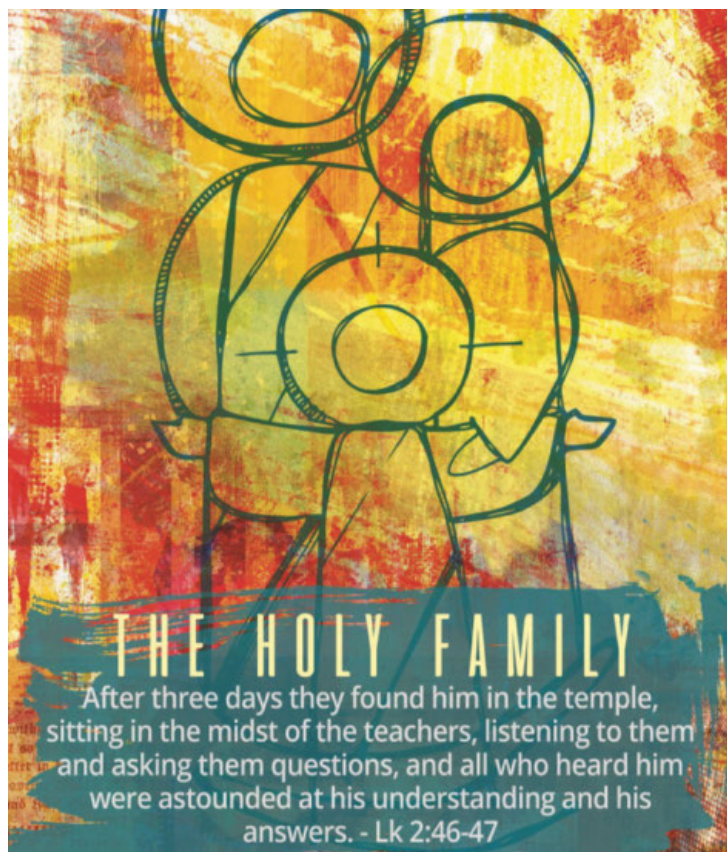


ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

December 31, 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.



Have a blessed Christmas Season!

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of January 1 – January 7

CHURCH:

Main Altar (tabernacle):
People of the Parish.

Sacred Heart (side altar):

In honor of Father Donald Rutherford
by Julia - St. Michael's Secretary &
Kathleen - Faith Formation Director.

Blessed Mother (side altar):

In honor of Father Peter Tkocz
by Janet & Alan.

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.



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December 10, 2023	\$4,108.00
Year 2022	\$3,053.00
Regular Offertory 2022	\$2,084.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,911.00
2 nd Collection - Parish Maintenance & Grounds	\$433.00
Other 2 nd Collections	\$764.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9am Mass & Mail	\$2,346.00
E-giving	\$565.00

Immaculate Conception - Vigil (December 7)	\$210.00
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Weekly operating expenses (minimum needed): **\$4,390.71**

Weekend Mass attendance - December 17, 2023:

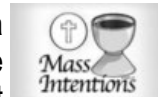
Sunday, 9am 135

Counting Team for January 2nd: Theresa Barlik, Michelle Frainier, Maria Swieton.

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.



2024 MASS CALENDAR: The stipend for a Mass Intention is \$15. Please come to the Parish Office if you would like a Mass card that can be mailed to the family. Envelopes labeled "Mass Intentions" are available in the back of the Church and in the Office. Please always include your phone number. We will call you back to confirm that we received your request. The intention should be requested at least two weeks in advance of the Mass date for inclusion in the bulletin.



SANCTUARY CANDLES CALENDAR for 2024: We have three sanctuary candles that can be sponsored in memory or in honor of loved ones: the **Main Altar** sanctuary candle, the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** side altar candle, and the **Blessed Mother** side altar candle. The donation is \$12 per week.



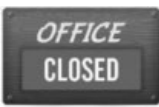
Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of January 7th, 2024

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
9:00AM	(Children)	J. Clairmont	J. Harrington

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The **PARISH OFFICE** will be closed from December 22nd through January 1st. It will reopen on January 2nd.



**Mass Schedule for
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:**
St. Michael's Church Monday, Jan. 1, 9am

SOCIAL HOUR: Our next parish social hour will be on Sunday, **January 21st** after the 9am Mass. Please plan on joining us for good food, companionship, and conversation. Bring a favorite breakfast/brunch dish to share.



ROSARY NEWS: Our next Rosary Meeting is on Sunday, **January 21st** at 11am following the social hour. Please plan on attending because we have many items to discuss. Come to Mass, attend the parish social hour, and stay for our meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all!!!



Parish trustees: trustees@stmichaelsfcohoes.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Solemnity of Mary - Mass	Jan. 1, 9am
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Jan. 7, 9am
Social Hour after 9am Mass - Church Hall	Jan. 21
Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall	Jan. 21, 11am

WINTER ALERT! When bad weather is predicted, tune in to one of the local TV stations for closings. St. Michael's and Holy Trinity will list mass cancellations and changes starting at 6pm the evening before and continuing the following day. If it's a Wednesday, chair aerobics at Holy Trinity will be cancelled.



**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
(Sunday, December 17th)**



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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph December 30, 2023 – January 7, 2024

Sat., Dec. 30	
4:00 p.m. <i>(Fr. Rutherford)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Dec. 31	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Kelly)</i>	
10:30 a.m. <i>(Fr. Kelly)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafoire)</i>	
Tues., Jan. 2	Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church
5:30 p.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafoire)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Jan. 3	
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Deimeke)</i>	†Loretta Lis by St. Michael's Church Bereavement Ministry
Th., Jan. 4	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafoire)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Fri., Jan. 5	Saint John Neumann, Bishop First Friday
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Bourgeois)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sat., Jan. 6	First Saturday
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Jan. 7	The Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 a.m.	†Walter Ardziejewicz, Jr. by brother Donald †Ed & Lorraine Cepiel by Family †Mary Pyskaldo by Cohoes School District Friends †Richard G. DellaRatta by Doris Vojnar †Joseph Kosek, Jr. by Natalie Kosek Cherry & Skip, Amanda, Kyle Cherry †Giovanni & Cecilia Izzo by Carusone Nieces †Josephine Kosek by Kosek Family †Elizabeth Miranda by Family
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)



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 NEWS

- Wednesday, January 3: Classes resume, normal class time
- Wednesday, January 10: Class – 6pm
- Wednesday, January 17: Class – 6pm Altar Server Training
- Wednesday January 24 – Class - 6pm

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING / REFRESHER

On Wednesday, **January 17th** at 6pm, Father Sam Bellafore 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.

REGIONAL FOOD BANK

A brief year end recap of some of the things that are accomplished at the Regional Food Bank in Latham.

-40 Million meals made their way to hundreds of thousands of neighbors in need.

-2,301 low income seniors enjoyed pop-up pantries each month.

-1,400,000 meals were provided to 10,200 children through the backpack program.

-20,153 volunteers contributed more than 54,000 hours of service.

I am humbled by these numbers and so grateful that our Faith Formation Program has the opportunity to participate in this most needed community service. Our next date to volunteer is Saturday, **February 3rd** from 1pm to 3pm. All are encouraged to join us in this most valuable community service. Please contact Kathleen Burns with any questions.

FAITH FORMATION DAY

The Office for Discipleship Formation and the Catholic School Office are once again collaborating to host Faith Formation Day on **Friday, March 15, 2024.**

The theme is: *Forming Disciples for the 21st Century.*

Catechists and other team members are invited to a day of prayer, learning, and community. There is no cost for the day. The day will run from 8:30am to 1:45pm. You can choose to attend at any one of the following four regional sites:

-St. Mary's School, Waterford

-Catholic Central School, Latham

-St. Clement's School, Saratoga

-St. Madeleine Sophie School, Schenectady

The day will begin with the celebration of Mass.

Followed by a choice of workshops on catechetical methodology – for early childhood, primary, middle school, high school

Lunch

The day will conclude with a mini-retreat based on the theme of the day.

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