

# ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

Rev. Peter Tkocz, Pastor

## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

*To enhance and promote the fulfillment of St. Michael the Archangel, we will:*

## **CELEBRATE THE PAST:**

*By examining, studying and capturing the history of the men and women, religious and lay, who established, nurtured and built it and all of its facets;*

## **LEARN TODAY:**

*By learning from their faith, vision, passion commitment and actions so that we may better understand our history and their legacy;*

## **PREPARE FOR TOMORROW:**

*By renewing the parish and its religious and lay leaders and its lay members; build on the legacy of the past and use our present strengths and abilities to help St. Michael's be a shining example and light of Christ and our history for all we touch.*



## **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Daily Eucharist: as stated in the bulletin

Lord's Day Eucharist:

Saturday Vigil: at 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am (English) & 11:00 am (Polish)

Eve. of Holy Days - Consult Bulletin

**Parish Office: (518) 237-5151**

**Office Hours: : Tues. - Thurs. 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Fax: Dial above number to notify**

**E-mail address: parishinfo@stmichaelsofcohoes.org**

**Web site: www.stmichaelsofcohoes.org**

**Church Hall: (518) 237-7121**

**Faith Formation: (518) 237-5151 ext. 5**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday Afternoon 3:15 to 3:45 pm

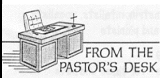
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** By arrangement with the Parish Office. Parents should be registered and active members of the Parish.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** The Bride and Groom should call the Parish Office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Please bring recent copies of your Baptismal certificate. Those under 21 should not set a marriage date until Diocesan permission has been obtained.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** We want to assist those who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, age or handicap. If you or a family member desires to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick at home or in the hospital, please call the PARISH OFFICE. In the event of an upcoming surgery, call the Parish Office to arrange a mutually convenient time for Anointing. By LAW, hospitals cannot notify us when parishioners are admitted. If you or a family member is hospitalized, please notify us.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** We ask every member of the parish to be properly registered. All adults should have and use envelopes. New members need to register as soon as possible. All address changes should be given to the Parish Office.

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**THANK YOU... TO ALL WHO SHARED THEIR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE FOR THE GOOD OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY LAST WEEK.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH CAMPAIGN:** Thank you so much to those of you who have already generously contributed to this effort. The *Re-igniting Our Faith* program has received **\$150,510** in pledges. That is **58.85%** to our goal!



Our **In-Pew Commitment Weekend** is this weekend, **September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please continue to prayerfully consider joining your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort with a sacrificial gift to the campaign. Please reach out to any of our committee members [Marion Jaffarian, Doris Vojnar (518) 424-7769, Janet Gorsky, Julia Clairmont, and Kathy Kosek] with questions you may have about the *Re-igniting Our Faith* program or call the Parish Office at (518) 237-5151 and someone will get back to you.

Extra Campaign Packets and Commitment Forms are available in the Parish Office and in the back of the Church. Please return your completed form (in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office) even if you are not able to participate.

Again, thank you for your generosity and God Bless You!  
Father Peter

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**Week of September 16 – September 22**

**CHURCH:**

In honor of Gen Callanan  
by Doris Vojnar.



**CHAPEL:**

In honor of Father Peter on his Birthday  
by Doris Vojnar.

**Second Collection:** The **CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY** collection will be the weekend of **September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Thank you for your anticipated support.

**BINGO WORKERS for September 17<sup>th</sup>, Team 1:** Doris Vojnar - Captain, Jean Johnson, Jack & Nancy Jones, Jane Gebosky, Grazyna Jurczynski, Maria Swieton, Julia Clairmont, Stanislaw Bobek, Danuta Alanbaki, Barbara Brewka, & Ewa Momont. **Thank you!**



**Keep the Legacy Alive**

Please remember St. Michael's in your will:  
St. Michael the Archangel R. C. Church  
20 Page Ave., Cohoes, NY 12047

**Weekly Contributions**

September 7 & 8, 2019	\$4,762.00
Year 2018	\$3,787.00
Regular Offertory*	\$3,868.00
Church Hall Improvements	\$470.00
Candle Offerings	\$63.00
Religious Assistance to Poland	\$52.00
Christmas	\$50.00
Special Projects	\$50.00
All Saints	\$30.00
All Souls	\$30.00
Parish Support	\$25.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$22.00
Thanksgiving	\$20.00
Evangelist	\$18.00
Faith Formation	\$15.00
Fuel	\$15.00
Insurance	\$15.00
Assumption	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$5.00
Catholic University	\$2.00
Human Development	\$2.00
*Regular Offertory:	
4:00 Mass	\$1,152.00
9:00 Mass	\$843.00
11:00 Mass	\$554.00
Mail	\$509.00
E-Giving	\$810.00

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:** In memory of †Stanley Kryjak by John & Michelle Frainier \$50; by Edward & Vivian Slupski \$50; by Doris Vojnar \$30; by Michael & Susan Slupski \$25; by Rosemary Zandri \$20. Thank you.

**CHURCH HALL IMPROVEMENTS:** In memory of †Stanley Kryjak by St. Michael's Community Center of Cohoes \$50; by Jane J. Gebosky \$25; by John & Mary Pludrzynski \$25; by Albert & Christine St. Pierre \$25; by Jean Johnson \$10. Thank you.

**Please note:** In case of a funeral at 9am, the daily Mass intention(s) will be included in the funeral Mass celebration.

**Liturgical Roles<sup>+</sup>**

**Weekend of September 21st & 22nd, 2019**

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
4:00PM	J. Gebosky E. Twiss	T. Czurlanis E. Twiss K. Twiss B. Brehm	E. Twiss
9:00AM	J. Frainier P. Ostiguy	J. Harrington K. Kosek R. Kosek E.J. Kosek, Jr.	F. Gebosky, Jr.
11:00AM	B. Mazur	M. Sala M. Zielinska D. Vojnar I. Pietkiewicz	G. Lubas

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**BISHOP'S APPEAL 2019**

**Living the Gospel, Changing Lives**

**THANKS TO YOU!**

**Parish assessment: \$31,252.00**

**Total gifts/pledges: \$14,644.00**

**Total number of gifts/pledges: 97**

**We've reached 46.86% of our goal!**

**Still needed: \$16,608.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**CHURCH HALL IMPROVEMENTS  
PHASE 2 - WAINSCOTING &  
WINDOW TRIM RECONSTRUCTION  
PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE - \$28,330.00  
DONATIONS TO DATE - \$25,724.43  
INTERIOR HALL PAINTING COST - \$1,600.00 (complete)  
DONATIONS REMAINING TO FUND PHASE 2 - \$24,124.43**  
Edwin & Kathy Twiss; in memory of †*Brennan & Pater Families* by Jacqueline & James Brennan; Norman Gauthier; in memory of †*McOmber & Frainier Family* by Mr. & Mrs. John Frainier; in memory of †*William S. Vojnar* by Doris Vojnar; Mr. & Mrs. Nenad Brajac; in memory of †*Edward & Josephine Kosek* by Edward Kosek, Jr. **Thank you!**

**NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA:** Next weekend, the arch/diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. By giving to the National Collection, you will help support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education at an institution that supports cutting-edge research in multiple fields. Your investment will also enable the continuance of The Catholic Project, a University initiative, jumpstarted by philanthropy which aims to help bishops, priests, and the lay faithful develop a deeper understanding of the lay vocation and principles for effective action in the wake of the recent Church crisis. Thank you for your generosity. Learn more at: [collection.Catholic.edu](http://collection.Catholic.edu).

**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS:**



**Communion Brunch:** Please join us for our Annual Communion Brunch to be held on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00am Mass in the church hall. Mass will be at 11:00am (in English) and brunch (catered by Babe's here in Cohoes) will be served at 12:30pm. All parishioners and guests are invited to attend. Cost is \$20.00 per person and signup sheets will be available the weekend of September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Hope you can join us! Anyone wishing to join the Rosary Society, please contact Maria Swieton, President at 518 782-1203.

**THIS THURSDAY AT 6PM:** Join us on Thursday, **September 19<sup>th</sup>** at St. Michael's Church for a special **Mass and Parish Family Appreciation Dinner**. We will be honored to have the **Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger** as our main celebrant at Mass at 6pm. Immediately following the liturgy, we will proceed to the Parish Hall to partake in a dinner prepared and hosted by Maria Swieton (president) and the other officers and members of the Rosary Society.

This will be a perfect time to meet our Bishop, give thanks to God together, and to mingle with our fellow parishioners for good food and laughter. A sign-up sheet for the dinner will be available at the Church entrance before and after weekend Masses through September 15<sup>th</sup>. You may also call the parish office at (518) 237-5151 to sign up for the dinner. Please join us in making this an eventful evening!


Father Peter  
& the Re-Igniting Our Faith Committee

**COATS FOR THE COMMUNITY:** The annual coat collection will take place from **September 22<sup>nd</sup> to October 19<sup>th</sup>**. We are once again collecting coats/jackets, snow pants for children (all sizes) and coats/jackets for men and women, all sizes, new or gently used, dry cleaned or washed. You may place these items in the designated box in the church hall. Many families from the communities of Cohoes, Waterford, Watervliet, and Green Island are supported by this drive and they are very grateful to receive lovely coats from strangers. If you have questions, please contact Kazia at (518) 867-1427. Your kindness and generosity is much appreciated.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Rosary & Novena - Chapel	Tuesdays, 6:30pm
Re-igniting Our Faith In-Pew Commitment Weekend	September 14 & 15
Social Hours - after Mass, Church Hall	September 14 & 15
Catechetical Sunday Mass	September 15, 9am
Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger & Parish Family Appreciation Dinner	September 19, 6pm
Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall	September 26, 6pm
Prayers to Our Lady of Fatima - Chapel	October 13, 6pm
Communion Brunch - Church Hall	October 27
Basket Bingo - Church Hall	November 3

**NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN: September 25<sup>th</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup>.** The 40 Days for Life Campaign is a community effort of a period of 40 days of prayer, fasting, community outreach, and peaceful prayer vigil at the Planned Parenthood right of way, 1040 State St., Schenectady from 7am - 7pm. The month of October is Respect Life Month. Please commit to praying for life at home, in church, and at our vigil site during this campaign. Please contact Sarah at [sch40days@gmail.com](mailto:sch40days@gmail.com), Viviane (518) 384-0699, or [www.40daysforlife.com/schenectady](http://www.40daysforlife.com/schenectady). 



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## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 14 – September 22, 2019

<b>Sat., Sept. 14</b>	<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
4:00 p.m.	† <i>Edward Johnson</i> by Family † <i>Doris Colaruotolo</i> by Valentini Family † <i>Mike Zandri</i> by Patricia & John Harrington † <i>Stanley Kryjak</i> by Lopatniuk Family
<b>Sun., Sept. 15</b>	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 a.m.	Happy 49 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Claudia & Ozzy Osborn by Doris Vojnar † <i>Helen Sloboda</i> by Family † <i>Stanley Kryjak</i> by Mr. & Mrs. Wiercioch † <i>Frances Lis (3rd. Ann.)</i> by Family
11:00 a.m.	<b>Intention of Parishioners by Fr. Peter</b> † <i>William Holmes</i> by Mom & Family † <i>Zmarli z rodzin Lopatniuk &amp; Kielbasa</i> by syn z rodzina
<b>Mon., Sept. 16</b>	<b>Saints Cornelius, Pope, &amp; Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</b>
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Josephine Bush</i> by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry
<b>Tues., Sept. 17</b>	
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Bernard Kupiec</i> by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry
<b>Wed., Sept. 18</b>	
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Ruth Cunningham</i> by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry † <i>Thomas Gorsky (100<sup>th</sup> Birth.)</i> by Children
<b>Th., Sept. 19</b>	
6:00 p.m.	† <i>Paul Jaffarian</i> by Maria Swieton
<b>Fri., Sept. 20</b>	<b>Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, &amp; Paul Chöng Ha-sang, &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b>
9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass at Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Sat., Sept. 21</b>	<b>Saint Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b>
4:00 p.m.	<b>Intention of Parishioners by Fr. Peter</b> † <i>Mike Zandri (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)</i> by Ed & Kathy Twiss † <i>Henry Giroux</i> by Family † <i>Doris Colaruotolo</i> by Doris Vojnar † <i>Stanley Kryjak</i> by Ed & Kathy Twiss
<b>Sun., Sept. 22</b>	<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 a.m.	In honor of Father Peter's Birthday by the Rosary Society † <i>Tom Boivin (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)</i> by Family † <i>Helen Sloboda</i> by Marge Marois † <i>Stanley Kryjak</i> by Maria Swieton
11:00a.m.	In honor of Father Peter's Birthday by Doris Vojnar † <i>Teresa, Stasia, Franciszek &amp; Antoni Klebieko</i> by Ciesielczyk Family

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**St. Michael's**

**Faith Formation News**

**Director: Kathy Burns**

**(518) 237-0370; (518) 428-6353**

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

The Faith Formation program will open on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> with an ice cream social in the Church hall.

- Grades K to 5 will attend at 6pm to 7pm, grades 6 to 10 will attend at 7:15pm to 8:15pm.
- Please bring your child directly to the Church hall on opening night.
- After our ice cream celebration the children will go to their classrooms with their teachers.
- Please pick your child up at the Parish center at the end of their class time.
- If you have not already completed your registration form, please bring it with you on opening night.

Parent packets have been mailed out with important schedules and dates. Please contact Kathleen Burns at (518) 428-6353 or (518) 237-5151 ext. 5 if you have not received a packet.

**WHY DO WE BLESS OURSELVES WITH HOLY WATER WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH ?**

First - The blessed holy water reminds us of our baptism.

Second - Blessing ourselves with holy water is, basically, cleansing. As we enter the Church and prepare to worship God through the liturgy, we want our minds and hearts to be pure, to be purified from sin and selfishness.

Third - Locating the holy water fonts at the entrance to our churches symbolizes the difference between ordinary space and sacred space. When we enter into the holy place, we bless ourselves with holy water. We leave behind the worldly noise and confusion that surrounds our normal, everyday activities, and we are refreshed and renewed by the order, silence, reverence, and beauty of the sacred space, the space used only for prayer and worship.

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO BLESS THEMSELVES WITH HOLY WATER.**

**THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
SEPTEMBER 14TH**

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events:

The discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion.

However, the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

"O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we who have known his mystery on earth may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen."