

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

December 17, 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

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.

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 18 – December 24

CHURCH:

Main Altar (tabernacle):

In memory of †Joseph J. Kosek, Jr.
by Emily & Family.

Sacred Heart (side altar):

In memory of †William M. Kosek
by Daughter.

Blessed Mother (side altar):

People of the Parish.

EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Due to upcoming December holidays, there are early submission dates set by the publisher. Please submit any information for the December 24th bulletin by 4pm on Tuesday, December 12th; and please submit any information for the December 31st bulletin by 4pm on Tuesday, December 19th. Information can be dropped off at the Parish Office or emailed to bulletin@stmichaelscohoes.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

November 26, 2023	\$4,043.00
Year 2022	\$3,052.00
Regular Offertory 2022	\$1,851.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,470.00
2 nd Collection - Thanksgiving	\$1,125.00
Other 2 nd Collections	\$448.00
*Regular Offertory: 9am Mass & Mail	\$2,000.00
E-giving	\$470.00

Thanksgiving Day Mass	\$724.00
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Weekly operating expenses (minimum needed): **\$4,390.71**

Weekend Mass attendance - December 3, 2023:

Sunday, 9am 125

Counting Team for December 18th: Ed & Kathy Twiss, Julia Clairmont, Donna Turgeon.

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!

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.



Diocesan Appeal

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.



Liturgical Roles[†]

Weekend of December 24th, 2023

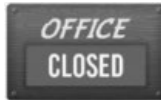
	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
9:00AM	G. Mierzwa	M. Sala	M. Swieton

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.



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.

The **PARISH OFFICE** will close early at 11:30am on Thursday, December 21st and will be closed from December 22nd through January 1st. It will reopen on January 2nd.



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ROSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY (December 3rd): Many parishioners and friends attended the annual Christmas Party that was held at McGreivey's Restaurant this year.



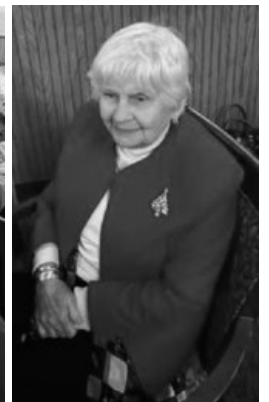
NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

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.

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



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**Third Sunday of Advent
December 16 – December 24, 2023**

Sat., Dec. 16	
4:00 p.m. (Fr. Bellafoire)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Dec. 17	Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafoire)	†Robert Callanan by Mom & Dad †Florence Giles by daughter Sandy LaPage †William M. Kosek by Family †Ann Ardziewicz Mone (1 st Anniv.) by brother Donald †Deceased Members of Valentini Family by Children †Salvatore & Preziosa Carusone by Antonia Cappabianca †Stanislaw Burzynski by Daughter-In-Law †Anthony Smith by wife Dorothy †Joelean & Michael Potyrala by daughter Joelean
10:30 a.m. (Fr. Deimeke)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Dec. 18	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafoire)	†Edwin H. Twiss by Ed & Kathy Twiss
Tues., Dec. 19	
5:30 p.m. (Fr. Bellafoire)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Dec. 20	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Deimeke)	†Chester J. Burzynski by Mother
Th., Dec. 21	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafoire)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Fri., Dec. 22	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bourgeois)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sat., Dec. 23	
4:00 p.m. (Fr. Bellafoire)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Dec. 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. (some Polish) (Fr. Bellafoire)	
Sun., Dec. 24	CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 p.m. (Fr. Bellafoire)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Midnight (Fr. Bellafoire)	Mass at St. Michael's

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St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org

(518) 428-6353

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- Wednesday, December 20: Baby Jesus Birthday Party
- Wednesday, December 27: NO CLASS – Christmas break
- Wednesday, January 3: Classes resume, normal class time
- Wednesday, January 10: Class – 6pm
- Wednesday, January 17: Class – 6pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING / REFRESHER

On Wednesday, **January 17th** at 6pm, Father Sam Bellafiore will be holding an Altar server training and refresher class. This will take place during normal class time in the Church. All current Altar servers are asked to attend. Anyone wishing to become an Altar server is encouraged to sign up and attend at this time. Altar service begins in third grade after completion of First Communion. Please contact Mrs. Burns with any questions, (518) 428-6353.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Just a reminder that Eucharistic Adoration is available in the Chapel. Our children are already experiencing Adoration as part of their Faith Formation. Anyone wishing to spend a few minutes or more in the presence of Jesus is encouraged to do so during normal daily office hours. Simply come to the chapel during office hours. Monday 9:30am to Noon, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30am to 2pm. Adoration is not available on Thursday. Please contact Mrs. Burns with any questions.

THIRD ADVENT CANDLE / JOY

The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls Gaudete Sunday, meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, the third candle of Advent is called the Shepherd's Candle, and it's color is pink, the liturgical color for joy.

O God, As we faithfully await the birth of your son, Jesus,
Let us be glad and rejoice.
In our families, in our homes and in our lives,
Help us to share the joy of Christ's love with others. Amen.

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