

# ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

December 10, 2023



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## MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Eucharist: as stated in the bulletin

Lord's Day Eucharist:

Sunday: 9:00 am (English)

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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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**THANK YOU... TO ALL WHO SHARED THEIR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE FOR THE GOOD OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY LAST WEEK.**

# Advent

*A Season of Hope & Expectation*

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### CHRISTMAS EVE:

Church of the Holy Trinity      4pm  
St. Michael's Church      midnight

### CHRISTMAS DAY:

St. Michael's Church      9am  
Church of the Holy Trinity      10:30am

## SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of December 11 – December 17

### CHURCH:

**Main Altar (tabernacle):**  
People of the Parish.

**Sacred Heart (side altar):**  
In honor of Fr. Peter Tkocz  
by Janet & Alan.

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

**DECEASED:** †John Izzo passed away recently. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.



### 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.



### 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

November 19, 2023	\$2,648.00
Year 2022	\$2,833.00
Regular Offertory 2022	\$1,804.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,105.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - Campaign for Human Dvmt.	\$106.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - Christmas Flowers	\$122.00
Candle Offerings	\$122.00
Other 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections	\$193.00
*Regular Offertory: 9am Mass & Mail	\$1,775.00
E-giving	\$330.00

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

### Weekend Mass attendance - November 26, 2023:

Sunday, 9am      96

**Counting Team for December 11<sup>th</sup>:** Theresa Barlik, Michelle Frasier, Maria Swieton.

The **50/50 WINNER** for the month of November is **Gil Senecal** for **\$81**. Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who participated.



**MONTHLY 50/50:** Please note there will be no 50/50 tickets sold during Advent. Thank you for your support throughout this year. See you after Christmas!

**EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:** Due to upcoming December holidays, there are early submission dates set by the publisher. Please submit any information for the December 17<sup>th</sup>



bulletin by 4pm on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>; submit any information for the December 24<sup>th</sup> bulletin by 4pm on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>; and please submit any information for the December 31<sup>st</sup> bulletin by 4pm on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Information can be dropped off at the Parish Office or emailed to [bulletin@stmichaelscohoes.org](mailto:bulletin@stmichaelscohoes.org).

**BAPTISM:** We are pleased to announce that **Daniel & Katharine DeChiaro** had their child **Mia Grace** baptized in our Parish on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!



## Liturgical Roles<sup>+</sup>

### Weekend of December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
9:00AM	C. Assini, Jr.	E. Kosek	J. Harrington

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm. Rehearsal will last one hour and be on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>** 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 17<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**OPLATKI (Polish Wafers):** Will be on sale (\$5 for a package of four) before and after Mass in the Church Hall while supplies last. Proceeds to benefit the Sisters of the Resurrection in Castleton. Thank you for your support.

**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 **\$22,610.00**. The Appeal runs from July 2023 to June 2024. Thank you for your support.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Christmas Pageant - St. Michael's Church	Dec. 17, 10:30am
Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass	Dec. 24, midnight
Christmas Day - Mass	Dec. 25, 9am
Solemnity of Mary - Mass	Jan. 1, 9am
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Jan. 7, 9am

**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.

**Learning about our Catholic Faith...** "When the Church celebrates *the liturgy of Advent* each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease." Where is this passage published? (Rotate the page to find the answer.)

Catechism of the Catholic Church (2<sup>nd</sup> edition), section 524.

**Did you know...** English missalettes can be located in the pews while the Polish missalettes are in the bookcase in the back of the Church near the elevator.

**NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**PNA MEETING AND LUNCHEON:** Polish National Alliance Group 1684 will meet on **December 10<sup>th</sup>** 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 17<sup>th</sup>** 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 17<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**December 10, 2023**

**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 9 – December 17, 2023**

<b>Sat., Dec. 9</b>	
4:00 p.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Sun., Dec. 10</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 a.m. (some Polish) <b>(Fr. Rutherford)</b>	† <i>Irene M. Giammattei</i> by Clara Alvarez † <i>Elizabeth Cappabianca</i> by her Family † <i>Cecilia Cappabianca Izzo</i> by Antonia Cappabianca † <i>Theresa Barbera</i> by Doris Vojnar † <i>Andzej, Halena, Kazimierz Durski</i> by Family † <i>Stanislaw, Wanda, &amp; Wioleta Durski</i> by Family † <i>Jozef Karas &amp; Antoni Baranowski</i> by Karas Family † <i>John &amp; Nicola Izzo</i> by Michael & Denise
10:30 a.m. <b>(Fr. Bellafoire)</b>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Mon., Dec. 11</b>	
9:00 a.m. <b>(Fr. Bellafoire)</b>	† <i>Ed Dudek</i> by Kathy & Ed Twiss
<b>Tues., Dec. 12</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
5:30 p.m. <b>(Fr. Bellafoire)</b>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Wed., Dec. 13</b>	<b>Saint Lucy, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b>
9:00 a.m. <b>(Fr. Deimeke)</b>	† <i>Helen Anatriello (Birth.)</i> by Marie Gemmill † <i>John Izzo</i> by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry
<b>Th., Dec. 14</b>	<b>Saint John of the Cross, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
9:00 a.m. <b>(Fr. Bellafoire)</b>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Fri., Dec. 15</b>	
9:00 a.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Sat., Dec. 16</b>	
4:00 p.m. <b>(Fr. Bellafoire)</b>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Sun., Dec. 17</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 a.m. <b>(Fr. Bellafoire)</b>	† <i>Robert Callanan</i> by Mom & Dad † <i>Florence Giles</i> by daughter Sandy LaPage † <i>William M. Kosek</i> by Family † <i>Ann Ardziejewicz Mone (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)</i> by brother Donald † <i>Salvatore &amp; Preziosa Carusone</i> by Antonia Cappabianca † <i>Stanislaw Burzynski</i> by Daughter-In-Law † <i>Anthony Smith</i> by wife Dorothy † <i>Joelean &amp; Michael Potyrala</i> by daughter Joelean
10:30 a.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>

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**St. Michael's**

**Faith Formation News**

**Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org**

**(518) 428-6353**

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Our next Children's Liturgy of The Word will be on Sunday, **January 7<sup>th</sup>** at 9am Mass. We will be presenting the Confirmation class of 2024.

**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.

**BABY JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY**

As mentioned previously, the Faith Formation children will be having a birthday party for Baby Jesus on Wednesday, **December 20<sup>th</sup>** 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!

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

"O holy, patient, and loving God, in this season of grace-filled longing, we await the coming of your Son and our Savior.

It is difficult for us to remember that this is a holy time. There are many distractions: commitments seem to pile up, and expectations are high.

In the midst of our busy world, our busy lives, we need your help to remind us of what is important and necessary.

While many of those things that we do not need will come to us in packages gleaming and bright, the one gift that will last comes from you alone, gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of your love.

Bless us, our family and friends, and the food and the company that we share. Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate the birth of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen."

*~ from The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook*

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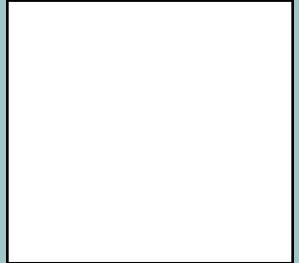
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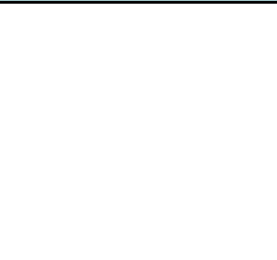
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