

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. MICHAEL

CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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Office Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays 8 am - 3:30 pm, Thursday 8 am - 1 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

Parable of the two sons



Matthew 21:28-32

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 26 Weekday
VIGIL: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Marilyn Gilbert (Bob & Diane Jones)

Sunday, Sept 27 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
9:30 am, Canton † Marilyn Gilbert (St. Michael's A & R)
11:15 am, Troy † Irene Bitcola (Cheryl Carlonas)

Monday, September 28 Weekday
7:00 am, Rectory † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)

Tuesday, September 29 Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael - Archangels
5:30 pm, Troy † Joseph Szczech (Tim, Leona, and Barb)

Wednesday, Sept 30 Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church
5:30 pm, Canton † Jerome Wynne (The Family)
6:00 pm, Holy Hour

Thursday, October 1 Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, No Mass Virgin, Doctor of the Church

First Friday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels
7:00 am, Canton † Bea Jones (Clorinda Lynch)

Saturday, October 3 Weekday
VIGIL: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Canton † Connie Curn (Bob & Diane Jones)

Sunday, October 4 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am, Ralston † James, Delores, & Michael McDermott (Ann & Jim McDermott)
9:30 am, Canton - In honor of our Guardian Angels (Christina Fleury)
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 in memory of Alan Kelley by the Family.

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 September 14 - 20, 2026

Weekly Offerings:	1,967.00
Electronic Offerings:	525.00
CCD Bake Sale:	540.00
Other Parish Income:	17.50
Total Parish Income:	3,049.50
Average Weekly Expenses:	5,040.67
Difference:	(1,991.17)
Care & Education of Priests:	1.00



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 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. For more information or to register, please call Father Joe at 570-673-5253. The first day of OCIA will be Monday, September 28 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.



THE FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS falls on Sunday, October 4th. The Blessing of Animals will be at 2:00 pm in Saint Michael's parking lot.

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

Thank you to Jennings Transportation for providing a van & driver to the 11th annual BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE on October 10th. The van will leave St. Michael's parking lot at 5:30 am. Contact Jim Ross or the parish office to reserve your seat. Register for the conference by going to www.BeACatholicMan.com or scan the QR code. Contact the parish office to have our generous sponsor pay your registration fee.



LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful, public witness of pro-life Americans standing and praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of Human Life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Sunday, October 4th, Canton: Main Street from 2 to 3 PM, Chairperson: David Beahm 570-244-6232

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Roberta Arnold, Karl Barton, Warren Batcheller, John Bilbrey, Cassi Blaney, Joseph Blaszczyk, Mary Blaszczyk, 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, Richard Fletcher, Misty Frame, Theresa Gentile, Melissa Gowan, Mary Graham, William Hall, Peter Hamburger, Barb Hinman, Dot Hopkins, Paula Horton, Maryllis Hughes, Victoria Johnson, Stephen Joyce, 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



POPE LEO XIV
OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION
FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

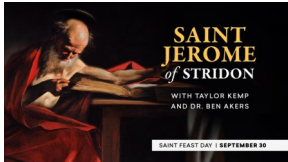
THIS WEEK ON FORMED, WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

ST. THERESA | LITTLEST SAINTS

Which flower in Jesus's garden is the best? The most beautiful? St. Therese gives us her "little" answer to these questions.

ST. JEROME | CATHOLIC SAINTS

An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."



WHO ARE THE ARCHANGELS?

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.



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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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