

# ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

April 16, 2023



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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. 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.**



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

 **SANCTUARY CANDLES**   
Week of April 17 – April 23


**CHURCH:**  
**Main Altar (tabernacle):**  
 People of the Parish.

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

**Blessed Mother (side altar):**  
 For improved health - Donna Connelly  
 by Patricia Harrington.

While HOLY TRINITY is undergoing sanctuary repair work, there is no daily Mass and the Church is locked. They're not sure how long the work will take – at least two weeks. Here are other Churches with daily Mass:

- Tuesdays:**  
 9 AM Mass at IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
 12:10 PM Mass at ST. AMBROSE
- Thursdays:**  
 9 AM Mass at IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
 12:10 PM Mass at ST. AMBROSE
- Fridays:**  
 8:30 AM Mass at ST. AUGUSTINE'S

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***Weekly Contributions***


April 2, 2023	\$3,327.00
Year 2022	\$3,518.00
Regular Offertory 2022	\$2,462.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,256.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - Parish Building Improvements	\$326.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - The Evangelist	\$315.00
Other 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections	\$430.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9am Mass & Mail	\$2,051.00
E-giving	\$205.00


**Counting Team for April 17<sup>th</sup>:** Diane Aberle, Mary Walsh, Judith Ann Wade.

**Weekend Mass attendance - April 9, 2023:**  
 Sunday, 9am 215

**Good Friday Service attendance - April 7, 2023:**  
 Friday, 3pm 86

**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.

**OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES:** 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. If you wish to sponsor a candle in memory or in honor of loved ones, please call the Parish Office at (518) 237-5151 or stop by during office hours. The suggested donation is \$12 per week. (First come, first served.) There are still weeks available for this spring and summer. Thank you. 

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

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

**Weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

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

**April 16, 2023**



**SOCIAL HOUR:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, **April 16<sup>th</sup>** for our next social. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy at (518) 330-9056.

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING:** The next meeting will be held after the social hour on Sunday, **April 16<sup>th</sup>** at 11am.



**ST. MICHAEL'S EVANGELIZATION TEAM:** The Evangelization Team will meet at St. Michael's in the Parish Center on Sunday, **May 7<sup>th</sup>**, at 10:15am-11:45am. Breakfast treats will be served. Please contact Janet Gorsky (via text at 518-542-3311) if you have any agenda items or questions. All are welcome.



Mankind's need for the message of **Divine Mercy** took on dire urgency in the twentieth century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God," and therefore, to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In 1931, Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina in Poland and expressed his desire for a feast celebrating his mercy. The Feast of Mercy was to be on the Sunday after Easter and was to include a public blessing and liturgical veneration of His image with the inscription "Jesus, I trust in You."

This promise of mercy has been affirmed by the Church, which has made Divine Mercy Sunday an occasion for receiving a plenary indulgence, "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven" (CCC, no. 1471). The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (Confession, Eucharist, prayer for the intentions of the pope, and complete detachment from sin, even venial sin). The faithful may either take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy in any church or chapel or recite the Our Father and Creed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus.

There are many aspects of the Divine Mercy devotion, including the Chaplet, the Divine Mercy image, and the "hour of great mercy" (3:00pm). The popularity of these devotions, focused on the Lord's infinite mercy, has grown rapidly in recent decades. Regarding the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus said to her, "At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person" (Divine Mercy in My Soul, no. 811).

*From United States Conference of Catholics Bishops website, usccb.org*

**DEACON FORMATION:** The Deacon Formation for the Diocese of Albany will be meeting at St. Michael's on **April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please keep these men in your prayers.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Apr. 16, 9am
Social Hour after 9am Mass	Apr. 16
Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall	Apr. 16, 11am
Evangelization Team Meeting-Parish Center	May 7, 10:15am
Prayers to Our Lady of Fatima - near Statue	May 13, 6pm

**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**. As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 57 gifts have made for a total of **\$8,202.00 (23% of our goal)**. Average gift: \$144. Still needed: \$27,341.00. The Appeal runs from July 2022 to June 2023. Thank you for your support.



## NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH:** At 2pm on Sunday, **April 16<sup>th</sup>** we will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary, veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy, and confession. Mass to follow with celebrant Rev. Joseph Phuong Ngo, O. Carm. St. Joseph's Church is at 416 3rd St., Troy, NY.

**ALBANY NY CHAPTER OF MAGNIFICAT (A Ministry to Catholic Women):** Is hosting a Women's Breakfast on Saturday, **May 20<sup>th</sup>**, from 9am-12pm at Wolferts Roost Country Club, 120 Van Rensselaer Blvd., Albany, NY. Tickets: \$28.00; Students: \$18.00; Clergy & Religious - Free. Our Witness Speaker is Anne Costa, who is a wife, mother, and the best-selling author of six books, including Refresh Me, Lord: Meditations to Renew a Woman's Spirit. Ms. Costa is a soul-stirring author and speaker who combines her wealth of personal experience and professional knowledge as a social worker with the firm foundation of the Catholic faith to tackle some of life's toughest issues. Register by Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - send your check payable to Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat, PO Box 340, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Please include your name, address, phone number, and email address. Online registration is available at [www.magnificat-ministry.org/ny-albany](http://www.magnificat-ministry.org/ny-albany). Any questions, call Kathleen at (518) 930-9390. **ALL LADIES--TEENS AND OLDER ARE INVITED!** Seats are limited, register early! Please bring a friend.

**April 16, 2023**

**Second Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy Sunday  
April 15 – April 23, 2023**

<b>Sat., Apr. 15</b>	
4:00 p.m. <i>(Fr. Deimeke)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Sun., Apr. 16</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Kelly)</i>	Bob & Gen Callanan (68 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv.) †Czeslaw Bobek by Maria Swieton †Joe Kosek (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.) by Doris Vojnar †Sadie Lynn Kopyc by Mary McGraw †Audrey Kearns by Jean Johnson †Jane D. Tolak (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by Nancy
10:30 a.m. <i>(Fr. Deimeke)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Mon., Apr. 17</b>	
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Kelly)</i>	Doris Vojnar by Yvette
<b>Tues., Apr. 18</b>	
<b>Wed., Apr. 19</b>	
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Deimeke)</i>	People of the Parish
<b>Th., Apr. 20</b>	
<b>Fri., Apr. 21</b>	
<b>Sat., Apr. 22</b>	
4:00 p.m. <i>(Fr. Kelly)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Sun., Apr. 23</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Deimeke)</i>	†Sandra Rizzo by Maria Swieton (some Polish) †Audrey Kearns by Barbara Smith
10:30 a.m. <i>(Fr. Rutherford)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)



**Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
by St. Gertrude the Great**

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

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**St. Michael's**

Faith Formation News

Director: Kathy Burns - [FFsmCohoes@rcda.org](mailto:FFsmCohoes@rcda.org)

(518) 428-6353

**FAITH FORMATION IMPORTANT DATES**

Wednesday, April 19, 2023: Class 6pm & 7:15pm

Monday, April 24, 2023: Monday Class 6pm - 8pm

Wednesday, April 26, 2023: Class 6pm & 7:15pm – First Communion Rehearsal – grade 2 only class for all others.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Thank you to our Faith Formation students for their roles in the Children's Liturgy of The Word on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Lectors: Shae Fontaine, Christian DeChiaro. Offertory: Gage Miorin, Francesca Cappabianca. Ushers: Chad Kehn, John Kehn, Gage Miorin, Lukacz SantaMaria. Our next Children's Liturgy of The Word will be on Sunday, **May 21<sup>st</sup>** at 9am. We will be learning about the Ascension of The Lord.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Our First Communion Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, **May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 11am at St. Michael's Church. A reception for the children will be held in the Church Hall immediately following the Mass. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend to support these little ones. Please contact Kathleen Burns with any questions (518) 428-6353.

**CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, **June 4<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm at St. Ambrose Church in Latham. Please pray for our candidates.

**DIVINE MERCY**

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday today, it is important to review the meaning and historical significance of the day. On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. She wrote in her diary that He said:

*I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.*

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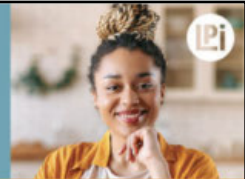
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