

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

February 26, 2023

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.



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Eucharist: as stated in the bulletin

Lord's Day Eucharist:

Sunday: 9:00 am (English)

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month – some Polish

Eve. of Holy Days – Consult Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

By appointment – call the Parish Office (518) 237-5151.

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 or e-giving. New members need to register as soon as possible. All address changes should be given to the Parish Office.

PARISH STAFF:

Very Rev. Donald Rutherford	Co-Pastor
Rev. Brian Kelly	Co-Pastor
Rev. Samuel Bellafiore	Parochial Vicar
Kathleen Burns, Faith Formation: (518) 428-6353	

CONTACT: Parish Office: (518) 237-5151

Off. hrs.: Mon. & Th. 9:30 to noon, Tu. & Wed. 9:30am-2pm

Church Hall: (518) 237-7121

E-mail address: info@stmichaelsofcohoes.org

Website: www.stmichaelsofcohoes.org

Bulletin: bulletin@stmichaelsofcohoes.org

Cemetery: cemetery@stmichaelsofcohoes.org

Church open hours: Mon. 8:30am-10am, Wed. 8:30am-10am,


Sun. 8am-10:30am (closed Tu., Th., Fri., & Sat.)

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




LENT: Wednesday, February 22nd - Thursday, April 6th. Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. This is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. Easter Sunday is April 9th. Visit <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/len> to learn more.


SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confession is available at St. Michael's Church by appointment. Please call the Parish Office at (518) 237-5151. 

While HOLY TRINITY is undergoing sanctuary repair work, there is no daily Mass and the Church is locked. They're not sure how long the work will take – at least two weeks. Here are other Churches with daily Mass:

- Tuesdays:**
9 AM Mass at IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
12:10 PM Mass at ST. AMBROSE
- Thursdays:**
9 AM Mass at IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
12:10 PM Mass at ST. AMBROSE
- Fridays:**
8:30 AM Mass at ST. AUGUSTINE'S

 **PLEASE NOTE:** If Cohoes School District is closed or delayed due to snow there will be no morning Mass at St. Michael's or Holy Trinity.

Parish trustees: trustees@stmichaelsofcohoes.org

 **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



February 12, 2023	\$3,238.00
Year 2022	\$3,966.00
Regular Offertory 2022	\$2,829.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,309.00
Other 2 nd Collections	\$836.00
Candle Offerings	\$93.00
*Regular Offertory: 9am Mass & Mail	\$1,924.00
E-giving	\$385.00

Weekend Mass attendance - February 19, 2023:
Sunday, 9am 136

Counting Team for February 27th: Ed & Kathy Twiss, Julia Clairmont, & Donna Turgeon.

SECOND ENVELOPE: The **Parish Building Improvements** collection will be the weekend of **March 5th**. Thank you for your anticipated support.

YEARLY STATEMENT: Thank you for your generous support of St. Michael's Church throughout 2022. Letters for tax reporting purposes were mailed to parishioners on February 2nd. If you did not receive one, please call the parish office and we will re-send.

 **SANCTUARY CANDLES** 
Week of February 27 – March 5

CHURCH:

Main Altar (tabernacle):
In honor of Gnieiu Mierzwa
prayers for a successful surgery
by Maria Swieton.

Sacred Heart (side altar):
People of the Parish.

Blessed Mother (side altar):
People of the Parish.

Liturgical Roles⁺

Weekend of March 5th, 2023

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
9:00AM	V. Cappabianca	E. Kosek	J. Harrington

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND: If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to have communion brought to you at your home, call John Harrington at (518) 237-5158.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Stations of the Cross - Church Mar. 3, 5pm
- Penny Social-Church Hall Mar. 5, 1pm, doors open 10:30am
- Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall Mar. 16, 6pm
- Children's Liturgy of the Word Mar. 19, 9am
- Souper Saturday Movie Matinee - Church Hall Apr. 15, 1pm

ROSARY NEWS: St. Michael's Rosary Society will hold their Annual Penny Social on Sunday, **March 5th at 1:00pm** in the church hall. Doors will open at **10:30am**. Tickets can be purchased starting at **11:00am**. Under NYS law, you must be 18 to play. Food and refreshments will be available from **11:00am**. **PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGES FROM PRIOR YEARS.** Since this is our most profitable fundraiser, we again ask our Rosarians and Parishioners for donations of **NEW** gifts or money donations which can be used to purchase larger gifts for our raffles. This will be greatly appreciated. All gifts can be brought to the church hall on Sundays after the 9:00am Mass. We also need groceries to fill up our tub. All proceeds will benefit the Special Project Fund to replace our church boiler. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support.



CALLING ALL BAKERS: The Rosary Society is in need of homemade baked goods (cookies, brownies & cupcakes) for our Annual Penny Social on March 5, 2023. You may drop off your baked goods on Saturday, March 4th from 11:00am - 2:00pm, or Sunday morning after 10:00am. As always, thank you for supporting our church.



DEACON FORMATION: The Deacon Formation for the Diocese of Albany will be meeting at St. Michael's on **March 4th & 5th**. Please keep these men in your prayers.

DIOCESAN APPEAL: You may have noticed the Appeal envelopes in the pews. Please make sure to fill in our Parish on inside of the envelope. The assessment for St. Michael's Church is **\$35,543.00**. As of February 7th, 49 gifts have made for a total of **\$7,447.00**. The Appeal runs from July 2022 to June 2023. Thank you for your support.



ALMSGIVING: The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462).

From <https://www.usccb.org>

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

LENT SPEAKER SERIES: PRESS F TO PRAY: On **March 8th**, 5:30pm-7:00pm at the Chapel + Cultural Center 2125 Burdett Ave Troy, NY 12180. Can video games move beyond just entertainment to teach us about faith? Join a night of discussion and gaming as we explore how we can find a greater understanding of faith and spirituality through the games we play. Fr. Evan Cummings, CSP, a Paulist priest, will share the examples, good and bad, that he's found in gaming throughout his life. All are welcome to join us starting at 5:30pm for Mass followed by meatless potluck at 6pm, and speaker to start at 7pm.

HELP SAVE LIVES IN TROY AND ALBANY: 40 Days for Life campaign: prayer, fasting and witness in front of Abortion Centers. Runs **February 22nd - April 2nd**. 7am-7pm daily. Troy: public right-of-way sidewalk 120 Hoosick St., 12180. Hudson River Commons (not plaza sidewalk). Albany: bus stop at 855 Central Ave., 12206. Bring friends or join a group. This international, peaceful, pro-life presence encourages women to choose LIFE for their babies. For more information call/text Mike or Margaret at (518) 860-4602, or visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/troy or www.40daysforlife.com/en/albany.

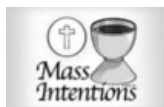


WOMEN'S BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY ALBANY NY CHAPTER OF MAGNIFICAT: On Saturday, **March 18th**, 9am-12pm at Wolferts Roost Country Club, 120 Van Rensselaer Blvd., Albany, NY 12204. Magnificat is a Ministry to Catholic women. Guest speaker: Julie Baaki, Executive Director of Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY. Registration is due March 8th. Registration fee: \$28, student \$18; online \$29.40, student \$19.40 (Clergy & Religious free - please RSVP). Send a check payable to: Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat, PO Box 340, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Seating is limited and there will be no registrations taken at the door. For more information <http://www.magnificat-ministry.org/ny-albany> or call Kathleen Carroll for registration information at (518) 930-8380.

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First Sunday of Lent
February 25 – March 5, 2023

Sat., Feb. 25	
4:00 p.m. (Fr. Deimeke)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Feb. 26	First Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Kelly)	† <i>Pauline Geboskey</i> by Jane Gebosky & Son (some Polish) † <i>Ann Ardziejewicz Mone</i> by Doris Vojnar † <i>Roy Roberts</i> by Evangelization Team † <i>Janusz Sypek</i> by Mr. & Mrs. Mierzwa † <i>Bill Lather</i> by Teresa & Edward Barlik † <i>Irene Giammattei</i> by Bruce Hotto † <i>Michael Skotnicki (1st Anniv.)</i> by Family
10:30 a.m. (Fr. Deimeke)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Feb. 27	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Kelly)	Grateful to Jesus for Suffering for Us by Yvette
Tues., Feb. 28	
Wed., Mar. 1	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Deimeke)	People of the Parish
Th., Mar. 2	
Fri., Mar. 3	
5:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat., Mar. 4	
4:00 p.m. (Fr. Bellafoire)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Mar. 5	Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Deimeke)	† <i>Pyskadlo & Ouimette Family</i> by Bob & Gen Callanan † <i>John A. Gebosky</i> by Mom & Franky † <i>Ann Mone</i> by Maria Swieton † <i>Roy Roberts</i> by Lector Ministry † <i>Helen Kosek</i> by Family † <i>Eugene Midura</i> by daughter Barbara
10:30 a.m. (Fr. Rutherford)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)



Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory
by St. Gertrude the Great

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

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St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org

(518) 428-6353

FAITH FORMATION IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, February 27, 2023: Monday Monthly Class 6pm-8pm

Wednesday, March 1, 2023: Class 6pm & 7:15pm

Wednesday, March 8, 2023: Class 6pm & 7:15pm

Wednesday, March 15, 2023: Class 6pm & 7:15pm

Wednesday, March 22, 2023: First Confession for grade 2, regular class for all other grades.

Monday, March 27, 2023: Monday Class 6pm-8pm

Wednesday, March 29, 2023: Class 6pm & 7:15pm

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Saturday March 4, 2023 at 9:30am

Retreat for all Confirmation Candidates will be held at Holy Trinity Parish center. The retreat will be facilitated by "Hard As Nails", a youth retreat group. The day will include presentations, an opportunity for Confession, Adoration and end with Mass at 4pm. Lunch and snacks are included. Parents and family members are encouraged to join us for Mass at 4pm. We will be on retreat with other area Churches. Please contact Kathleen Burns (518) 428-6353 with any questions.

CONFIRMATION PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Sunday March 5, 2023 at 9am

The Confirmation Candidates will be presented to Father and the Parish community. The candidates will receive their gift from St. Michael's Parish. This is mandatory for all Candidates. All family members are encouraged to attend as well.

REGIONAL FOOD BANK

Saturday March 18, 2023 from 1pm-3pm

All students and families are invited to attend for the important work of packing food and supplies for area shelters. Please see Mrs. Burns to sign up.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our next Children's Liturgy of The Word will be on Sunday, March 19th at 9am.

FIRST CONFESSION

First Confession for our First Communion class will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd at 6pm in the Church. This is normal class time. Candidates must have Confession before they can make First Communion.

SOUPER SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Saturday, April 15 at 1pm

We will have a special guest speaker, Sister Theresa Grace from the Sisters of The Resurrection. In keeping with the 3 year Eucharist Revival, she will be presenting the topic: "The Eucharist and The Saints". Lunch will be served after Sister's presentation. We welcome Sister Theresa and the Sisters of The Resurrection as they were present at St. Michael's as teachers when St. Michael's School was open. This is a free event. Registration is required. More information will follow as the date gets closer. Please contact Kathleen Burns with any questions (518) 428-6353.

CLYNK

Please remember to save your clean cans and bottles for our Clynk recycling program. Clynk bags are available upon request and deposit boxes are located on the parish center porch and in the Church hall. All proceeds go to important Faith Formation events. Thank You for your support!

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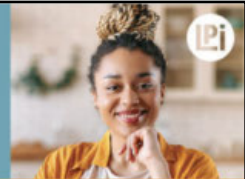
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