

# ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

## 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)

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  
Rev. Brian Kelly                      Co-Pastor  
Rev. Samuel Bellafiore              Parochial Vicar

Kathleen Burns, Faith Formation: (518) 428-6353

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Church open hours: Mon. 8am-12pm, Tu. 9:30am-2pm,

Wed. 8am-2pm, Th. 9:30am-12pm, Sun. 8am-11am (closed

Fri. & Sat.)

**December 18, 2022**



**THANK YOU... TO ALL WHO  
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AND TREASURE FOR THE GOOD  
OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY LAST WEEK.**

*Advent*  
*A Season of Hope  
& Expectation*

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**Week of December 19 – December 25**

**CHURCH:**

**Main Altar (tabernacle):**  
In honor of Fr. Peter Tkocz  
by Alan & Janet.

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

**Blessed Mother (side altar):**  
In memory of †Bob Callanan II  
by Mom & Dad.

Our **2023 MASS CALENDAR** is now open. 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 2023** is now open. 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.



**Parish trustees:** trustees@stmichaelscohoes.org



**Keep the Legacy Alive**

Please remember St. Michael's in your will:  
St. Michael the Archangel R. C. Church  
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**Weekly Contributions**

December 4, 2022	\$2,961.00
Year 2021	\$2,460.00
Regular Offertory 2021	\$1,883.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,479.00
Other 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections	\$482.00
*Regular Offertory: Masses & Mail	\$2,064.00
E-giving	\$415.00

**Counting Team for December 19<sup>th</sup>:** Theresa Barlik, Michelle Frainier, Maria Swieton.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**CHRISTMAS EVE:**

**St. Michael's Church** 6pm  
**Church of the Holy Trinity** 4pm  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary** 4:30pm & 7pm  
**St. Ambrose** 4pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY:**

**St. Michael's Church** 9am  
**Church of the Holy Trinity** 10:30am  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary** 10am  
**St. Ambrose** 9am & 11am

**EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:** Due to upcoming December and January holidays, there are early submission dates set by the publisher. Please submit any information for the December 25<sup>th</sup> bulletin by 4pm on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>; please submit any information for the January 1<sup>st</sup> bulletin by 10am on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>; and please submit any information for the January 8<sup>th</sup> bulletin by 10am on Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Information can be dropped off at the Parish Office or emailed to bulletin@stmichaelscohoes.org.



**Liturgical Roles\***

**Weekend of December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
6:00PM	E. Mierzwa J. Frainier	E. Kosek	J. Harrington
9:00AM	J. Harrington A. Barnas	M. Sala	M. Swieton

**SOCIAL HOUR:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, **December 18<sup>th</sup>** for our next social. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy at (518) 330-9056.



**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Feeling lucky??? Take a chance on our Lottery Board Raffle (value \$150.00) donated by Doris Vojnar. All proceeds will benefit our church. Thank you and good luck!!!



**GIVING TREE 2022:** This year Holy Trinity, St. Ambrose and St. Michael's are working together to better serve our community for Christmas. Gifts should be wrapped and returned with the tag attached no later than December 14<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to help with intake calls, tag making, sorting and transporting gifts from each parish to Holy Trinity, where they will be sorted for families to pickup. This is an addition to our Ronald McDonald House and St. Jude Hospital donation envelopes. These have to be turned in by December 18, 2022. Thank you for your generous support to our Giving Tree.



**ST. MICHAEL'S EVANGELIZATION**

**TEAM:** The Evangelization Team will meet at St. Michael's in the Church Hall on Sunday, **January 8<sup>th</sup>**, at 10:15am-Noon. Breakfast treats will be served. Please contact Janet Gorsky (via text please at 518-542-3311) if you have any agenda items or questions. All are welcome.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Dec. 18, 9am
Social Hour after 9am Mass	Dec. 18
Christmas Eve - Vigil Mass	Dec. 24, 6pm
Christmas Day Mass	Dec. 25, 9am
Solemnity of Mary Mass	Jan. 1, 9am
Evangelization Team Meeting - Church Hall	Jan. 8, 10:15am
Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall	Jan. 15, 11am

**NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** On Sunday, **December 18<sup>th</sup>** at 3pm at Our Lady of Victory Church, 55 North Lake Ave., Troy. This candlelight service of hope and comfort acknowledges the difficulties many of us face near this time... a loss or hardship such as death, illness, financial difficulties, loss of a job, an addiction, depression... or other reasons that makes celebrating Christmas a struggle. In the midst of our pain and sadness, there is the promise and comfort of the Lord. Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour will immediately following the service.

**ATTENTION ALL ROSARIANS:** If you would like to continue to be a registered member of St. Michael's Rosary Society and have your contact information listed on our 2022 - 2023 membership list, your yearly \$5.00 dues must be paid by the **December 18<sup>th</sup>** deadline. Dues may be paid by placing an envelope in the church collection with your name/rosary dues - attention Michelle Frainier, or mailed to me at 124 Continental Avenue, Cohoes. Rosarians who reside in a nursing home are exempt from annual dues. If you have any questions, please call Michelle at (518) 235-3292. Thank you all for your prompt attention to this matter.

**ROSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**(December 4<sup>th</sup>):** Many of our Rosarians attended the annual Christmas Party. Congratulations & thank you to rosarians Jane Gebosky & Dorothy Smith (in the photo below) for 60 years of service.



**December 18, 2022**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 17, 2022 – December 25, 2022**

<b>Sat., Dec. 17</b>	
4:00 p.m. <i>(Fr. Rutherford)</i>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Sun., Dec. 18</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafiore)</i>	† <i>William M. Kosek (28<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)</i> by Barbara Smith † <i>Edie Dudek</i> by Audrey Kearns † <i>Lopatniuk &amp; Styk Families</i> by Children † <i>Maria, Giusepp, &amp; Vincent Cappabianca</i> by Antonia Cappabianca † <i>Michael Potyrala (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)</i> by daughter Joelean † <i>John Dudek</i> by Jane Gebosky † <i>Stacia Gorsky (99<sup>th</sup> Birth.)</i> by Children † <i>Anna Marie Valentini</i> by Valentini Family
10:30 a.m. <i>(Fr. Deimeke)</i>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Mon., Dec. 19</b>	
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Kelly)</i>	Souls in Purgatory by Yvette † <i>Edwin H. Twiss (34<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)</i> by Ed & Kathy Twiss
<b>Tues., Dec. 20</b>	
5:30 p.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafiore)</i>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Wed., Dec. 21</b>	
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Deimeke)</i>	Doris Vojnar by Yvette
<b>Th., Dec. 22</b>	
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Rutherford)</i>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Fri., Dec. 23</b>	
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Bourgeois)</i>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Sat., Dec. 24</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL</b>
4:00 p.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafiore)</i>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
6:00 p.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafiore)</i>	
<b>Sun., Dec. 25</b>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Deimeke)</i>	
10:30 a.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafiore)</i>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>

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

**December 18, 2022**

**St. Michael's**

**Faith Formation News**

**Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org**

**(518) 428-6353**

**FAITH FORMATION IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday, December 19, 2022 - Monday Night Class 6pm – 8pm

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 – Baby Jesus Birthday Party – 6PM  
– ALL GRADES

Wednesday, December 28, 2022 – NO CLASS – Christmas break

**\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE!!!**

**ALL OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ANY  
PARISHIONER THAT WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE**

Please contact Kathleen Burns with any questions (518) 428-6353.

**REGIONAL FOOD BANK**

Our volunteer time at the Regional Food Bank in Latham has been moved to:

Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 9am to 10:30am.

We will again volunteer on:

Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 1pm to 3pm.

Additional opportunities will be announced in 2023.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Our next children's Liturgy of The Word will take place on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 9am.

**BABY JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY**

On Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm, the Faith Formation children will be celebrating the real meaning of Christmas – The Birth of Jesus. We will have a birthday party for Him with cake and ice cream. It is customary to bring a gift when you come to a birthday party, so we are asking for donations that will be sent to help the new mothers at Birthright. This event is for ALL students. There will be no 7:15 class on this date. Requested items are: Diapers size 2, 3, & 4 and Walmart / Target / Hannaford gift cards.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS**

"Prayer" boxes will be sent out in January to any parishioner who is a college student, whether they are attending college away or locally. Boxes will include an encouraging letter from St. Michael's, a Rosary, prayer card and shelf stable snacks such as Ramen, popcorn, hot chocolate, hard candy and such. Any one who has a student in college, please contact Kathleen Burns (518) 428-6353 with mailing information. All information is strictly confidential. Anyone wishing to donate items to be included can contact Mrs. Burns.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

Amen

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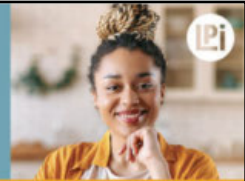
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