

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

September 3, 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.



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

BASKET BINGO: St. Michael's Rosary Society is hosting its 8th annual Basket Bingo on Sunday, **November 5th** here at St. Michael's. Instead of winning a cash prize when you get a bingo, you win one of our beautiful baskets. Like all parish events we need your support to make the Basket Bingo a success. We are looking for donations of prize baskets and gift cards. We will also accept cash donations. At Basket Bingo there will be food, snacks and drinks available. We also need donations of cookies, cupcakes and brownies on that day. So if you are a baker, can you help us? If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Maria Swieton at (518) 782-1203; Michelle Frainier at (518) 235-3292 or Teresa Barlik at (518) 237-7906. We hope you can join us for a fun afternoon. Doors open at 11:30am and games start at 1:00pm. Under NYS law, you must be 18 years old in order to attend Basket Bingo.



BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH: We warmly welcome new members to St. Michael's Church! Registration forms are available in the back of the church, in the Parish Office, or downloaded from our parish website, www.stmichaelsofcohoes.org. Completed forms may be placed in the offertory collection basket, dropped off at or mailed to the Parish Office, or emailed to info@stmichaelsofcohoes.org.



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Please remember St. Michael's in your will:
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Weekly Contributions

August 20, 2023	\$2,594.00
Year 2022**	\$4,794.00
Regular Offertory 2022**	\$2,816.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,289.00
2 nd Collection - Buildings & Grounds	\$230.00
Other 2 nd Collections	\$75.00
*Regular Offertory: 9am Mass & Mail	\$2,019.00
E-giving	\$270.00
Assumption Vigil Mass - August 14, 2023: (all collections)	\$623.00
Weekly operating expenses (minimum needed):	\$4,390.71

Weekend Mass attendance - August 27, 2023:

Sunday, 9am 94

Counting Team for September 4th: Ed & Kathy Twiss, Julia Clairmont or Donna Turgeon.

The **50/50 WINNER** for the month of August is **John W. Buszta** for **\$74**. Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who participated.



SECOND ENVELOPE: The **Parish Maintenance & Grounds** collection will be the weekend of **September 10th**. Thank you for your anticipated support.



SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of September 4 – September 10



CHURCH:

Main Altar (tabernacle):

In memory of †*Thomas Gorsky, Sr.*
by Janet Gorsky.

Sacred Heart (side altar):

People of the Parish.

Blessed Mother (side altar):

People of the Parish.

Liturgical Roles[†]

Weekend of September 10th, 2023

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
9:00AM	G. Mierzwa	M. Sala	T. Barlik



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish office will be closed on Monday, **September 4th**, in observance of Labor Day.

PRAYERS TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The Rosary Society is hosting prayers to Our Lady of Fatima on the 13th. A handout of the prayers is provided. All are invited at 6pm on Wednesday, **September 13th**.



Dear Parishioners,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Our first **parish social hour** will be on Sunday, **September 17th** after the 9am Mass. Please plan on joining us for good food, companionship, and conversation. Bring a favorite breakfast/brunch dish to share. See you there!



Sandy Potyrala
(518) 330-9056

ROSARY NEWS: Summer vacation season is almost over - now is the time to get back in the groove. Our next Rosary Meeting is on Sunday, **September 17th** at 11:00am following the social hour. Please plan on attending because we have many items to discuss. See you there!!!



ST. MICHAEL'S EVANGELIZATION TEAM: The Evangelization Team will meet at St. Michael's in the Parish Center on Sunday, **September 24th**, at 10:15am-11:30am. Breakfast treats from Bella Napoli Bakery will be served. If you would like this ministry to continue, please plan to attend. All are welcome.



NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

CHAIR AEROBICS: Will begin on Wednesday, **September 13th** at 10am in the Holy Trinity Parish Center. Class size is limited to 20; registration is required and parishioners (HT and SM) will be given preference. Call the office by Monday, September 11th to register. Hope to see you!

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE: The 51st Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held at 4pm on Saturday, **September 23rd** at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 4pm and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through our St. Michael's Church parish office or to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org or call (518) 453-6644. Sponsored by the Office of Lay Ministry & Parish Faith Formation.



Dear Parishioners,

At the request of and in consultation with Precision Roads, Inc., the paving contractor awarded the bid to remove and install all new roads within St. Michael's Cemetery, it has been decided to defer this project to the spring 2024 season. Several factors have contributed to this decision. First, the rainy 2023 season has delayed the contractor from completing projects ahead of St. Michael's Cemetery and thus have caused a lengthy backlog. Since June 1, 2023, this area has received slightly over 18" of rain. Second, the excessive rainfall has contributed to a very high water table within the Cemetery, which is not conducive to laying new asphalt. All existing roads will be excavated to a depth of 8"-10" to install a new base prior to installing new asphalt. With a high water table, the contractor has informed us that there is a risk of the binder material separating from the final finish asphalt coat if the paving and base material are not allowed to set properly under normal dry conditions. With a contract valued at \$121,930.00 and because it is your monies that are funding this project, we have decided to wait until the water dissipates to a safer level before embarking on this project. The contractor has agreed to honor the above contract amount next spring.

In the meantime, plans are underway to fill the existing holes in the roads with a suitable temporary fill material to get us through the Fall and Winter seasons ahead of us. We realize that all parishioners were looking forward to new Cemetery roads this year, but we cannot take the risk of expending substantial parishioner monies given the possibility that the new paving might fail after installation, especially when it is within our control to prevent such an occurrence.

We thank you for your patience and understanding and will provide an update once the project is about to commence in the Spring.

Sincerely,
St. Michael's Finance Committee



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

- Prayers to Our Lady of Fatima - near Statue Sept. 13, 6pm
- Bereavement Ministry - Parish Office Sept. 14, 6pm
- Social Hour after 9am Mass - Church Hall Sept. 17
- Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall Sept. 17, 11am
- Evangelization Team Mtg.- Parish Center Sept. 24, 10:15am
- Basket Bingo - Church Hall Nov. 5, 1pm

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 2 – September 10, 2023

Sat., Sept. 2	First Saturday
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Sept. 3	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m.	†Stanley & Wanda Kryjak by Children †Joyce & Jim Tokryman by Gloria & Donn Gooley
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Sept. 4	Labor Day
9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish (Fr. Bellafoire)
Tues., Sept. 5	
5:30 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity) (Fr. Bellafoire)
Wed., Sept. 6	
9:00 a.m.	†Thomas Gorsky, Sr. (22 nd Anniv.) by Janet Gorsky (Fr. Deimeke)
Th., Sept. 7	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity) (Fr. Bellafoire)
Fri., Sept. 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity) (Fr. Bourgeois)
Sat., Sept. 9	Saint Peter Claver, Priest
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Sept. 10	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m.	†Irene Martin by Paul & Julia (some Polish) †Edward Johnson by loving Wife & Sons †Cappabianca, Izzo, Turner, & Extend Family by Cappabianca Family †Joseph Karas by Zdzislaw & Halina Karas
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)



Eternal Rest Prayer

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls
and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Please note: Masses listed above are at St. Michael's Church unless noted otherwise.

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St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

**Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org
(518) 428-6353**



**Faith
Formation
Registration**

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

On Sunday, **September 17th** we will honor our Catechists at the 9am Mass. Please join us in praying for these teachers who give so much of their time, talent and treasure to our Faith Formation program.

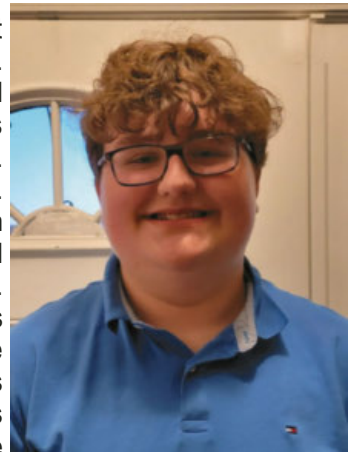
Wednesday, **September 20th** at 6pm will be our opening day for Faith Formation. We will all gather in the Church hall for our kick-off.

CARRYING THE FAITH FORWARD

Over the Summer and beyond we would like to highlight students from St. Michael's who exhibit a love of their Faith and community in this space. If you know of someone that you would like featured, please contact Kathleen Burns (518) 428-6353.

JOHN KEHN

John is a Sophomore at Shenendehowa High School East. He has been involved in baseball and football. John loves computers, gaming and swimming. John has been a member of St. Michael's Faith Formation program since First grade. He was Baptized and made First Communion at St. Michael's Church, along with his brother Chad. John will be Confirmed in May of 2024. He is active in the Church serving as lector and usher taking up the



collection. John has also volunteered with the Faith Formation program and his family at the Regional Food bank and other community service events. John always has a great smile and is warm and kind. He loves spending time with family and friends. John enjoys making others laugh and smile. GOD BLESS !

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Spiritual Communion is the desire to be united to Christ in the Eucharist when you cannot receive Holy Communion.

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

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