

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 7, 2024

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

CELEBRATE THE PAST:

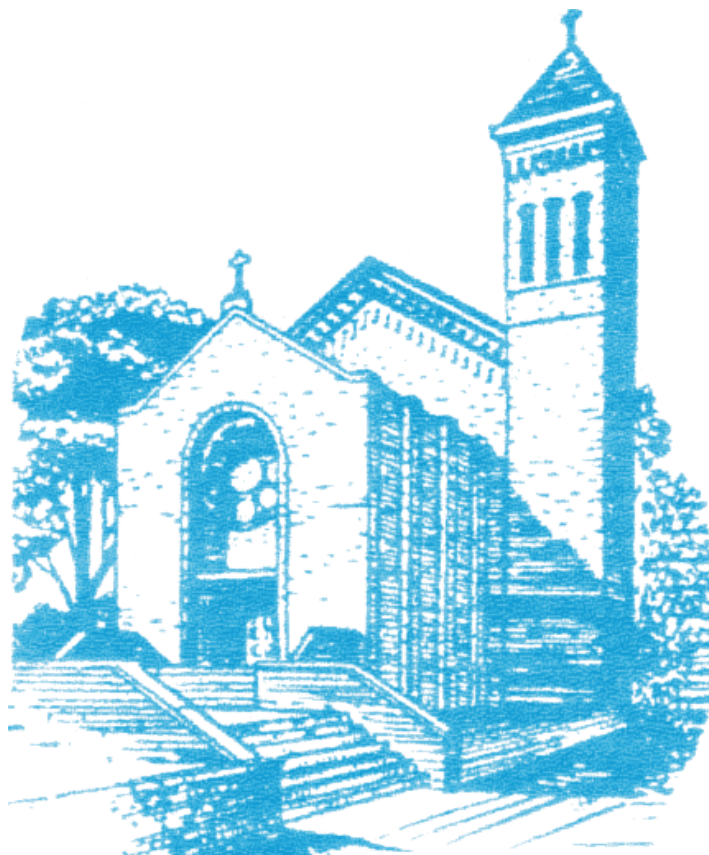
By examining, studying and capturing the history of the men and women, religious and lay, who established, nurtured and built it and all of its facets;

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. Brian Kelly

Pastor

Rev. Kyle Gorenski

Parochial Vicar

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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.

**Reflection for July 7, 2024
the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

In today's Gospel, we encounter Jesus returning to His hometown. He enters the synagogue and begins to teach, astonishing those who hear Him. Yet, instead of welcoming His wisdom and acknowledging His mighty works, the people of Nazareth question His authority and scoff at His origins. "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary?" they ask, blinded by their familiarity with His earthly identity and failing to see the divine wisdom and power within Him. This passage provides us with a profound lesson about the nature of faith and the dangers of familiarity. The people of Nazareth saw Jesus grow up; they knew His family and His humble beginnings. This familiarity bred contempt and skepticism. They could not reconcile the Jesus they knew with the man before them, teaching with wisdom and performing miracles. Their hearts were hardened, and their lack of faith prevented them from experiencing the fullness of God's power through Jesus. Jesus' response is both poignant and instructive: "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." This statement reveals a universal truth about human nature: we often fail to recognize greatness and the work of God in those closest to us. We are quick to dismiss the extraordinary because we are too focused on the ordinary. Reflecting on this, let us examine our own lives. How often do we fail to see the presence of God in our everyday experiences? How often do we overlook the wisdom and gifts of those around us because we think we know them too well? Familiarity can be a double-edged sword—it can bring comfort and closeness, but it can also breed indifference and blindness to the divine working in our midst. This Gospel also challenges us to look inward and ask ourselves about our faith. Do we approach Jesus with a heart full of expectation and trust, or do we let doubts and preconceived notions cloud our vision? Faith is not just about believing in miracles; it's about seeing the hand of God in the mundane, trusting in His presence even when it feels like He is just another carpenter from Nazareth. Jesus' inability to perform many miracles in Nazareth was not due to a lack of power on His part but a lack of faith on theirs. This serves as a stark reminder that our openness to God's grace is crucial. When we open our hearts and minds, we allow God to work wonders in our lives. But when we are closed off, skeptical, and dismissive, we hinder the flow of His grace. May we always remember that Jesus, the carpenter from Nazareth, is also the Son of God, whose wisdom and power know no

Weekly Contributions

PLEASE NOTE: e-giving information was not available for the week ending June 23, 2024 and therefore is not included in the table below.

June 23, 2024 (TOTAL)	\$1,880.00
<i>June 25, 2023 (Total)</i>	\$2,386.00
<i>June 25, 2023 (Regular Offertory only)</i>	\$1,878.00
Regular Offertory*	\$1,605.00
Parish Building Improvements	\$120.00
Other 2 nd collections	\$155.00
*Regular Offertory: 9:00am Mass & Mail E-giving	\$1,605.00 N/A

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

COUNTING TEAM FOR JULY 8TH: 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.



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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confession is available at St. Michael's Church by appointment. Please call the Parish Office at (518) 237-5151.



Liturgical Roles⁺

July 14th, 2024

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

(reflection continued)

bounds. Let us honor Him in our hearts, our homes, and our communities, allowing His grace to transform our lives in extraordinary ways.

Your Brother in Christ
Fr. Kyle



CEMETERY UPDATE: The cemetery has opened back up, we would be very appreciative if anyone who visits please make an effort to not turn their front wheels unless they are moving and underway. If you turn the front tires at a standstill, it will tear up the asphalt. It takes easily over a month for it to harden enough, not to have that happen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Prayers to Our Lady of Fatima July 13, 6pm

PRAYERS TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The Rosary Society is hosting prayers to Our Lady of Fatima on the 13th of the month. A handout of the prayers is provided. All are invited at 6pm on Saturday, **July 13th**.



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. Intentions can be for the living or for the deceased. 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 received in the office at least two and one-half weeks in advance of the Mass date for inclusion in the bulletin.



SANCTUARY CANDLES CALENDAR: 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. There are several weeks still available for this summer and fall.



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JULY 2024: *For the pastoral care of the sick.* We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



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NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS


CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL HEALING LITURGY: On Wednesday, **July 10th**, 7:00pm – 8:30pm at: Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville, NY 12211. Prayer & Praise Music by Joyful Heart at 7:00pm, Mass & Healing Service at 7:30pm. Presider: Rev. Charles Onyeneke. All are welcome, bring a friend. There will be individual prayer teams available after Mass.

ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH PARISH FESTIVAL: At 46 Cornell St., Amsterdam, NY 12010. **July 13th:** 4pm - Polka Mass celebrated by Fr. Bob DeMartinis and music by Eddie Biegaj & Crusade Polka Band, 5pm-9pm - Polish and American kitchens open and music by Eddie Biegaj & Crusade Polka Band. **July 14th:** 12noon - festival opens and Polish and American kitchens open, 2pm-6pm - Music by Frank Liszka & Blue Magic Polka Band, 7pm - raffles begin, festival closes. For more information, call (518) 842-2771.

SAVE THE DATES: Diocesan Men's & Women's Conference dates and new location are set. Keynote speakers are almost finalized. Step Up Men's Conference: Second Saturday in August - **August 10, 2024** at St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park. Women - NOTE: New month / date to avoid hecticness of Advent. Unleashing Love Women's Conference: Third Saturday in October – **October 19, 2024** at St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park. More details to come. Stay tuned! For more information, please contact Thomas G. Cronin, Director of Evangelization & Strategic Planning by email at Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org or visit the website <https://www.rcda.org/offices/pastoral-planning>.

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: **October 18 to 20, 2024**. For information or to register call Phyllis at (914) 261-5812 or Jim at (845) 220-7883.

DIOCESAN APPEAL:
Assessment \$22,610.00
As of June 17, 2024: \$12,192.00
83 Gifts
54% of goal
Average gift: \$147
Still needed: \$10,418.00


Diocesan Appeal

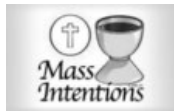
The Appeal ran from July 2023 to June 2024. The final total will be included in the bulletin when it becomes available. Thank you for your support.

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6 – July 14, 2024

Mon., July 8	
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Florine & Anthony Adamec</i> by Pat Wilcox
Tues., July 9	
5:30 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., July 10	
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Anne Marie Sqroi (Birth.)</i> by Family
Th., July 11	Saint Benedict, Abbot
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Fri., July 12	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sat., July 13	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., July 14	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Genowefa & Aleksander Blizenske</i> by Sophie (some Polish) & Stanislaw Bobek In honor of Joan & Gil Senecal (63 rd Wedding Anniv.) by Family
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)



Please note: Masses listed above are at St. Michael's Church unless noted otherwise.

	SANCTUARY CANDLES	
	<u>Week of July 8 – July 14</u>	
	CHURCH:	
	Main Altar (tabernacle): People of the Parish.	
	Sacred Heart (side altar): People of the Parish.	
	Blessed Mother (side altar): In honor of Julia Clairmont for Good Health by Donna T.	

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St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

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INDULGENCES

Continued from last week, June 30th

Anytime that a Catholic in the state of grace performs one of these actions with a contrite heart and with the intention of receiving an indulgence, the Church grants a partial indulgence. How much is a partial indulgence? Only God knows. It's totally up to him. The more devoutly we pray, the more graces we receive.

PLENARY INDULGENCES

Here are a few examples of some things that a person can do to obtain a plenary indulgence:

- Visit the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration for thirty continuous minutes.
- Devoutly pray the Rosary in a church or public oratory, as a family or in a religious community.
- Devoutly participate in a Eucharist procession, especially on Corpus Christi.
- Spend three entire days in retreat.
- Devoutly participate in the adoration of the Cross at the Good Friday Liturgy.
- Participate in the renewal of baptismal promises during the Easter Vigil.
- Reverently and prayerfully read the Bible for thirty minutes as a means of spiritual reading.

It is important to note, however, that to obtain a plenary indulgence for one of the above specified prayers, there are four other conditions:

1. Go to confession several days before or after.
2. Receive Holy Communion.
3. Pray for the intentions of the Pope (e.g., an Our Father and a Hail Mary for his intentions).
4. Be completely detached from all sin, even venial sin.

-- cdom.org/faith_Topics-indulgences

--- MORE NEXT WEEK! ---



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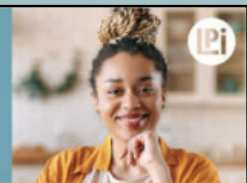
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