

# ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MISSION STATEMENT:

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

## CELEBRATE THE PAST:

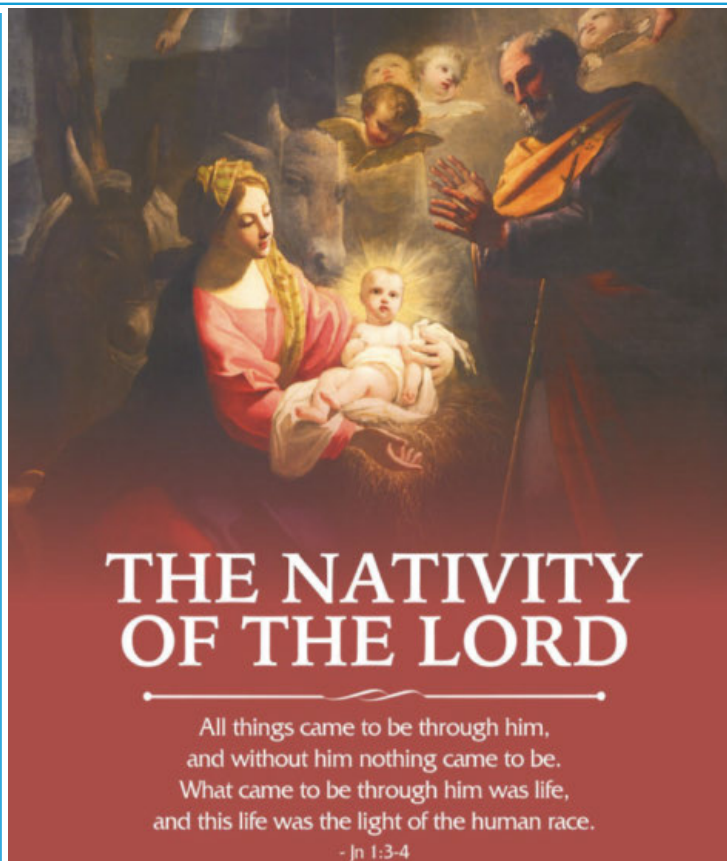
*By examining, studying and capturing the history of the men and women, religious and lay, who established, nurtured and built it and all of its facets;*

## 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.*



## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All things came to be through him,  
and without him nothing came to be.  
What came to be through him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human race.

- Jn 1:3-4



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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

CONTACT: Parish Office: (518) 237-5151

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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 25, 2022**

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



*Have a blessed Christmas Season!*



**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.

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.



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**Parish trustees:** trustees@stmichaelsofcohoes.org



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20 Page Ave., Cohoes, NY 12047

**Weekly Contributions**

December 11, 2022	\$3,053.00
Year 2021	\$3,652.00
Regular Offertory 2021	\$2,797.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,084.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - Buildings & Grounds	\$502.00
Other 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections	\$467.00
*Regular Offertory:	
Masses & Mail	\$1,674.00
E-giving	\$410.00

**Weekend Mass attendance - December 11, 2022:**

Sunday, 9am 105

**Counting Teams for January 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Ed & Kathy Twiss, Toni LaFond, Julia Clairmont, & Donna Turgeon. Diane Aberle, Mary Walsh, & Judith Ann Wade.

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**Week of December 26 – January 1**

**CHURCH:**

**Main Altar (tabernacle):**

Ann Mone for Good Health  
by Brother, Donald.

**Sacred Heart (side altar):**

People of the Parish.

**Blessed Mother (side altar):**

In honor of Diamond Jubilee - 60 years  
Emily Kosek, Jane Gebosky, & Dorothy Smith  
by Rosary Society.

**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 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@stmichaelsofcohoes.org.



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

**Weekend of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
9:00AM	C. Assini	K. Burns	J. Harrington

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to beautifully decorate, prepare, and participate in the Christmas Eve & Christmas masses at our Church!



**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.



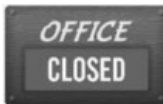
**SOCIAL HOUR:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, **January 15<sup>th</sup>** for our next social. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy at (518) 330-9056.



**ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING:** All Rosary members please join us on **January 15<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am in the Church Hall.



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> to Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> in celebration of Christmas and New Year's. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Jan. 15, 9am
Social Hour after 9am Mass	Jan. 15
Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall	Jan. 15, 11am

**PLEASE NOTE:** If Cohoes School District is closed or delayed due to snow there will be no morning Mass at St. Michael's or Holy Trinity.

**NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**DIOCESAN APPEAL:** You may have noticed the Appeal envelopes in the pews. Please make sure to fill in our Parish on inside of the envelope. The assessment for St. Michael's Church is **\$35,543.00**. The Appeal runs from July 2022 to June 2023. Thank you for your support.



**Diocesan Appeal**

**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

Dear Parishioners:

In an ongoing effort to keep all parishioners updated on improvements being made to St. Michael's Parish and where your offertory dollars are being spent, I am pleased to inform you that in collaboration with the Finance Committee and Trustees, the installation of a new gutter system on the entire perimeter of the Church including the sacristy and main entrance vestibule facing Page Avenue has been approved and work completed. The Contractor of record was Ballston Lake Gutters, Inc. from Ballston Lake, NY and the total project cost was \$5,700.00. This is a critical step forward in addressing water management off the roofs to protect the masonry at grade level as well as ensuring the structural integrity of the building foundation. A sincere thank you to Ken Busta for managing this project.

*Paul Johnson  
Finance Chair*

**THE FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS** is **December 28<sup>th</sup>**. On this day, the Catholic Church honors the children of Israel killed by King Herod in his quest to find baby Jesus.

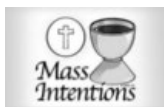
**PRAYER FOR HOLY INNOCENTS**

We remember today, O God,  
the slaughter of the holy innocents  
of Bethlehem by King Herod.  
Receive, we pray,  
into the arms of your mercy  
all innocent victims;  
and by your great might  
frustrate the designs of evil tyrants  
and establish your rule of justice, love and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the union of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**December 25, 2022**

**The Nativity of the Lord  
December 24 2022 – January 1, 2023**

<b>Sat., Dec. 24</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL</b>
4:00 p.m. <i>(Fr. Rutherford)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
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>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Mon., Dec. 26</b>	<b>Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</b>
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Kelly)</i>	† <i>John Dudek</i> by Maria Swieton Souls in Purgatory by Yvette † <i>Robert Callanan II</i> by Mom & Dad
<b>Tues., Dec. 27</b>	<b>Saint John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b>
5:30 p.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafiore)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Wed., Dec. 28</b>	<b>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b>
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Deimeke)</i>	† <i>John Dudek</i> by Audrey Vojnar Kearns
<b>Th., Dec. 29</b>	
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Rutherford)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Fri., Dec. 30</b>	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, &amp; Joseph</b>
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Bourgeois)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Sat., Dec. 31</b>	
4:00 p.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafiore)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Sun., Jan. 1</b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>
9:00 a.m.	† <i>John &amp; Eddie Dudek</i> by Diane Donovan † <i>Raymond Mooney (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)</i> by Family † <i>Genofawa &amp; Alesander Blizinski</i> by daughter Sophia Bobek
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)



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

**December 25, 2022**

**St. Michael's**

**Faith Formation News**

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

**(518) 428-6353**

**FAITH FORMATION IMPORTANT DATES**

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

**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**

Thank you to all who worked on the Birthday Party for Jesus and thank you to all who participated. Donated gifts were sent to Birthrite.

**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.

**A CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

*Glory to God in the highest!*

My precious Lord, Jesus,

I adore You with profound love and rejoice in the celebration of Your birth.

Your love for us is unfathomable, it is glorious, transforming, awe-inspiring and deeply personal.

You chose to come and dwell among us, being born into poverty, rejection and humility.

Yet Your mother knew whom she bore,  
Her heart was filled with the tenderest love  
as she adored her Child and her God.

Help me, dear Lord.

to come to love You with the heart of Your mother.

Invite me to adore You with St. Joseph and the poor shepherds.

Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth  
and change my life on account of this perfect gift of Yourself.

I love You, dear Lord Jesus.

Help me to love You with all my heart.

Newborn Savior of the World,

I trust in You.

Mother Mary and St. Joseph,

Pray for me and for all.

Amen.

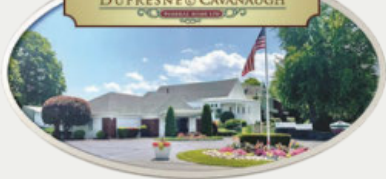
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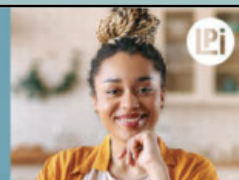
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