

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

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.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of December 17th – December 23rd

CHURCH:

Happy Birthday Bink
by Gen.

CHAPEL:

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ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS: There will not be a Rosary Society meeting on December 21st. We wish a blessed Christmas for all and their families.

A big **THANK YOU** to **Mary Horner** for coordinating and preparing Christmas cards to our parishioners!

THANK YOU to all the **Bingo volunteers** for their hard work throughout the year!

THANK YOU: "Hats off" to all our Bingo workers. Our Parish received a **\$5,000.00** donation from the Rosary Society Bingo for Special Projects.

THANK YOU to Julia Clairmont and Janet Gorsky for their volunteer work at the Parish Office.

 **ANNUAL CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PAGEANT:** The pageant is on **December 24th** at 3:30pm in the Church. Please join us!

HELP WANTED: We are looking for volunteers to help with our Bingo games. You do not have to be a member of the Rosary Society to volunteer. The proceeds from bingo are used to support St. Michael's parish. If you can volunteer, contact Maria Swieton at (518) 782-1203.

BINGO WORKERS for December 18th, Team 5: Mary Sala - Captain, John Sala, Jr., Stanley Szozda, Doris Vojnar, Pat Harrington, Maria Swieton, Julia Clairmont, Stanislaw Bobek, Madeline Lis, Tina Kilventon, & Kazia Lopatniuk.
Thank you!

Weekly Contributions

December 8 & 9, 2018	\$4,627.00
Year 2017	\$3,347.00
Regular Offertory*	\$3,198.00
Immaculate Conception	\$554.00
Christmas Flowers	\$410.00
Church Hall Improvements	\$314.00
Candle Offerings	\$77.00
Fuel	\$38.00
Snow Plowing	\$36.00
*Regular Offertory:	
4:00 Mass	\$777.00
9:00 Mass	\$858.00
11:00 Mass	\$739.00
E-Giving	\$654.00
Mail	\$140.00
Other (Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass)	\$30.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL MASS: (all collections)	\$343.00

FUEL COLLECTION: On the weekend of **December 15th & 16th**, the second collection will be for our fuel (utilities) expenses for 2018-19. Last year, we collected \$3,573.50 for fuel (utilities) expenses. The cost of fuel (utilities) services was \$12,522.41. The resulting shortfall was paid with funds from our parish savings accounts. Please be as generous as you can.

The **Liturgical Roles** for the **Christmas Masses** have been posted on the bulletin board in the Church Hall. **Fr. Peter** will be performing the **Sacristan's duties** at all Christmas Masses.

Liturgical Roles

Weekend of December 22nd & 23rd, 2018

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
4:00PM	C. Sponable M. Horner	M.E. Abdelnour E. Twiss B. Brehm F. Dudwoire	P. Brehm
9:00AM	P. Colozza M. Marois	D. Vojnar J. Clairmont P. Ostiguy E.J. Kosek, Jr.	D. Vojnar
11:00AM	B. Jackowska H. Mazur	M. Sala D. Vojnar M. Zielinski I. Pietkiewicz	T. Pecak

ADVENT RECONCILIATION at St. Michael's Church will be after the 4pm Mass on Saturday, **December 22nd** and after the 9am Mass and 11am Mass on Sunday, **December 23rd**.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil Mass - 4pm
Christmas Midnight Mass (in Polish) - midnight
Christmas Day Mass - 10am

CHURCH HALL IMPROVEMENTS
PHASE 2 - PAINTING & WALL REPAIR
PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE - \$28,330
DONATIONS TO DATE - \$9,021.63

In memory of †*Brennan & Pater Families* by Jacqueline & James Brennan, Mr. & Mrs. Adam Kapinos, in memory of †*Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mnich* by Diane Mnich, in memory of †*John Rymanowski* by Mrs. Catherine Rymanowski, in memory of †*Ralph Cappabianca* by Mrs. Ralph Cappabianca, in memory of †*Aunt Theresa Price & Bob Price* by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Davey, in memory of †*Bernie & Frances Zabek & John Baran* by Mr. & Mrs. Steven Elinski, Norman Gauthier, in memory of †*Frank Krupski* by Ann Krupski, in memory of †*John Koncewicz Family* by Elizabeth Miranda, Mr. & Mrs. Adam Rogowski, in memory of †*Remillard & Signoracci Families* by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Signoracci, Joel Valentini, Agnieszka & Tomasz Bebenek, in memory of †*Steven Moziak* by Mrs. Therese Blizniak, Mrs. Joelean Dearstyne, Adam & Beata Dowgielewicz, Mr. & Mrs. Chester Glogowski, Michael & Denise Izzo, in memory of †*Razzono & Kocienski Families* by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kocienski, in memory of †*deceased World War II Veterans* by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Lipka, Tadeusz Rozycki, Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Mentrak, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Bania. **Thank you!**



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS: In memory of †*Leodaa Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lemieux, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Lemieux, Eleven Lemieux, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Shufelt, Sr., & the Reuern Joseph H. Pelletier* by Walter L. Adams, in memory of †*Bobek Family & Blizinski Family* by Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Bobek, in memory of †*Tom Boivin* by Mrs. Thomas Boivin, in memory of †*Frank Castle* by Anne Marie Castle; Mark, Pam, & Jenna Colozza, in memory of †*James Cook* by Elizabeth Altinson, in memory of †*Cook & Krutka Families* by Mary Ellen Cook, in memory of †*Johni Dunia* by Laura Tarlo, in memory of †*Flora B. Roy & McOmber & Frainier Families* by Mr. & Mrs. John Frainier, in memory of †*Joseph Garceau, Sharon Brunick, Frank & Rose Rainville, Chuck & Bea Acker, & Frank & Marilyn Rainville* by Lorraine Garceau, in memory of †*John & Frank Sr. Gebosky, the Geboskey Family, the Jarosz Family, & Thomas & Agnes Soltys* by Mrs. Frank Gebosky, Mr. & Mrs. Chester Glogowski, in memory of †*Thomas Gorsky & Stacia Gorsky* by Janet Gorsky, in memory of †*Anthony & Stacia Flascher* by Mrs. Mary Horner, in memory of †*Paul D. Horner* by Paul Horner, in memory of †*Karas & Durski Family* by Mr. & Mrs. Jozef Karas, in memory of †*Charles F. Kilventon III, Edward S. VanBuren, & Shirley C. VanWie* by Mrs. Rosemary Kilventon, in memory of †*Kocienski Family & Razzano Family* by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kocienski, Mr. & Mrs. Marek Kokoszko, in memory of †*Anna, Nicola, & Nicky Izzo* by Michael & Denise, Kazimierz Matala, in memory of †*Irene & Ralph Chamberland & Leona & James McDonald* by Sandy McDonald. **Thank you!**

Reminder: All gifts for the **Giving Tree** must be returned by Sunday, **December 16th**. Thank you so very much for your tremendous support of this project. If you have any questions, please call Michelle Frainier at (518) 235-3292. Have a Merry Christmas!



BISHOP'S APPEAL 2018
Number of gifts/pledges: 178
Total gifts/pledges: \$24,593.00
Parish assessment: \$30,050.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Rosary & Novena - Chapel	Tuesdays, 6:30pm
Christmas Pageant - Church	December 24, 3:30pm
Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary	December 31, 6pm



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

OPLATKI: Will be on sale (\$2 for a package of four) in the stairwell or Church Hall every weekend in December before Christmas. Proceeds to benefit the Sisters of the Resurrection in Castleton. Contact Pat Harrington for more information. Thank you in advance for your support.

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE: For some people, Christmas is a difficult time. The joy of the season is overshadowed by the grief over the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job, or the end of a marriage. If this is true for you this year or if you know someone for whom it is true, please come to our community Blue Christmas Service on **December 16th** at 7pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 405 Vliet Boulevard in Cohoes. This service is designed especially for you. You are not alone. You are loved.

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 15 – December 23, 2018

Sat., Dec. 15	
4:00 p.m.	† <i>Edwin H. Twiss (30th Anniv.)</i> by Ed & Kathy Twiss † <i>Victoria & David Parker</i> by Family † <i>Anthony Smith</i> by Wife Dorothy † <i>Cecelia Cappabianca Izzo & Raffaele Cappabianca</i> by Antonia Cappabianca † <i>Edmond Galarneau & Michael Talay</i> by Family
Sun., Dec. 16	Third Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.	Intention of Parishioners by Fr. Peter † <i>John Sloboda</i> by Family † <i>Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Gauthier</i> by Son † <i>Ken Anatriello</i> by Patricia & John Harrington
11:00 a.m.	† <i>William Vojnar</i> by Maria Swieton † <i>Grzegorz Walczak</i> by Mama
Mon., Dec. 17	
9:00 a.m.	In honor of Anthony Nguyen (seminary) by Janet Gorsky
Tues., Dec. 18	
9:00 a.m.	In honor of Thomas Yakalis (seminary) by Janet Gorsky
Wed., Dec. 19	
9:00 a.m.	In honor of Deacon Michael Melanson (seminary) by Janet Gorsky † <i>Janina Dorobajlo</i> by Corka i Wnuczka
Th., Dec. 20	
9:00 a.m.	Mass at Holy Trinity
Fri., Dec. 21	
9:00 a.m.	Mass at Holy Trinity
Sat., Dec. 22	
4:00 p.m.	† <i>Kenneth Anatriello (1st Anniv.)</i> by Family † <i>Michael C. Potyrala</i> by Daughter † <i>Theresa Benamati (6th Anniv.)</i> by Family † <i>Salvatore Carusone & Frank (a family friend)</i> by Carusone Family
Sun., Dec. 23	Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.	† <i>William Kosek</i> by Family † <i>Angelo D'Angelico</i> by Brother † <i>Mark Powers</i> by Patricia & John Harrington † <i>Gemaro & Silvia Palmieri</i> by Antonia Cappabianca
11:00 a.m.	Intention of Parishioners by Fr. Peter † <i>Panufnik Family</i> by Zosia & Rodzina † <i>Zbigniew Swieton</i> by Doris Vojnar

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

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St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

Director: Kathy Burns

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

Thank you to everyone who brought gifts to our Birthday Party for baby Jesus!

All donations will be forwarded to Birthright in Ballston Spa, a crisis pregnancy organization.

IMPORTANT FAITH FORMATION DATES:

Saturday, **December 15:** 12pm – 2pm - Community Service – Cohoes Library, Santa letters. **Volunteers:** Terry Burns, Cole Cepiel, Sarah Jurnak, Ivan Brajac, Hannah Burgess, Genesis Hyman, Jenifer Martinez, Quincy Hytko, Reis Brammer, Julia Szozda, Claire D'Angelico.

Monday, **December 17:** 6pm – 8pm - Monday Faith Formation Class. Christmas Cards.

Wednesday, **December 19:** 6pm & 7:15pm – Faith Formation Class. Dress Rehearsal for Nativity Pageant. Students not involved will have class.

Tuesday, **December 25:** Christmas.

Wednesday, **December 26:** No Faith Formation Classes. Christmas Break.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Kindergarten: Completed a Nativity craft.

Grade 1: Watched a movie about Saint Nicholas.

Grade 2: Decorated our classroom windows, created Advent wreaths and began First Confession preparation.

Grade 3: Made Christmas cards for the elderly, discussed ways to prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Grade 4: Created an Advent wreath to take home.

Grade 5: Reviewed the meaning of the Liturgical colors. Reviewed the Advent wreath. Studied the Apostle's Creed and Nicene Creed.

Grade 6 & 7: Decorated our Christmas tree. Discussed good works we have completed this week.

Grade 8 & 9 & 10: Discussed The Immaculate Conception. Continued to build entries in our classroom journals. Discussed Advent.