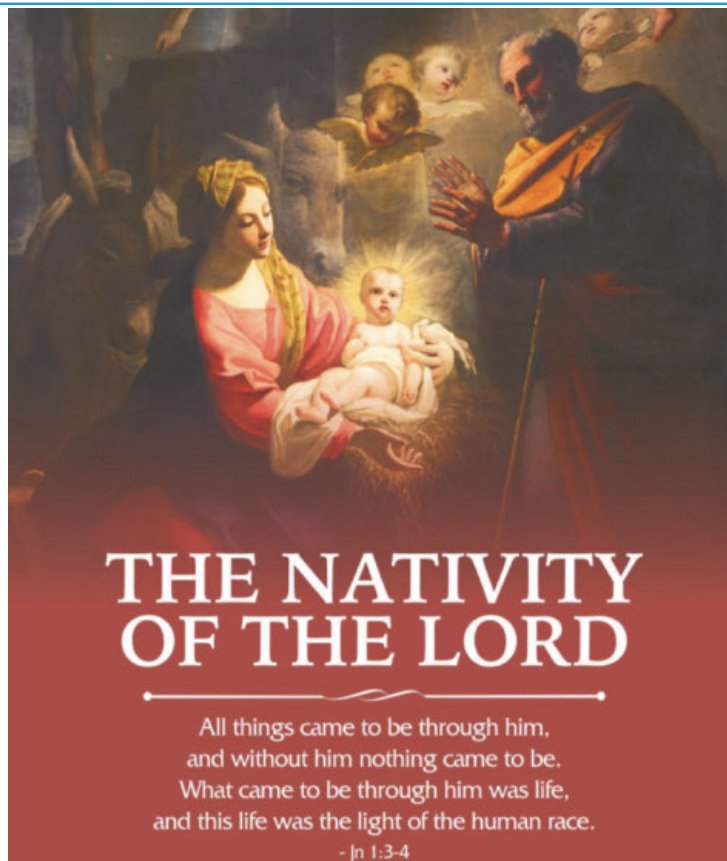


# ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

December 24, 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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Cemetery: [cemetery@stmichaelsofcohoes.org](mailto:cemetery@stmichaelsofcohoes.org)

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

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**December 24, 2023**



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

# Advent

*A Season of Hope  
& Expectation*

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### CHRISTMAS EVE:

**Church of the Holy Trinity**      **4pm**  
**St. Michael's Church**              **midnight**

### CHRISTMAS DAY:

**St. Michael's Church**              **9am**  
**Church of the Holy Trinity**      **10:30am**



*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.



**Counting Team for December 26<sup>th</sup>:** Diane Aberle, Mary Walsh, Judith Ann Wade.



### 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

## Weekly Contributions

December 3, 2023	\$3,629.00
Year 2022	\$2,961.00
Regular Offertory 2022	\$2,479.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,833.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - Parish Building Improvements	\$335.00
Other 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections	\$345.00
Candle Offerings	\$116.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9am Mass & Mail	\$2,603.00
E-giving	\$230.00

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

### Weekend Mass attendance - December 10, 2023:

Sunday, 9am                      110

**DECEASED:** †Neal Swatling, †Kevin Couture, and †Loretta Lis 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.

## SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of December 25 – December 31

### CHURCH:

#### Main Altar (tabernacle):

In memory of †Robert Callanan  
by Mom & Dad.

#### Sacred Heart (side altar):

In memory of †Stacia Gorsky (100<sup>th</sup> birthday)  
by Janet Gorsky.

#### Blessed Mother (side altar):

In memory of †Bob Callanan  
by Mom & Dad.

## Liturgical Roles<sup>†</sup>

### Weekend of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
9:00AM	P. Nyman	K. Twiss	J. Harrington

The **PARISH OFFICE** will be closed from December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>. It will reopen on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**WINTER ALERT!** When bad weather is predicted, tune in to one of the local TV stations for closings. St. Michael's and Holy Trinity will list mass cancellations and changes starting at 6pm the evening before and continuing the following day. If it's a Wednesday, chair aerobics at Holy Trinity will be cancelled.



**EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION:** Due to upcoming December holidays, there are early submission dates set by the publisher. Please submit any information for the December 31<sup>st</sup> bulletin by 4pm on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Information can be dropped off at the Parish Office or emailed to bulletin@stmichaelsofcohoes.org.



**2024 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. 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 2024:** 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.



**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.



**CLyNK!** Clynk recycling program receptacles are available in the Church Hall and in the Parish Office outside foyer for anyone wishing to donate their clean cans and bottles. The proceeds will be used to support Faith Formation events. Thank you for your support!

**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 \$22,610.00. The Appeal runs from July 2023 to June 2024. Thank you for your support.



**BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH:** We warmly welcome new members to St. Michael's Church! Registration forms are available in the back of the church, in the Parish Office, or downloaded from our parish website, www.stmichaelsofcohoes.org. Completed forms may be placed in the offertory collection basket, dropped off at or mailed to the Parish Office, or emailed to info@stmichaelsofcohoes.org.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass	Dec. 24, midnight
Christmas Day - Mass	Dec. 25, 9am
Solemnity of Mary - Mass	Jan. 1, 9am
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Jan. 7, 9am

**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.

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**Did you know...** English missalettes can be located in the pews while the Polish missalettes are in the bookcase in the back of the Church near the elevator.

## NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

**CAPITAL REGION CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP:** On Wednesday, **December 27<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00pm – 8:30pm for young adult Catholics ages 23-40. Come join us every Wednesday for faith fellowship and fun! 6pm optional virtual Fellowship dinner, 7pm prayer, gospel reflection and discussion of faith, 8:30pm optional Jackbox games. <https://www.facebook.com/Event>

**December 17, 2023**

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 23 – December 31, 2023**

<b>Sat., Dec. 23</b>	
4:00 p.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafoire)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Sun., Dec. 24</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 a.m. (some Polish) <i>(Fr. Bellafoire)</i>	
<b>Sun., Dec. 24</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>
4:00 p.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafoire)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Midnight <i>(Fr. Bellafoire)</i>	Mass at St. Michael's
<b>Mon., Dec. 25</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY The Nativity of the Lord</b>
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Deimeke)</i>	
10:30 a.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafoire)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Tues., Dec. 26</b>	<b>Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</b>
5:30 p.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafoire)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Wed., Dec. 27</b>	<b>Saint John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b>
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Deimeke)</i>	
<b>Th., Dec. 28</b>	<b>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b>
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Bellafoire)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Fri., Dec. 29</b>	
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Bourgeois)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Sat., Dec. 30</b>	
4:00 p.m. <i>(Fr. Rutherford)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Sun., Dec. 31</b>	<b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, &amp; Joseph</b>
9:00 a.m. <i>(Fr. Kelly)</i>	
10:30 a.m. <i>(Fr. Kelly)</i>	(Mass at Holy Trinity)

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

**December 24, 2023**

**St. Michael's**

**Faith Formation News**

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

**(518) 428-6353**

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

- Wednesday, December 27: NO CLASS – Christmas break
- Wednesday, January 3: Classes resume, normal class time
- Wednesday, January 10: Class – 6pm
- Wednesday, January 17: Class – 6pm

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Our next Children's Liturgy of The Word will be on Sunday, **January 7<sup>th</sup>** at 9am Mass. We will be presenting the Confirmation class of 2024.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING / REFRESHER**

On Wednesday, **January 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm, Father Sam Bellafiore will be holding an Altar server training and refresher class. This will take place during normal class time in the Church. All current Altar servers are asked to attend. Anyone wishing to become an Altar server is encouraged to sign up and attend at this time. Altar service begins in third grade after completion of First Communion. Please contact Mrs. Burns with any questions, (518) 428-6353.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our birthday party for Baby Jesus. Photos will be available on our website. All donations were given to "Mary's Corner" which serves our youngest ones in our community. Thank You!

**FOURTH WEEK 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."

Lord, I invite your peace to rule my heart!

As I end this year and reflect on your many gifts you have given me; let my heart be encouraged with the truth that you are a good God.

I thank you for sending your Son to die for me.

I thank you for the peace I have through you.

May my words and actions be ones that glorify you. Amen.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

I would like to wish all of our Catechists, helpers, parishioners, families and children a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and New Year! Thank you for all you do all year long and for the sacrifices you make to bring our children closer to Jesus.

Special thanks to Father Brian Kelly and Father Sam Bellafiore for always supporting us and always being there for us. God Bless!!

*Merry Christmas*

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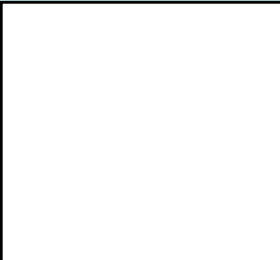


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