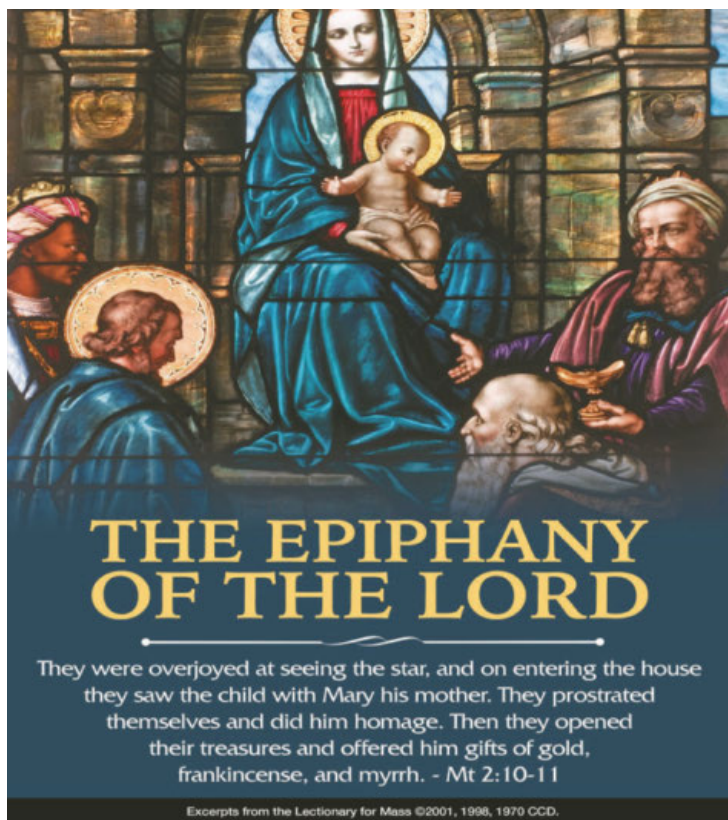


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20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

January 7, 2024



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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.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed on Monday, **January 15th** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



SANCTUARY CANDLES
Week of January 8 – January 14

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

Sacred Heart (side altar):
In honor of Father Ed Deimeke
by Julia - St. Michael's Secretary &
Kathleen - Faith Formation Director.

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

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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Weekly Contributions

December 17, 2023	\$2,852.00
Year 2022	\$3,656.00
Regular Offertory 2022	\$2,863.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,352.00
Other 2 nd Collections	\$500.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9am Mass & Mail	\$2,022.00
E-giving	\$330.00

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

Weekend Mass attendance - December 24, 2023:

Sunday, 9am 94

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass attendance

- December 24, 2023: 267

Counting Team for January 8th: Ed & Kathy Twiss, Diane Aberle.

TAX STATEMENT 2023: If you would like to receive a tax statement for 2023, please call the office. A statement can be picked up at the parish center or in the sacristy. In early January the Diocese will be mailing tax acknowledgements for donors who made gifts to the Appeal or Re-Igniting Our Faith in 2023.

COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST BOOK: As a Parish family, we would like to support each other in prayer. The book (which has been available since June 2021) is on a podium next to the table at the back of the Church. Two lines are provided for each prayer request. All generic prayer requests are also welcome if you don't wish to put their name. Once a week the Community Book is mentioned during Mass so the St. Michael's community can pray for all requests listed that week. Lord, teach us to pray that we may draw closer to you.



PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE MASS:

Praying the Rosary in Church before the 9am Sunday Mass begins approximately 40 minutes before Mass.



Liturgical Roles

Weekend of January 14th, 2024

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

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!!!



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.



CLyNK! Clynk recycling program receptacles are available in the Church Hall and in the Parish Office outside foyer for anyone wishing to donate their clean cans and bottles. The proceeds will be used to support Faith Formation events. Thank you for your support!

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.



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.



Parish trustees: trustees@stmichaelscohoes.org

THANK YOU to everyone who helped to beautifully decorate, prepare, and participate in the Christmas masses at our Church!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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 can be downloaded from our parish website, www.stmichaelscohoes.org. Completed forms may be placed in the offertory collection basket, dropped off at or mailed to the Parish Office, or emailed to info@stmichaelscohoes.org.

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

COHOES CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Presented by the Alzheimer's Association Northeast Chapter, 3rd Wednesday of the month from 5-6pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 405 Vliet Blvd., Cohoes. To register contact (518) 675-7214 or (800) 272-3900.

DEATH CAFÉ: On **January 10th**, 2:00pm – 3:30 pm at Historic St. Agnes Cemetery, 48 Cemetery Ave., Menands, NY 12204. We can't avoid it so let's talk about it! The objective is to increase awareness of death with a view to helping the living make the most of their finite lives. Death Café is free, \$3 suggested refreshment donation. Please note this is not a bereavement support group. Pre-registration appreciated. Contact Kelly Grimaldi (518) 350-7679 or by email at Kelly@ADCemeteries.org

WHITE MASS - BLESSING HEALTH CARE WORKERS: On **January 27th**, 5:00pm – 6:00pm at St. Pius Church, 23 Crumitie Rd., Loudonville, NY 12211. Physicians, dentists, PA's, NP's, and all other health care professionals please join the Albany Catholic Medical Guild for a mass to bless all health care workers celebrated by Bishop Scharfenberger.

FOOD PANTRY: We are in need of deodorant, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish soap, bath soap, and shampoo. Please place your donated items in the large box labeled "food pantry" in the Church stairwell here at St. Michael's. Our donated items are taken to the food pantry at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Cohoes. Thank you for your generosity to help support this ministry.

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**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6 – January 14, 2024**

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.	† <i>Walter Ardziewicz, Jr.</i> by brother Donald † <i>Ed & Lorraine Cepiel</i> by Family † <i>Mary Pyskaldo</i> by Cohoes School District Friends † <i>Richard G. DellaRatta</i> by Doris Vojnar † <i>Joseph Kosek, Jr.</i> by Natalie Kosek Cherry & Skip, Amanda, Kyle Cherry † <i>Giovanni & Cecilia Izzo</i> by Carusone Nieces † <i>Josephine Kosek</i> by Kosek Family † <i>Elizabeth Miranda</i> by Family
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Jan. 8	The Baptism of the Lord
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafoire)	† <i>Stanley Kosek</i> by St. Michael's Church Bereavement Ministry
Tues., Jan. 9	
5:30 p.m. (Fr. Bellafoire)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Jan. 10	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Deimeke)	
Th., Jan. 11	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafoire)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Fri., Jan. 12	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sat., Jan. 13	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Jan. 14	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Katherine & Harold Callanan</i> by Bob & Gen (some Polish) † <i>Katarzyna Szozda (11th Anniv.)</i> by Sala & Szozda Families † <i>Wojciech Glowacki</i> by Maria Swieton † <i>Giovanni Izzo</i> by Antonia Cappabianca † <i>Genowefa & Aleksander Blirinski</i> by Sophie Bobek
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 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 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.

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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