

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
24TH 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, 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

Saturday, September 12 Weekday
VIGIL: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † For the conversion and protection of
all of our loved ones (Christina Fleury)

Sunday, Sept 13 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Tina Grant (The Camping Family)
9:30 am, Canton † Mark Kingsley (The Family)
11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo

Monday, Sept. 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
7:00 am, Rectory † Jerome Wynne (Cathy Asbury)

Tuesday, September 15 OUR LADY OF SORROWS
5:30 pm, Troy † Mrs. Olisky (Donna Hazelton)

Wednesday, September 16 Saints Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
5:30 pm, Canton † Helen Canon (David Beahm)
6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, September 17 Weekday
No Mass

Friday, September 18 Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Christine Vroman (Jeff & Beth Cole)

Saturday, September 19 Weekday
VIGIL: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Ken Riordan (Jean Herman)

Sunday, Sept 20 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † Bill Spencer (Jeff & Beth Cole)
11:15 am, Troy † Carol Toomey (Frank & Karen DeAngelis)

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 who are forgotten or cast off,
especially the unborn, the poor, the sick, and the
aged to be treated according to the dignity with
which God created them. *Contact the parish office
to request Sanctuary lamp intentions.*

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 31 - September 6, 2026

Weekly Offerings:	2,836.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,445.00
Black Dog Café (Motorcycle Rally donation):	100.00
Other Parish Income:	594.00



Total Parish Income:	4,975.00
*Average Weekly Expenses:	5,040.67

Difference:	(656.70)
Care & Education of Priests:	738.00

* See note at the bottom of the next page.

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 Con-
firmation. OCIA begins with the inquiry phase, formally
known as the Period of Evangelization and Precatechu-
menate, which lasts for at least 6 weeks. For more infor-
mation or to register, please call Father Joe at 570-673-
5253. The first day of OCIA will be announced soon.



ANNUAL FRUIT PIE SALES

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!

It is time for our annual fruit pie sale!
THE APPLE BARREL MUSIC FESTIVAL will
be held on **September 26th** at the Manley-
Bohlayer-Sechrist Farms in East Canton. People love
fun and unusual flavors, so let your creativity flow!
(One note - we don't have refrigeration at our booth.)
Pie tins and boxes are available for pickup in all three
churches. Pie drop-off will be on Friday, September
25th in Saint Michael's Church hall 10:00 am - 6:00 pm.
Print the pie flavor neatly on the post-it note on the box.
You can volunteer to work the booth by calling or
emailing the parish office.



This fundraiser has been very helpful
to the fiscal health of our parish and is a
great way to build relationships within
our community, both of which are vitally important.
Your help is needed to continue these traditions.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Roberta Arnold,
Karl Barton, John Bilbrey, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszc,
Mary Blaszc, Boyd Bradford, Gus Branish, Betty Brown,
Dan Clark, Dennis Clarke, Ezra Cole, Grace Cott,
Violet Davis, Philip Doud, Dorland & Carlene Eck,
Colleen Eklund, Leon English, Wayne Ettinger,
Aldie Fitzwater, Misty Frame, Theresa Gentile,
Melissa Gowan, Mary Graham, 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.*

SUMMARY OF THE LAST THREE COMPLETED FISCAL YEARS IN ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Income	06/30/26	06/30/25	06/30/24
Collections	214,684.85	200,177.73	192,073.91
Religious Education Program	641.00	547.00	345.00
Fund Raising/Development	14,985.99	17,171.54	13,328.35
Other Income	14,341.81	20,578.25	15,335.25
Total Operating Income	244,653.65	238,474.52	221,082.51
Non-Operating Income	20,100.59	11,400.42	17,109.39
Total General Fund & Non-Operating Income	264,754.24	249,874.94	238,191.90

Expenses	06/30/26	06/30/25	06/30/24
Administration	135,277.65	135,836.85	128,426.00
Rectory Expenses	12,713.68	13,847.39	13,870.62
Liturgy	9,475.18	10,217.41	9,162.85
Religious Education Expenses	2,012.32	3,160.06	965.10
Social Justice Program	3,895.78	3,418.25	7,169.64
Operating & Maintenance Expenses	42,067.92	46,508.42	29,264.84
Fixes Expenses	24,249.16	23,242.39	20,048.17
Debt Service	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Outlays	3,781.05	21,459.95	0.00
Total Operating Expenses	233,472.74	257,690.72	208,907.22
Non-Operating Expenses (School Assessment)	32,274.54	33,321.37	32,109.17
Total General Fund & Non-Operating Expense	*265,747.28	291,012.09	241,016.39

Operating Cash Increase (Decrease)	(993.04)	(41,137.15)	(2,824.49)
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ASSETS	06/30/26	06/30/25	6/30/2024
Operating Account	2,754.45	1,701.69	10,593.26
Picnic Fund (aka Bldg Fund)	3,648.20	5,929.50	9,672.05
**Mass Stipend Account	1,908.88	1,908.88	1,173.88
**St. Vincent DePaul	5,669.56	3,919.56	2,406.56
Youth Group (inactive account closed)	0.00	460.26	460.26
St. John A&R	1,049.79	1,333.15	2,301.83
St. Aloysius A&R	1,599.31	1,810.14	2,284.47
St. Michael A&R	8,342.41	15,152.35	16,772.75
Hardy Estate Interest	17,838.47	11,992.14	20,245.45
Endowment	11,630.07	10,807.76	9,702.09
***Campbell Estate Trust Fund	13,680.34	13,276.04	14,857.08
***Mary Hardy Estate Trust Fund	244,995.56	244,996.30	244,994.67

LIABILITIES

Diocesan Assessments	0.00	0.00	0.00
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* Saint Michael's Altar & Rosary Society spent \$9,773.66 on the new refrigerator and ceiling in Saint Michael's kitchen. This amount was subtracted from the Total General Fund & Non-Operating Expense to calculate the new Average Weekly Expenses shown in the Offering Summary each week.

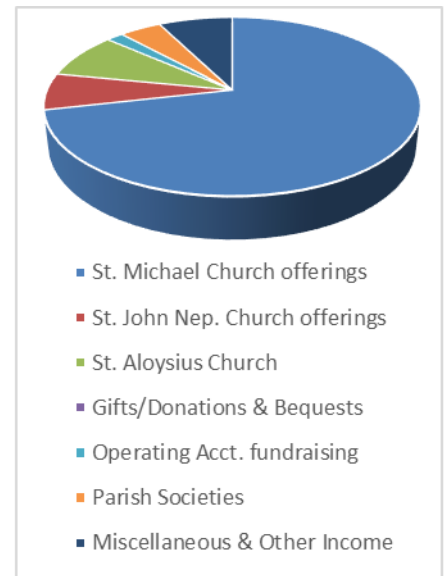
** These accounts are restricted for a specific purpose. They may not be spent on operating expenses.

*** These accounts are also restricted use. Also, only the earnings/interest may be spent.

2025-2026 Fiscal Year

OPERATING INCOME

St. Michael Church offerings	177,486.60
St. John Nep. Church offerings	16,522.25
St. Aloysius Church	20,676.00
Gifts/Donations & Bequests	0.00
Operating Acct. fundraising	4,318.49
Parish Societies	10,667.50
Miscellaneous & Other Income	<u>18,763.86</u>
Total Operating Income:	248,434.70



OPERATING EXPENSES

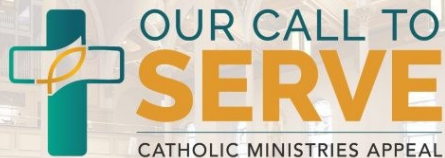
Salaries & Benefits	93,830.37
Administrative	41,447.28
Rectory	12,713.68
Liturgy	9,475.18
Religious Education	2,012.32
Social Justice	3,895.78
Other Contracted Services	8,224.57
Electricity	7,719.32
Heating Fuel	10,786.48
Water/Sewer	1,860.16
Repairs/Improvements, Maintenance, Supplies & Equipment*	17,026.69
Diocesan Self-Insurance Program	22,019.00
Taxes	2,361.16
School Subsidy	<u>17,160.00</u>
Total Expenses:	250,531.99
Fiscal Year Net Account:	(2,097.29)





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.



Your generosity changes lives by providing help, hope, and opportunity.

**SEPTEMBER 12TH & 13TH IS CELEBRATION/
 IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

Together, we join with all parishes throughout the Diocese of Scranton to invest in our ministries!

Learn More or Make an Early Gift at:
AnnualAppeal.org

Saint Michael Parish has a Facebook page! If you have parish news you would like posted on the page, email the information to the parish office.

Search for "Saint Michael's Catholic Parish - Canton, PA" to find the page or use the link on the front of the bulletin or on the parish website.

SEPTEMBER 14 - 20, 2026 READINGS

Mon: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11
 Jn 3:13-17
Tues: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a Ps 100:1b-5
 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wed: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22
 Lk 7:31-35
Thurs: 1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118:1b-2, 16-17, 28
 Lk 7:36-50
Fri: 1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 17:1b-d, 6-7, 8b, 15 Lk 8:1-3
Sat: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14
 Lk 8:4-15
Sun: Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

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

ANNUAL CCD BAKE SALE

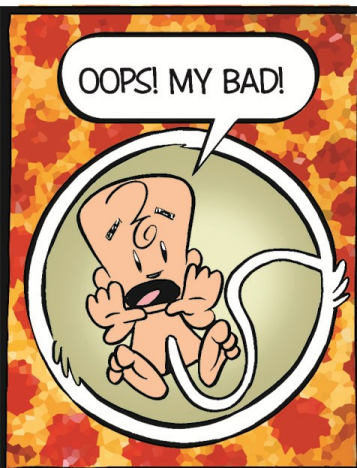
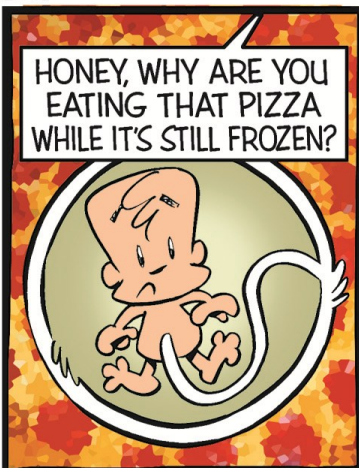
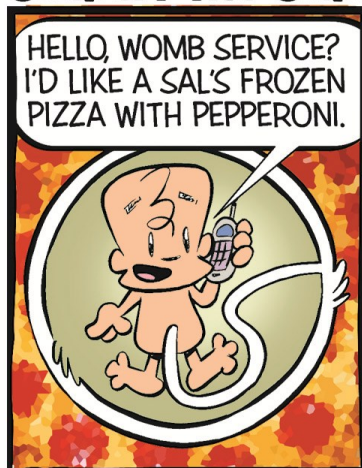
Next Sunday, Sept. 20th, is Catechetical Sunday, which means the annual CCD Bake Sale will be at all four Masses that weekend! Catechists will be commissioned at the 9:30 am Mass. Classes start Sept. 27th.

6TH ANNUAL PA MARCH FOR LIFE

When: Monday, September 21st
Where: At the State Capitol in Harrisburg, PA
Why: To speak up for the unborn to end abortion on demand
 Buses are available at no charge, however reservations must be made. Sign up sheets are by the bulletins or call or text 570-772-6524.
 Buses will leave from:
 6:30 am: Valley Shopping Plaza, Sayre
 6:45 am: Grace Christian Academy, Ulster
 7:30 am: Bradford Towne Center behind McDonald's, Wysox
 8:00 am: Dushore - if needed

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



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 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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