the 7 am Mass in St. Michaels' Church.
Reposition is at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.
If you can commit to a full hour, contact Leslie Debach at (315) 521-0258.



ROSARY RALLY

Saint Michael's Altar & Rosary Society is hosting a ROSARY RALLY on Thursday, September 17th at 10:00 am in Saint Michael's followed by a light luncheon.
"The Rosary will be a very powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin and dispel heresy."
Our Lady to Saint Dominic

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the CASD football, volleyball & marching band camps meal on Monday, August 17th. Donations of ingredients, desserts, cooking talents, transportation, cleaning, and cash all helped make it a great success! The athletes, musicians, coaches, directors, and boosters were very grateful and enjoyed the meal. Leftovers were taken to Troy to feed their soccer team!

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Roberta Arnold, Karl Barton, John Bilbrey, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszczyk, Mary Blaszczyk, Boyd Bradford, Gus Branish, Betty Brown, Dan Clark, Dennis Clarke, Ezra Cole, Grace Cott, Philip Doud, Dorland & Carlene Eck, Colleen Eklund, Leon English, Wayne Ettinger, Aldie Fitzwater, Misty Frame, Theresa Gentile, Melissa Gowan, William Hall, Peter Hamburger, Barb Hinman, Dot Hopkins, Paula Horton, Maryllis Hughes, Victoria Johnson, David Kule, Jo Kule, Judy Lepper, Bob Lutz, Jim Maloney, Joyce Maloney, David Martinez, Tom McBlane, Linda McFadden, Ed "Buster" Merritt, Diego Fernández Castaño Morales, Delina Morgan, Mary Nybeck, Pamela Porter O'Brien, John O'Brien, Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker, Gary Paquette, Lori Pellegrini, Giselle Phillips, Elizabeth Ross, Joan Ross, Pat Rushin, Cristy Schmelzle, Jean Schoonover, Marilyn Scott, Ahmed Hassa Sharief, 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.



POPE LEO XIV
SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION
FOR THE CARE OF WATER

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS
"STUFF THE BUS"



Knights of Columbus Council #5517 will be holding their school supply donations drive August 15th through September 6th.

ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS!

Donation's of butternut squash for the (October 28th) Harvest Dinner would be much appreciated. Please Contact Jim Ross, 570-651-0489. Thank you.



Diocese of Scranton,
 Pennsylvania



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, John Martignoni, and Brian Holdsworth. More information and registration is available at www.BeACatholicMan.com or via the QR code.

Early bird \$30 - student \$15. Contact the parish office for an anonymous donor to pay your registration fee. Christus Vincit!

Religious Education

CCD registration for the '26-'27 school year is open now through September 6, 2026 and can be completed online at stmichaelscanton.com/religious-education/ccd/ or by paper copy in the back of all 3 churches.

CCD teachers and substitutes needed! Anyone interested in faith formation ministry, please contact Sarah Watson at dre@stmichaelscanton.com or 570-447-8799.

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 READINGS

Mon: 1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Lk 4:16-30
Tues: 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14 Lk 4:31-37
Wed: 1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44
Thurs: 1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11
Fri: 1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39
Sat: 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-21 Lk 6:1-5
Sun: Ez 33:7-9 Ps 1-2, 6-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

THIS WEEK ON FORMED, WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2026

CABRINI

From Alejandro Monteverde, award-winning director of Sound of Freedom, comes the powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini builds an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen.



MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.



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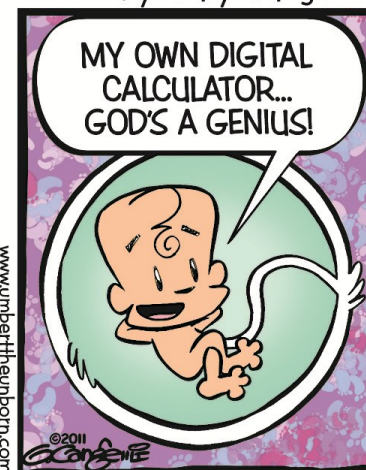
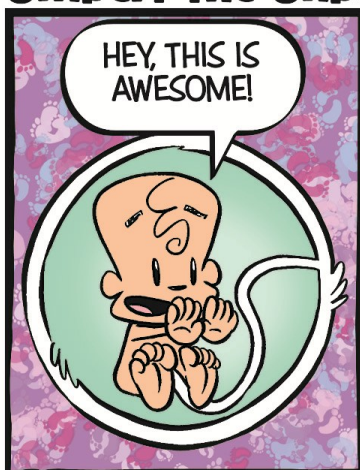


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Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



Knights of Columbus Council #5517

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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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