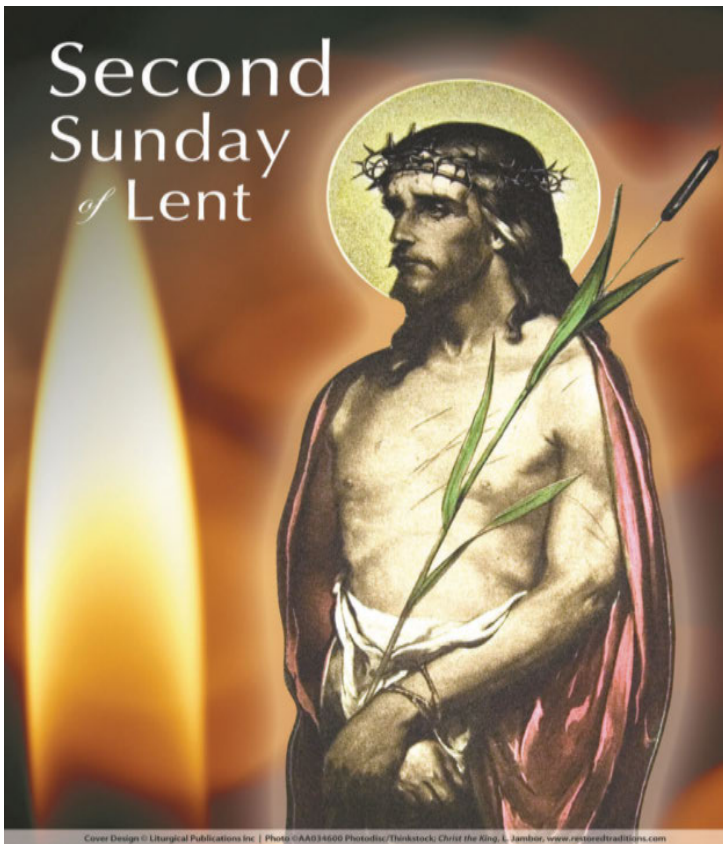


ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 25, 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:

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| Very Rev. Donald Rutherford | Co-Pastor |
| Very 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

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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.)

DIOCESAN APPEAL:

Assessment \$22,610.00
As of February 13, 2024: \$7,055.00
51 Gifts
31% of goal



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Stations of the Cross - Church | Mar. 1, 5:30pm |
| Children's Liturgy of the Word | Mar. 3, 9am |
| Penny Social | Mar. 3, 1pm, doors open at 10:30am |
| Social Hour after 9am Mass - Church Hall | Mar. 17 |
| Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall | Mar. 17, 11am |

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!!!

Did you know... The Polish missalettes are in the bookcase in the back of the Church near the elevator.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Come join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent beginning February 16th. We will gather in the church at 5:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to lead the prayers each week. You do not have to be a lector to volunteer. Please contact Maria Swieton (518-782-1203) if you are interested. Let's make this Lenten journey together.



LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be held at Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday, **March 6th** at 5pm-6:30pm. There will be opportunities for reconciliation with multiple priests available.

LENT: Wednesday, February 14th - Thursday, March 28th. Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. This is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. Easter Sunday is March 31st. Visit <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/len> to learn more.



NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

LENTEN PROGRAMS WITH COMPOSER DAN SCHUTTE: The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is a service and spirituality program that connects people who are over 50 with opportunities to volunteer in non-profits in the community that serve people who are in need. Here is the website if you would like to learn more: www.ivcusa.org/Albany. IVC Albany will be sponsoring two Lenten programs with composer Dan Schutte, who has composed many liturgical songs including "Here I am, Lord," "City of God" and "Table of Plenty." Dan will be offering a Lenten Evening of Song on Friday, **March 22nd**, and a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, **March 23rd**, which is Palm Sunday weekend. The programs will be held at St. Vincent DePaul Church and are open to all. Registration is \$15 for each program or \$25 for both. Both programs will be very prayerful ways to begin Holy Week. For more information, please contact Kathleen H. Burgess at (518) 209-1738 or kburgess@ivcusa.org.

HEALING WEEKEND: Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is inviting men and women of all ages who grieve the end of a marriage or spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation to an in-person weekend retreat at St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon NY. Upcoming dates: **April 19 to 21, 2024** and **October 18 to 20, 2024**. For information or to register please call Phyllis at (914) 261-5812 or Jim at (845) 220-7883.

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent February 24 – March 3, 2024

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| Sat., Feb. 24 | |
| 4:00 p.m. | (Mass at Holy Trinity) |
| Sun., Feb. 25 | Second Sunday of Lent |
| 9:00 a.m. (some Polish) (Fr. Bellafiore) | † <i>Albert E. Couture, Sr. (2nd Anniv.)</i> by daughter Sandie † <i>Alicja Siemiginowska</i> by Helena Jucha † <i>Pauline Geboskey</i> by Frank & Jane Gebosky |
| 10:30 a.m. | (Mass at Holy Trinity) |
| Mon., Feb. 26 | |
| 9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafoire) | † <i>Walter Lipka</i> by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry |
| Tues., Feb. 27 | |
| 5:30 p.m. (Fr. Bellafiore) | (Mass at Holy Trinity) |
| Wed., Feb. 28 | |
| 9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafiore) | Living Intentions for Fr. Ed Deimeke by Doris Vojnar |
| Th., Feb. 29 | |
| 9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafiore) | (Mass at Holy Trinity) |
| Fri., Mar. 1 | |
| 9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bourgeois) | (Mass at Holy Trinity) |
| Sat., Mar. 2 | |
| 4:00 p.m. | (Mass at Holy Trinity) |
| Sun., Mar. 3 | Third Sunday of Lent |
| 9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafiore) | † <i>Giovanni & Ceclia Izzo</i> by Carusone Nieces † <i>Dave Truax</i> by Joan & Giles Senecal † <i>Walter Lipka</i> by Whalen Family † <i>John A. Gebosky</i> by Mom & Dad † <i>Dennis Sheahan</i> by Fred & Yvette Wunning |
| 10:30 a.m. | (Mass at Holy Trinity) |

GORZKIE ZALE: Will be held at the end of Sunday 9am Mass during Lent (sung in Polish). The ancient chants retracing the Passion and Crucifixion of Christ form the essence of this typically Polish weekly Lenten service that takes its name from the words of the hymns, "Gorzkie zale przybywajcia" (Come to us, bitter lamentations).

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.



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

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St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org

(518) 428-6353

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- Wednesday, February 28: Class – 6pm – First Confession for grade 2
- Wednesday, March 6: Class – 6pm
- Wednesday, March 13: Class – 6pm – Confession for grades 3-8
- Wednesday, March 20: Class – 6pm

THE SCRUTINIES

The scrutinies are a series of rites for adults who wish to be baptized. They are celebrated in the third, fourth, and fifth weeks of the Lenten season. This is considered a period of purification and enlightenment for the elect. Our RCIA candidates will experience the scrutinies on March 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Please continue to pray for Kim and Lily as they continue on their path to Jesus.

LENTEN FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Here are just a few suggestions for family activities to celebrate the season of Lent:

Daily Prayer Time - It's important that kids grow up feeling that prayer is a natural thing. Each evening spend time in prayer on a certain topic of your choosing. (ex. the health of loved ones, members of your church, people groups close to your heart, upcoming elections, etc.)

Find Something to Give Away - As a family, go through your possessions and find gently used items, then pray about how you can bless others with those things. You can give toys, clothes or baby gear to pregnancy support centers, foster care agencies, or families in need.

Encourage One Another Daily - At a mealtime together, go around the table and take turns saying something nice or encouraging for each person present. Not just compliments like *塗*as cool shoes? but work to build each person up.

Reach out to someone else - Whether by text, email, or handwritten card, choose a person today and send them a line or two of encouragement. An *"I'm thinking of you"* or *"we're praying for you"* can mean more than you think.

A PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

God of love, you love each of us at every moment of our lives, Give us confidence in that love, and help us to love as you do. As we listen to the needs around us with our physical ears, open the ears of our hearts to receive and respond to those who come to us in their time of need.

In your all-loving name, we pray.

AMEN.



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