

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

December 3, 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

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

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Church open hours: Mon. 8:30am-10am, Wed. 8:30am-10am,
Sun. 8am-10:30am (closed Tu., Th., Fri., & Sat.)

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Advent

*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

WHAT IS ADVENT? Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. As we prepare for Christmas, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM, no. 346). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

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Weekly Contributions

The Weekly Contributions for the weekend of November 19th will be posted in the next bulletin.

Weekly operating expenses (minimum needed): **\$4,390.71**

Weekend Mass attendance - November 19, 2023:

Sunday, 9am 97

Counting Team for December 4th: Diane Aberle, Mary Walsh, Judith Ann Wade.

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



SANCTUARY CANDLES
Week of December 4 – December 10



CHURCH:

Main Altar (tabernacle):
People of the Parish.

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

Blessed Mother (side altar):
In honor of Fr. Peter Tkocz
by Janet & Alan.

Parish trustees: trustees@stmichaelscohoes.org

ST. MICHAEL'S ENVELOPES may be put in the collection at Holy Trinity, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and St. Ambrose. There may be a delay in check processing but your donation will be credited to your account.



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER 2023: *For persons with disabilities.* We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.



Liturgical Roles[†]

Weekend of December 10th, 2023

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

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT ST. AMBROSE CHURCH: At 5pm-6:30pm on **December 6th**. Opportunities for reconciliation with multiple priests will be available.



ROSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY: For those of you who have paid reservations (the deadline for payment was November 26th), the annual Rosary Society Christmas Party is today, Sunday, **December 3rd** at 12:30pm. The event will be held at McGreivey's Restaurant located at 91 Broad Street in Waterford. See you there!



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: It is time again for us to start preparing for the annual Christmas Pageant. **The pageant is scheduled to be performed on December 17th at 10:30am** following the 9:00am mass at St. Michael's Church in Cohoes. Children (and adults) are welcome to participate in a variety of roles such as narrators, singers, actors, musicians, stagehands, and stage managers. Signup sheets for the Nativity Pageant will be in the back of the church. You can also sign-up via email by contacting Roseanne Kryjak at rkryjak@comcast.net. Costume fitting and role assignment will be held on December 2nd at 3:00pm. Rehearsal will last one hour and be on December 2nd, 9th and 16th at 3:00pm in the church. Costumes are provided by the parish.



ATTENTION ALL ROSARIANS: If you would like to continue to be a registered member of St. Michael's Rosary Society and have your contact information listed on our 2023 - 2024 membership list, your yearly \$5.00 dues must be paid by the **December 17th** deadline. Dues may be paid by placing an envelope in the church collection with your name/rosary dues - attention Rosemary Kilventon. Rosarians who reside in a nursing home are exempt from annual dues. If you have any questions, please call Rosemary at (518) 237-5614. Thank you all for your prompt attention to this matter.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: The annual Christmas Pageant will be held on **December 17th**, at 10:30am following 9:00am mass at St. Michael's Church in Cohoes. Please come and support our young parishioners as they tell the story of Christmas.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Children's Liturgy of the Word Dec. 3, 9am
- Rosary Society Christmas Party - McGreivey's Restaurant in Waterford Dec. 3, 12:30pm
- Immaculate Conception - Vigil Mass Dec. 7, 7pm
- Christmas Pageant - St. Michael's Church Dec. 17, 10:30am

GIVING TREE: Again, this year Holy Trinity, St. Ambrose and St. Michael's are working together to better serve our community at Christmas. Volunteers are needed to help with tag making, transporting gifts from each parish to the Holy Trinity parish center, last minute shopping, sorting and preparing the gifts for the families to pick up. If you are interested in assisting with this endeavor, please email robyn.spateholts@rcda.org or call Kathy Kingsley at (518) 435-5949.

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

UNLEASHING LOVE 2023 DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Awakening our hearts to share God's love. Where: St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Rd., Loudonville, NY 12211. When: Saturday, **December 9th**. Time: Check-in and Continental Breakfast at 8:30am; Event runs from 9am-4pm. Keynote Speakers: Fr. Chris Alar, MIC; Mrs. Anne Costa. Event includes: three Presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration with music by the Sisters of Life, Rosary, Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger, box lunch, and beverages. Conference Information and Registration Link: <https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>. Early Registration: \$40 until November 30. Registration: \$45 from December 1 to December 8. On-site "Day Of Registration": \$50 on December 9. Note: Credit/Debit card users--ignore PayPal and use the black button bar to pay via credit/debit card.

PNA MEETING AND LUNCHEON: Polish National Alliance Group 1684 will meet on **December 10th** at 10:30am in the Church Hall. Meeting and election of Officers will take place. Luncheon to follow. Members are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Marion Wiercioch at (518) 235-5549 or marianpna1684@aol.com.

AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION: The Evangelization team of Holy Trinity invites you to an Advent Afternoon of Reflection on Sunday, **December 17th** at 2pm in Holy Trinity church. During this busy time, give yourself an hour of peace and join us for music, prayer and benediction.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE: On Sunday, **December 17th**, 3pm-4pm at Our Lady of Victory Church, 55 North Lake Ave., Troy. Join us and bring a friend. This candlelight service of hope and comfort, acknowledges the difficulties many of us face, a loss or hardship such as death, an illness, a financial concern, loss of a job, an addiction, depression or other reasons that makes celebrating Christmas a struggle. In the midst of our pain and sadness, there is the promise and comfort of the Lord. Live streaming will be on the Our Lady of Victory Facebook page. Any questions please contact: Angela, asheehan1304@gmail.com.

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First Sunday of Advent December 2 – December 10, 2023

Sat., Dec. 2	First Saturday
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Dec. 3	First Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. (some Polish)	†Zbigniew Swieton by Maria Swieton Jean Johnson (Birthday) by Doris Vojnar †Cecilia Izzo (10 th Anniv.) by John Izzo & Sons †Bernard J. Tolak by Nancy †Nicolas & Marianna Cappabianca by Antonia Cappabianca †Joyce Tokryman by Gloria & Donn Gooley †Joseph DiGrado, Sr. (2 nd Anniv.) by Joe Jr., Deb, Nicole, & Kosek Family
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Dec. 4	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafore)	†Zbigniew Swieton (Birth.) by Doris Vojnar
Tues., Dec. 5	
5:30 p.m. (Fr. Bellafore)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Dec. 6	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Deimeke)	†John Izzo by Denise & Michael
Th., Dec. 7	Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafore)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
7:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass at St. Michael's Church for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri., Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sat., Dec. 9	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Dec. 10	Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. (some Polish)	†Irene M. Giammattei by Clara Alvarez †Elizabeth Cappabianca by her Family †Cecilia Cappabianca Izzo by Antonia Cappabianca †Theresa Barbera by Doris Vojnar †Andzej, Halena, Kazimierz Durski by Family †Stanislaw, Wanda, & Wioleta Durski by Family †Jozef Karas & Antoni Baranowski by Karas Family †John & Nicola Izzo by Michael & Denise
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)

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St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org
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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- Wednesday, December 6: Class
- Wednesday, December 13: Class - Confession service for grades 3-8
- Wednesday, December 20: Baby Jesus Birthday Party
- Wednesday, December 27: NO CLASS – Christmas break

HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS

As we have done in previous years, the Faith Formation children will be making holiday cards for our elderly homebound parishioners. Cards will go out for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter. Please let us know if you would like a card sent to someone.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Faith Formation teens will be answering letters to Santa written by the Cohoes Elementary School children on Saturday, December 9th at 12 noon. This project is in conjunction with Linda Koch of The Cohoes Public Library. Hot Chocolate and cookies will be served.

BABY JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY

As mentioned previously, the Faith Formation children will be having a birthday party for Baby Jesus on Wednesday, December 20th at 6pm. Cake and ice cream will be served. Mary's Corner has the following wish list: Books, Small toys (their space is limited), Size 5 diapers, and Baby wipes. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please remember that a gift is not necessary to attend the party.

SERVICE PROJECT

Faith Formation grades 4 and 5 are collecting items to be sent to the Hudson-Mohawk Humane Society. We are collecting used but clean towels, blankets, and sheets. These items will be used to provide clean bedding for sheltered animals. Please drop off any items at the Parish Center. Thank You!

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Advent season is an invitation to set your mind off of the stresses of the year. We can take our focus off of the crazy hustle that can be associated with the Christmas season that often threatens to produce more hassle than delight. Advent is a chance to focus our thoughts on the gift God has given us in his son Jesus who stepped down from Heaven and took the form of a man so that we might believe. The tradition for the first Sunday of Advent includes lighting the candle of hope.

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