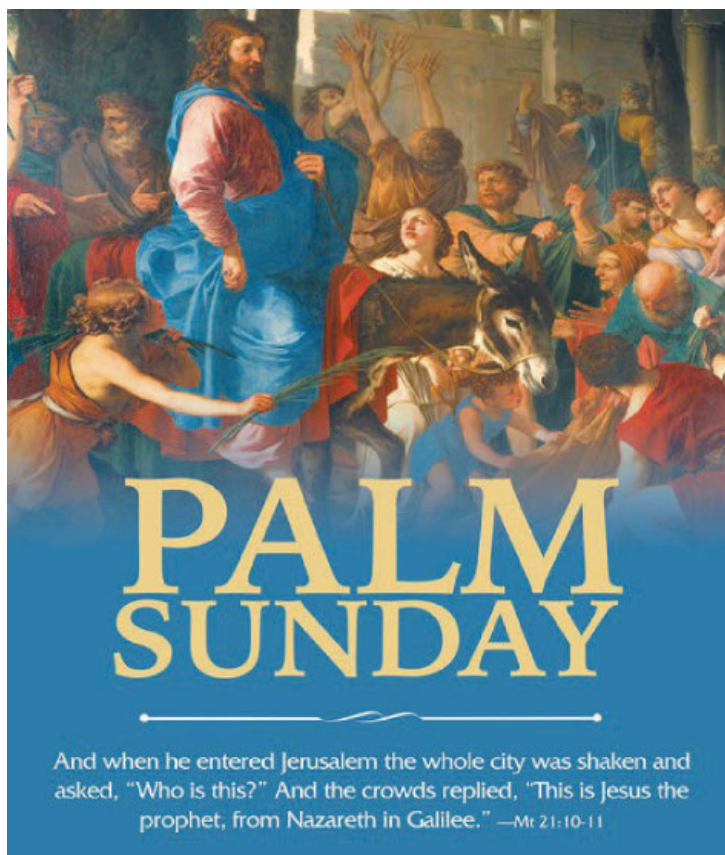


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April 2, 2023



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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

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

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

Welcome
FAITH FAMILY FRIENDS

LENT: Wednesday, February 22nd - Thursday, April 6th.

EASTER TRIDUUM: The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum - from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

- Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
- Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

From United States Conference of Catholics Bishops website, usccb.org

SANCTUARY CANDLES
Week of April 3 – April 9

CHURCH:
Main Altar (tabernacle):
 In memory of †Joseph J. Kosek, Jr. & Emily Kosek
 (63rd Wedding Anniv.)
 by Family.

Sacred Heart (side altar):
 In memory of †Granddaughter Jennifer M. Ostwald
 (5th Anniv.)
 by John & Patricia Harrington.

Blessed Mother (side altar):
 In memory of †Arthur & Helene Geboskey
 by Jane Gebosky & Son.



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March 19, 2023	\$3,483.00
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Regular Offertory*	\$2,671.00
2 nd Collection - Catholic Relief Services	\$137.00
Other 2 nd Collections	\$675.00
*Regular Offertory: 9am Mass & Mail	\$2,336.00
E-giving	\$335.00

Weekend Mass attendance - March 26, 2023:

Sunday, 9am 76

Counting Team for April 3rd: Theresa Barlik, Michelle Frainier, Maria Swieton.

SECOND COLLECTION ON MARCH 19TH: Thank you for your generous support of **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** and for **revealing Christ's love** to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.

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

Parish trustees: trustees@stmichaelscohoes.org

Liturgical Roles

Good Friday (April 7th):
 Lector: C. Assini, Jr.
 Passion: K. Twiss, V. Cappabianca
 Eucharistic Minister: K. Kosek

Weekend of April 9th, 2023

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
9:00AM	G. Mierzwa M. Nyman	E. Kosek	M. Swieton

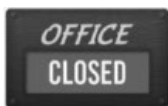
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Stations of the Cross - Church	Apr. 7, 5pm
Souper Saturday Movie & Speaker-Church Hall	Apr. 15, 1pm
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Apr. 16, 9am
Social Hour after 9am Mass	Apr. 16
Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall	Apr. 16, 11am

BUTTER LAMBS: Patricia Harrington is selling butter lambs for \$5 each after Mass while quantities last. Supply is limited. Proceeds to benefit the Sisters of the Resurrection in Castleton. Thank you in advance for your support.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed April 6th (Holy Thursday) through April 10th (Monday). (Money counters should come in at 10am on April 10th.)



ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING: The next meeting will be held after the social hour on Sunday, April 16th at 11am.



SWIECONKA: Polish Blessing of the Baskets – Holy Saturday: Will be held at St. Michael's Church at 12pm. In Poland the blessing of the baskets is a practice dating to the 15th century or earlier. The food items in the Easter basket, as well as at the Easter Sunday breakfast when the blessed food is eaten, have special significance. There is a special blessing for meat, egg, cake, and bread, so baskets will most likely include these ingredients. **Bread** (*chleb*), is usually a braided *charka*, representing the staff of life given by God. **Easter bread** (*babka*) is a round cake of rich, eggy yeast dough with raisins that is reminiscent of the risen Lord.



Butter (*masto*) is one of the dairy products included to celebrate the end of Lent and the richness of our salvation. The butter is often shaped into a lamb, which is symbolic of the Paschal Lamb, and is known as a *baranek*. **Colored eggs** (*pisanki*), as well as uncolored hard-cooked eggs, indicate hope, new life, and Christ rising from his tomb. **Ham** (*szynka*), as well as other meats, symbolizes great joy and abundance in celebration of Christ's resurrection. **Sausage links** (*kielbasa*) are symbolic of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead, as well as of God's generosity. **Horseradish** (*chrzan*) is a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of the Passion of Jesus, and the vinegar it is mixed with symbolizes the sour wine given to Jesus on the cross. **Salt** (*sól*) is present to add zest to life and preserve us from corruption. **Sweets** (*słodycze*) suggest the promise of eternal life or good things to come.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 6th:

7pm at Holy Trinity (Fr. Bellafiore)

Good Friday, April 7th:

3pm at St. Michael's Church (Fr. Rutherford)

Holy Saturday - Blessing of the Food, April 8th:

12pm at St. Michael's Church Hall (Fr. Kelly)

Holy Saturday Vigil, April 8th:

7:30pm at St. Ambrose (Fr. Kelly)

Easter Sunday, April 9th:

9am at St. Michael's Church (Fr. Deimeke)

10:30am at Holy Trinity (Fr. Deimeke)

FAST & ABSTINENCE: Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

From United States Conference of Catholics Bishops website, usccb.org

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.



NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

WAY OF THE CROSS FOR THE VICTIMS OF ABORTION:

On Good Friday, April 7th at 10am, an ecumenical "Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion" service will be held outside abortion facilities nationwide. At this moving event, pro-lifers nationwide will contemplate the suffering of Jesus Christ at our own modern-day Golgotha, the abortion clinic. For our local event, meet in the public right of way in front of Planned Parenthood (1040 State St., Schenectady, NY 12301). Do not use their parking lot. Parking available at Christ Church Episcopal, one block west and limited parking on State Street. For information, visit the website: <https://prolifeaction.org/event/>

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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 1 – April 9, 2023**

Sat., Apr. 1	First Saturday
4:00 p.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafiore)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Apr. 2	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Deimeke)</i>	†Jan Szozda (18 th Anniv.) by Szozda & Sala Families †Agnes & Thomas Soltys by Jane Gebosky & Son †Sadie Lynn Kopyc by Janiszak Family †Mary Pyskadlo by Ed & Kathy Twiss †John F. Sokolowski (5 th Anniv.) by Family †Zbigniew Swieton by Teresa & Edward Barlik
10:30 a.m. <i>(Fr. Deimeke)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Apr. 3	
9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Tom VanSchaich by Tom
Tues., Apr. 4	
Wed., Apr. 5	
9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Th., Apr. 6	Holy Thursday
7:00 p.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafiore)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Fri., Apr. 7	Passion of the Lord - Good Friday
3:00 p.m. <i>(Fr. Rutherford)</i>	People of the Parish
5:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat., Apr. 8	Holy Saturday
7:30 p.m. <i>(Fr. Kelly)</i>	(Mass at St. Ambrose)
Sun., Apr. 9	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
9:00 a.m. (English and Polish) <i>(Fr. Deimeke)</i>	†Gary Zandri by Bob & Gen †Margaret DeVero by Roseanne †Louis Janowski by Family †Joseph Kosek, Jr. (2 nd Anniv.) by Emily & Children †Pauline (Jurusik) Mendel (23 rd Anniv.) by daughter Emily Kosek & son John Mendel †Arthur & Helene Geboskey by Jane Gebosky & Son
10:30 a.m. <i>(Fr. Deimeke)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)

GORZKIE ZALE: Will be held at the end of Sunday 9am Mass during Lent (sung in Polish on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and recited in English on the 1st and 3rd Sundays). The ancient chants retracing the Passion and Crucifixion of Christ form the essence of this typically Polish weekly Lenten service that takes its name from the words of the hymns, "Gorzkie zale przybywajcia" (Come to us, bitter lamentations).

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St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org

(518) 428-6353

FAITH FORMATION IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, April 5, 2023: Class – Reenactment of The Last Supper - grades 1-5 (hall). Stations of the Cross through Mary's eyes – grades 6-10 (chapel)

Wednesday, April 12, 2023: NO CLASS – Spring break

Wednesday, April 19, 2023: Class 6pm & 7:15pm

Monday, April 24, 2023: Monday Class 6pm - 8pm

Wednesday, April 26, 2023: Class 6pm & 7:15pm – First Communion Rehearsal – grade 2 only class for all others.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our next Children's Liturgy of The Word will be on Sunday, **April 16th** at 9am. We will be learning about Divine Mercy.

THE EUCHARIST AND THE SAINTS

Saturday, April 15 at 1pm

Sister Teresa Grace from the Sisters of The Resurrection will speak about the Saints and the miracles of the Eucharist that they have witnessed. Sister's topic will be a mix of video and spoken presentation. Soup, sandwiches, bread, snacks, dessert and beverages will be served. There will be door prizes as well. This is a free event. Registration is required. Please contact Kathleen Burns to register or with any questions (518) 428-6353.

CONFIRMATION REMINDER

Catholic schools do not arrange for a student to be Confirmed. If you have a child attending a Catholic High School that is of appropriate age, Confirmation must be arranged through your parish. Please contact Mrs. Burns with any questions.

HOLY THURSDAY

As it has been a custom at St. Michael's, our Confirmation Candidates will participate in the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday, **April 6th** at 7pm at Holy Trinity Church. Please arrive at Holy Trinity Church at 6:30pm.

LAST SUPPER REENACTMENT

On Wednesday evening, April 5th at 6pm, our Faith Formation grades 2-5 will participate in a reenactment of the Last Supper. This will be held in the Church Hall. The Gospel reading will be proclaimed, one child will have their feet washed and we will share bread and juice. Mr. John Frainier will play the role of Jesus. Thank you to Michelle and John Frainier for organizing this event for the children.

On Wednesday evening, April 5th at 7:15pm, our older students in grades 6-10 will participate in the "Stations of The Cross Through Mary's Eyes". This will be held in the Chapel at the Parish Center. Mrs. Jayne Galarneau will lead the students in the stations.

Both of these events are normal class time and attendance is expected. Please contact Mrs. Burns with any questions.

A CHILD'S PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY

Praise God, praise God, praise God we say, welcoming Jesus along the way.

Waving our branches of palms we say, hosanna, hosanna along the way.

Welcome to Jesus, our blessed king.

Praise God, praise God, praise God we sing.

Amen.

*From Common Prayer for Children and Families
by Jenifer Gamber and Timothy JS Seamans*

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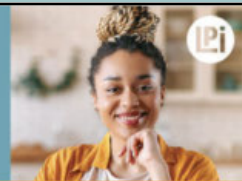
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