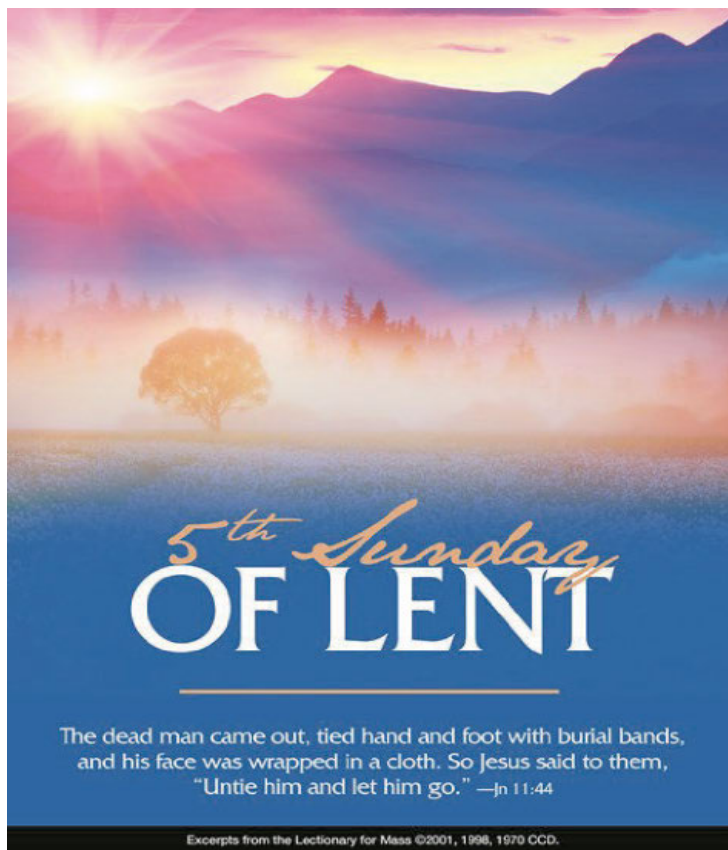


# ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

March 17, 2024



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## MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Eucharist: as stated in the bulletin

Lord's Day Eucharist:

Sunday: 9:00 am (English)

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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
Very Rev. Brian Kelly	Co-Pastor
Rev. Samuel Bellafiore	Parochial Vicar
Kathleen Burns, Faith Formation: (518) 428-6353	

**CONTACT:** Parish Office: (518) 237-5151

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Church open hours: Mon. 8:30am-10am, Wed. 8:30am-10am,  
Sun. 8am-10:30am (closed Tu., Th., Fri., & Sat.)

**March 17, 2024**



**THANK YOU... TO ALL WHO SHARED THEIR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE FOR THE GOOD OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY LAST WEEK.**



**Weekly Contributions**

<b>March 3, 2024 (TOTAL)</b>	<b>\$3,683.00</b>
March 5, 2023 (Total)	\$3,316.00
March 5, 2023 (Regular Offertory only)	\$2,487.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,917.00
Parish Building Improvements	\$366.00
Easter Flowers	\$240.00
Other 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections	\$160.00
*Regular Offertory: 9am Mass & Mail E-giving	\$2,657.00 \$260.00

Weekly operating expenses (minimum needed): **\$4,390.71**  
For the week shown above, we felt short of our weekly budget by \$707.71

**Counting Team for March 18<sup>th</sup>:** Diane Aberle, Mary Walsh, Julia Clairmont.

**Weekend Mass attendance - March 10, 2024:**  
Sunday, 9am 87

**EASTER FLOWERS DONATION:** In memory of †Roman Bizan by Czeslawa Bizan (wife) \$100 . Thank you.

**EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:** Due to the Easter holiday, there are early deadlines from the publisher. **Please submit any information for the March 24<sup>th</sup> bulletin before 4pm on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please submit any information for the March 31<sup>st</sup> bulletin before 4pm on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.** It can be emailed to bulletin@stmichaelscohoes.org or dropped off at the Office.



**DIOCESAN APPEAL:**

**Assessment \$22,610.00**  
**As of February 13, 2024: \$7,245.00**  
**54 Gifts**  
**32% of goal**  
**Still needed: \$15,365.00**



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

**Liturgical Roles<sup>+</sup>**

**Weekend of March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	<b>Sacristans</b>
9:00AM	C. Assini, Jr. J. Frainier A. Cappabianca	E. Kosek	M. Swieton

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**Week of March 18 – March 24**

**CHURCH:**

**Main Altar (tabernacle):**

People of the Parish.

**Sacred Heart (side altar):**

People of the Parish.

**Blessed Mother (side altar):**

People of the Parish.

**DECEASED:** †Christine St. Pierre and †John Piwnica, Jr. passed away recently. Please keep them & their families in your prayers.



**Eternal Rest Prayer**

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls

and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

**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



March 17, 2024

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Social Hour after 9am Mass - Church Hall	Mar. 17
Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall	Mar. 17, 11am
Stations of the Cross - Church	Mar. 22, 5:30pm
Palm Sunday Mass	Mar. 24, 8:45am
Holy Thursday Mass	Mar. 28, 7pm
Good Friday - Stations, Divine Mercy Chaplet	Mar. 29, 3pm
Blessing of the Baskets - Church Hall	Mar. 30, 10:30am
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	Mar. 30, 8pm

**SOCIAL HOUR:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, **March 17<sup>th</sup>** for our next social. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy at (518) 330-9056.



**ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING:** All Rosary members please join us on **March 17<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00am in the Church Hall.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Come join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent beginning February 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.



**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 24<sup>th</sup>** (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!!!

**BUTTER LAMBS:** Patricia Harrington is selling butter lambs for \$5 each after the weekend Mass while quantities last. Supply is limited. Proceeds to benefit the Sisters of the Resurrection in Castleton. Thank you in advance for your support.



**BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS:** The blessing will be held on Holy Saturday, **March 30<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30am in the St. Michael's Church Hall. A donation will be collected to benefit the Cohoes food pantry. Children and their Easter Baskets will also receive a special blessing. Blessing of the Easter baskets (Święconka) is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions on Holy Saturday during Easter.



**PLEASE NOTE: The March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Mass at St. Michael's Church will begin at 8:45am instead of 9:00am.**



**LENT: Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.** Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sunset 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 31<sup>st</sup>. Visit <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/len> to learn more.



**EMAILS TO ST. MICHAEL'S:** We have been having some problems receiving emails. If you send an email to the office or for the bulletin and do not receive a response, please call the office at (518) 237-5151 to make sure we received it.

**PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES:** Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community! Gary Zakrzewski from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers! Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you! Contact Gary at (216) 325-6825 x6413 or [GZakrzewski@4lpi.com](mailto:GZakrzewski@4lpi.com).

## NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

**UPCOMING SYNOD SESSIONS:** Dioceses all across the U.S. are being asked to hold a new round of synod listening sessions, focusing on church structure, organization, leadership, and church life. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany has scheduled four additional sessions. The remaining sessions are: **March 18<sup>th</sup>** - Virtual Gathering, 6:30pm to 8:30pm and **March 20<sup>th</sup>** - St. Ambrose, 347 Old Loudon Rd., Latham, 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The dioceses is asking everyone to register for a session. Visit the website for more information: <https://www.rcda.org/synod>.

**CHRISM MASS:** Please join our priests and seminarians at the Chrism Mass on Thursday, **March 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception! At this beautiful Mass the Bishop blesses the oils we use in the sacraments and our priests renew their ordination promises. All are welcome to attend. The Cathedral is at 125 Eagle St. in Albany.

**March 17, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 16 – March 24, 2024**

<b>Sat., Mar. 16</b>	
4:00 p.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Sun., Mar. 17</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 a.m. <b>(Fr. Bellafore)</b>	†Zbigniew Swieton by Maria Swieton †Joseph J. Kosek, Jr. by Emily & Family †Walter Lipka by Dorothy Smith †Frances Krawczyk (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by daughters Karen & Sharon †Edward Krawczyk (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by step-daughters Karen & Sharon †Dennis A. Sheahan by John & Michelle Frainier †John Rymanowski (19 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by wife Catherine
10:30 a.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Mon., Mar. 18</b>	
9:00 a.m. <b>(Fr. Bellafore)</b>	Neil Graner - for prayer and healing by Diane Aberle
<b>Tues., Mar. 19</b>	<b>Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
5:30 p.m. <b>(Fr. Bellafore)</b>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Wed., Mar. 20</b>	
9:00 a.m. <b>(Fr. Deimeke)</b>	Living intentions for Fr. Ed Deimeke (84 <sup>th</sup> Birth.) by Doris Vojnar †Zbigniew Swieton (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by Doris Vojnar
<b>Th., Mar. 21</b>	
9:00 a.m. <b>(Fr. Bellafore)</b>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Fri., Mar. 22</b>	
9:00 a.m. <b>(Fr. Bourgeois)</b>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Sat., Mar. 23</b>	
4:00 p.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Sun., Mar. 24</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>
8:45 a.m. (some Polish) <b>(Fr. Bellafore)</b>	†John F. Sokolowski (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by Family †Jan & Maria Kalina by Jucha Family †Vincent DeChiaro (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by Family †Frank A. Geboskey by Frank & Jane Gebosky †Walter Lipka by Linda Christopher †Dennis Sheahan by John & Mary Sala †Jadwiga Pulkotycki by Maria Swieton
10:45 a.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>

**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).

**March 17, 2024**

**St. Michael's**

**Faith Formation News**

**Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org**  
**(518) 428-6353**

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

- Wednesday, March 20: Class – 6pm - Confession for grades 3-8
- Wednesday, March 27: Class – 6pm – Reenactment of The Last Supper (All Grades)
- Wednesday, April 3: No Class – Spring break

**CONFESSION**

Students in grades 3-8 will have the opportunity for Confession on Wednesday, **March 20<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm. THIS IS CLASS TIME. ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. Grades 1 and 2 will have regular class.

**PALM SUNDAY**

Palm Sunday Mass will be held at St. Michael's Church on Sunday, **March 24<sup>th</sup>** at **8:45 AM**. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME. The children will process with palms. All children are invited to participate in the procession.

**THE LAST SUPPER**

Faith Formation students will be reenacting The Last Supper on Wednesday, **March 27<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm in the Church hall. THIS IS CLASS TIME. ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. We will have juice, bread, and fruit and we will read the Gospel account of The Last Supper.

**HOLY THURSDAY**

Holy Thursday is **March 28<sup>th</sup>**. Mass will be held at St. Michael's at 7pm. All Confirmation candidates from St. Michael's and Holy Trinity will participate in the Washing Of The Feet. Candidates, please arrive at 6:45pm so you can be seated before Mass begins.

**HOLY SATURDAY**

The Easter Vigil will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church on **March 30<sup>th</sup>** at 8pm. Our RCIA candidates will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.

**TODAY IS ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

**PRAYER TO ST. PATRICK**

May your days be many and your troubles be few.

May all God's blessings descend upon you.

May peace be within you, may your heart be strong.

May you find what you're seeking wherever you roam.

May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us.

May thy Salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore.

Amen.

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