

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

February 4, 2024

MISSION STATEMENT:

To enhance and promote the fulfillment of St. Michael the Archangel, we will:

CELEBRATE THE PAST:

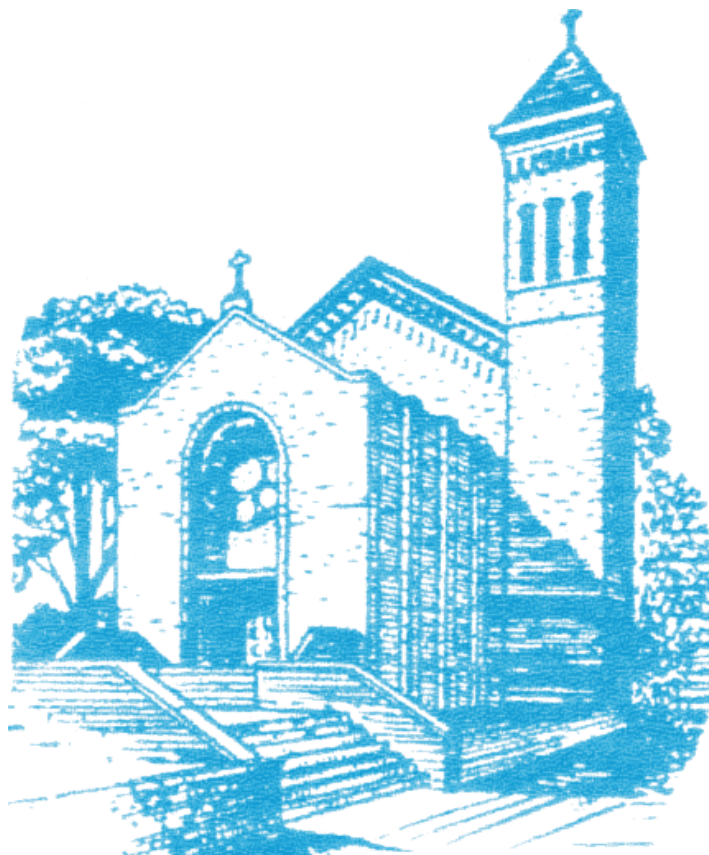
By examining, studying and capturing the history of the men and women, religious and lay, who established, nurtured and built it and all of its facets;

LEARN TODAY:

By learning from their faith, vision, passion commitment and actions so that we may better understand our history and their legacy;

PREPARE FOR TOMORROW:

By renewing the parish and its religious and lay leaders and its lay members; build on the legacy of the past and use our present strengths and abilities to help St. Michael's be a shining example and light of Christ and our history for all we touch.



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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.



DIOCESAN APPEAL:

Assessment \$22,610.00
As of January 19, 2024: \$6,615.00
58 Donors



Diocesan Appeal

The Appeal runs from July 2023 to June 2024. Thank you for your support.

The Total Raised for the Appeal that ran from July 2022 to June 2023 was: \$10,177.05

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.



SANCTUARY CANDLES
Week of February 5 – February 11

CHURCH:

Main Altar (tabernacle):
 People of the Parish.

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

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

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 Relighting Our Faith in 2023.



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

January 21, 2024	\$2,081.00
January 22, 2023	\$2,215.00
Regular Offertory 2023	\$1,840.00
Regular Offertory*	\$1,739.00
Parish Maintenance & Grounds	\$280.00
Other 2 nd Collections	\$62.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9am Mass & Mail	\$1,469.00
E-giving	\$270.00

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

Weekend Mass attendance - January 28, 2024:

Sunday, 9am 96

Weekend Mass attendance - January 21, 2024:

Sunday, 9am 82

Counting Team for February 5th: Diane Aberle, Mary Walsh, Julia Clairmont.

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.



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Parish trustees: trustees@stmichaelscohoes.org

Liturgical Roles⁺

Weekend of February 11th, 2024

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Feb. 4, 9am
Blessing of the Throats after 9am Mass	Feb. 4
Ash Wednesday Mass	Feb. 14, 9am
Social Hour after 9am Mass - Church Hall	Feb. 18
Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall	Feb. 18, 11am
Penny Social	Mar. 3, 1pm, doors open at 10:30am

ROSARY NEWS: St. Michael's Rosary Society will hold their **Annual Penny Social** on Sunday, **March 3, 2024** at 1:00pm in the church hall. Doors will open at 10:30am. Tickets can be purchased starting at 11:00am. Under NYS law, you must be 18 to play. Food and refreshments will be available from 11:00am. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGES FROM PRIOR YEARS. Since this is our most profitable fundraiser, we again ask our Rosarians and Parishioners for donations of NEW gifts or money donations which can be used to purchase larger gifts for our raffles. This will be greatly appreciated. All gifts can be brought to the church hall on Sundays after the 9:00am Mass. We also need groceries to fill up our tub. All proceeds will benefit the Special Project Fund for parish improvements. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support. Maria Swieton, Michelle Frainier and Teresa Barlik co-chairpersons.

CALLING ALL BAKERS: The Rosary Society is in need of homemade baked goods (cookies, brownies & cupcakes) for our Annual Penny Social on March 3, 2024. You may drop off your baked goods on Saturday, March 2nd from 11:00am - 2:00pm, or Sunday morning after 9:00am. As always, thank you for supporting our church.

EASTER DINNER RAFFLE: The Rosary Society will be selling tickets for a Easter Dinner Basket. It will consist of a turkey, ham, kielbasa, pierogies, potatoes, veggies, bread, dessert, and a butter lamb. Stop by and take a chance. Tickets are 1 for \$2.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing will be on Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday) after the 9:00am Mass. All proceeds will benefit the Special Project Fund for parish improvements. Any questions, call Maria at (518) 782-1203. Thank you and good luck!!!

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.

SNOW DAY DAILY MASS CHANGE POLICY: Watch the School Closing network on the news and signup for our call list.



NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

FATHER DONALD CALLOWAY, MIC, GUEST SPEAKER: Fr. Calloway will share his journey from a high school dropout to a devoted Catholic priest, inspiring us with his talk: 'No Turning Back: A Witness to Mercy.' On Tuesday, **February 13th** at 5:30pm at St. Ambrose Parish, 347 Old Loudon Rd., Latham, NY 12110. Book signing and light refreshments to follow. For more information, contact David Hubicki at (518) 407-7410 or Jennifer Pfoztzer at (518) 573-6673. This is a free event. Register now at: <https://stambroselatham.flocknote.com/signup/151522>

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF ALBANY IN NEED OF HANDMADE BABY SWEATERS FOR LAYETTES TO NEWBORNS IN NEED: The Christ Child Society of Albany is in need of handmade knitted/crocheted baby sweaters. In 2022, the Christ Child Society donated 521 layettes to newborns in need, but in 2023 that total rose to 700 layettes! Each layette includes, among other things, a handmade sweater, hat, and afghan. Our sweater supply has been depleted so we are reaching out to find new knitters and crocheters. We can also always use donations of yarn suitable for making infant items. Please contact Nancy Doyle at nancyd12303@aol.com or at (518) 355-7669 if you are able to help. With our heartfelt thanks in advance.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY AT HOLY TRINITY: NO GREATER LOVE: A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION: This five-part study will be offered on Tuesday evenings during Lent, beginning February 13 and concluding on March 19, from 6:30pm to 7:45pm in the parish center. This study includes a series of five videos filmed on location in the Holy Land, presented by Dr. Edward Sri. Each session will include a discussion. While participating in this study, you will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. An accompanying book may be purchased for \$15 if desired but is not required. For those who attend the 5:30pm mass, feel free to bring snacks and a beverage. To register for this study, or for information, contact the office (518) 237-2373.

CITY OF COHOES WINTER CARNIVAL: Saturday, **February 10th**, 11am-2pm at Van Schaick Island Pond, 155 Continental Ave., Cohoes. Hot chocolate, hot dogs, & s'mores. Free horse & carriage rides, family fun, & games! Sponsored by City of Cohoes, Van Schaick Island Neighborhood Watch & Cohoes Police & Fire Departments. For information, contact Matthew LaBombard, recreation director at (518) 233-2116. www.Cohoes.com

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3 – February 11, 2024**

Sat., Feb. 3	First Saturday
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Feb. 4	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Bernard, Jaqueline, & Matthew Burns</i> by Burns Family † <i>Giovanni & Cecilia Izzo</i> by Carusone Nieces † <i>Kevin Couture</i> by Maria Swieton & Michelle Frainier † <i>Gerald Lauer</i> by Donald Ardziewicz † <i>Ann Mone</i> by Marion Jaffarian † <i>Richard Smith</i> by Friends
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Feb. 5	Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafore)	† <i>Michael Chaszczewski (5th Anniv.)</i> by Ed & Kathy Twiss
Tues., Feb. 6	Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
5:30 p.m. (Fr. Bellafore)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Feb. 7	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Deimeke)	† <i>Mary Ann Warzek</i> by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry † <i>Stanislaw Barlik</i> by Leoniak Family
Th., Feb. 8	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafore)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Fri., Feb. 9	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bourgeois)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sat., Feb. 10	Saint Scholastica, Virgin
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Feb. 11	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Sick World Marriage Day
9:00 a.m. (some Polish)	† <i>Edward Kosek, Sr.</i> by Kosek Family † <i>Thomas & Stacia Gorsky (74th Wedding Anniv.)</i> by Janet Gorsky
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)

**Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory
by St. Gertrude the Great**

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

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St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org

(518) 428-6353

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- Wednesday, February 7: Class – 6pm
- Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday – Mass at Holy Trinity – 6pm
- Wednesday, February 21: No Class, Winter break
- Wednesday, February 28: Class – 6pm – First Confession for grade 2

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates who will be Confirmed at St. Ambrose Church in Latham in May of this year:

Amelia Cappabianca

Emily Fanniff

Stephanie Christmas

Anna Izzo

Jaycie Daniele

John Kehn

RCIA

The following candidates are attending the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course and will receive their Sacraments on Holy Saturday this year:

- **Kimberly Birju** (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)
- **Lillian Sutliff** (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)
- **Evelina Figel** (Confirmation)
- **Maria Laura Arismendi DeSouza** (Confirmation)

Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their Faith journey.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

The parish families of Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Grace and St. Joseph's will present ***The Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles.***

Where: Church of The Immaculate Conception
400 Saratoga Road, Glenville, NY

When: Thursday, February 15, 12-5pm

Friday, February 16, 12-6pm

Saturday, February 17, 12-8pm

Sunday, February 18, 10am-6pm

Monday, February 19, 12-6pm

Tuesday, February 20, 12-3pm

A talk on Blessed Carlo Acutis (the first Millennial to be Beatified) will be on Thursday, February 15th at 5pm. A talk on St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia (Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle) will be on Tuesday, February 20th at 4pm. 1st class relics of both Blessed Carlo and St. Manuel will be available for veneration. This is a free event. No registration is necessary. For more info, contact Maryann Haskell (518) 331-6706.

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