

# ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

January 21, 2024

## MISSION STATEMENT:

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

## CELEBRATE THE PAST:

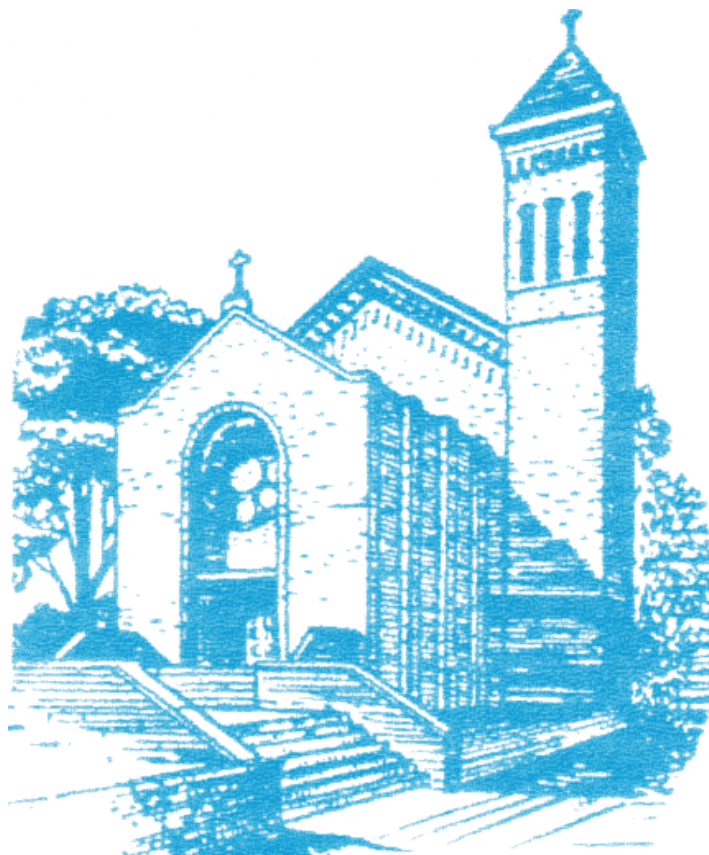
*By examining, studying and capturing the history of the men and women, religious and lay, who established, nurtured and built it and all of its facets;*

## 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)

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

Off. hrs.: Mon. & Th. 9:30 to noon, Tu. & Wed. 9:30am-2pm

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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.**



**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.



**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**Week of January 22 – January 28**

**CHURCH:**

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

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

**Blessed Mother (side altar):**  
People of the Parish.

**TAX STATEMENT 2023:** If you would like to receive a tax statement for 2023, please call the office. A statement can be picked up at the parish center or in the sacristy. In early January the Diocese will be mailing tax acknowledgements for donors who made gifts to the Appeal or Re-igniting Our Faith in 2023.

The **ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD** was mailed to all parishioners in December. If you did not receive it or your name or address was incorrect, please contact the parish office at (518) 237-5151 or stop by during office hours so we can update our records.

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**Weekly Contributions**

January 7, 2024	\$2,400.00
January 8, 2023	\$3,038.00
Regular Offertory 2023	\$2,251.00
Regular Offertory*	\$1,592.00
Parish Building Improvements	\$389.00
Other 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections	\$419.00
*Regular Offertory: 9am Mass & Mail	\$1,207.00
E-giving	\$385.00

Solemnity of Mary Mass (January 1, 2024)	\$510.00
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December 31, 2023	\$4,528.00
January 1, 2023	\$6,471.68
Regular Offertory 2023	\$4,838.68
Regular Offertory*	\$3,528.00
Parish Building Improvements	\$220.00
Candle Offerings	\$150.00
Other 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections	\$630.00
*Regular Offertory: 9am Mass & Mail	\$3,298.00
E-giving	\$230.00

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

**Weekend Mass attendance - January 14, 2024:**

Sunday, 9am 81

**Weekend Mass attendance - January 7, 2024:**

Sunday, 9am 51

**Counting Team for January 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Teresa Barlik, Michelle Frainier, Maria Swieton.

**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.



**Diocesan Appeal**

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

**Liturgical Roles**

**Weekend of January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

**SOCIAL HOUR:** Our next parish social hour will be on Sunday, **January 21<sup>st</sup>** after the 9am Mass. Please plan on joining us for good food, companionship, and conversation. Bring a favorite breakfast/brunch dish to share.



**ROSARY NEWS:** Our next Rosary Meeting is on Sunday, **January 21<sup>st</sup>** at 11am following the social hour. Please plan on attending because we have many items to discuss. Come to Mass, attend the parish social hour, and stay for our meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all!!!



**THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>:** Saint Blaise is the patron saint of ailments of the throat. We will have the Blessing of the Throats at the end of all masses on the weekend of **February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>:** 9am Mass at St. Michael's and 6pm Mass at Holy Trinity.

**ROSARY NEWS:** St. Michael's Rosary Society will hold their **Annual Penny Social** on Sunday, **March 3, 2024** at 1:00pm in the church hall. Doors will open at 10:30am. Tickets can be purchased starting at 11:00am. Under NYS law, you must be 18 to play. Food and refreshments will be available from 11:00am. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGES FROM PRIOR YEARS. Since this is our most profitable fundraiser, we again ask our Rosarians and Parishioners for donations of NEW gifts or money donations which can be used to purchase larger gifts for our raffles. This will be greatly appreciated. All gifts can be brought to the church hall on Sundays after the 9:00am Mass. We also need groceries to fill up our tub. All proceeds will benefit the Special Project Fund for parish improvements. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support. Maria Swieton, Michelle Frainier and Teresa Barlik co-chairpersons.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS:** The Rosary Society is in need of homemade baked goods (cookies, brownies & cupcakes) for our Annual Penny Social on March 3, 2024. You may drop off your baked goods on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00am - 2:00pm, or Sunday morning after 9:00am. As always, thank you for supporting our church.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Social Hour after 9am Mass - Church Hall	Jan. 21
Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall	Jan. 21, 11am
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Feb. 4, 9am
Blessing of the Throats after 9am Mass	Feb. 4
Ash Wednesday Mass	Feb. 14, 9am
Penny Social	Mar. 3, 1pm, doors open at 10:30am

Dear Parishioners:

In an ongoing effort to keep all parishioners updated on improvements being made to **St. Michael's Parish - Cemetery** and where monies are being spent, we are pleased to inform you that in collaboration with the Finance Committee and Trustees, Phase I of the Cemetery road reconstruction work project has been completed. This phase addressed the infill of large holes and depressions that should allow us to get through the winter months before actual reconstruction takes place in spring 2024. The Contractor of record was Precision Roads, Inc. of Ravena, New York and the total cost of the repairs was \$2,200.00. Thank you.

Fr. Brian Kelly  
Co-Pastor

Paul Johnson  
Finance Chair

**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.

**SNOW DAY DAILY MASS CHANGE POLICY:** Watch the School Closing network on the news and sign up for our call list.



**E-MAIL SCAM ALERT!** Please be on the lookout for email scams that ask for help, money, gift cards, etc., and seem to be sent from any of our priests. We have been alerted that recently a scam email said it was from Fr. Donald Rutherford. **DO NOT RESPOND TO THESE EMAILS AND PLEASE DELETE THEM.** For more information please call the parish office (518) 237-5151.

## NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

**UNDERSTANDING RELICS:** Catholics have venerated relics for 2,000 years...why? How do they work? Where do they come from? Find out more on Monday, **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 6:30pm (after Mass) - 8pm at St. Joseph's Church, 231 Second St., Scotia, NY 12302. For information visit the website [www.icglenville.com](http://www.icglenville.com) or email [maryann.haskell@gmail.com](mailto:maryann.haskell@gmail.com)

**ST. PIUS OPEN HOUSE:** St. Pius X School (1954-2024) - 70 years of educating, nurturing, and developing the whole child while living the gospel message every day. Join us for our Catholic Schools Week OPEN HOUSE for prospective students on Sunday, **January 28<sup>th</sup>**, 11am - 1pm to learn more about our Preschool (ages 3-5) through Grade 8 school and how your child(ren) can become part of our school family. Please pre-register by emailing [Admissions@StPius-X.com](mailto:Admissions@StPius-X.com). St. Pius X School, 75 Upper Loudon Road, Loudonville, NY. For information call (518) 465-4539.

**January 21, 2024**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 20 – January 28, 2024**

<b>Sat., Jan. 20</b>	
4:00 p.m. <b>(Fr. Bellafoire)</b>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Sun., Jan. 21</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 a.m. <b>(Fr. Bellafoire)</b>	† <i>Ann C. Busta (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)</i> by Busta Family † <i>Henry Novak</i> by wife Theresa, son Paul, daughter-in-law Carla † <i>Patricia Yanni</i> by Amy & Peter Kusaywa † <i>Helen Sloboda (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)</i> by Family † <i>Leona Rouche</i> by Doris Vojnar † <i>Stanislaw Barlik</i> by Son & Family † <i>Giovanni (John) Izzo</i> by Doris Vojnar † <i>Kevin Couture</i> by St. Michael's Faith Formation † <i>John Grego</i> by Maria Swieton † <i>Colaruotolo &amp; Mencarelli Families</i> by Maryellen
10:30 a.m. <b>(Fr. Bellafoire)</b>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Mon., Jan. 22</b>	<b>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</b>
9:00 a.m. <b>(Fr. Bellafoire)</b>	
<b>Tues., Jan. 23</b>	
5:30 p.m. <b>(Fr. Bellafoire)</b>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Wed., Jan. 24</b>	<b>Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder &amp; Doctor</b>
9:00 a.m. <b>(Fr. Deimeke)</b>	† <i>Stanislaw Barlik</i> by Leoniak Family
<b>Th., Jan. 25</b>	<b>The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle</b>
9:00 a.m. <b>(Fr. Bellafoire)</b>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Fri., Jan. 26</b>	<b>Saint Timothy &amp; Saint Titus, Bishops</b>
9:00 a.m. <b>(Fr. Bourgeois)</b>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Sat., Jan. 27</b>	
4:00 p.m. <b>(Fr. Rutherford)</b>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Sun., Jan. 28</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 a.m. (some Polish) <b>(Fr. Kelly)</b>	† <i>Michael &amp; Eric Potyrala</i> by Wife & Mother † <i>Wojciech Glowacki</i> by Eugene & Stasia Mierzwa
10:30 a.m. <b>(Fr. Rutherford)</b>	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>

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## **St. Michael's**

### **Faith Formation News**

**Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org**  
**(518) 428-6353**

#### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

- Wednesday, January 24: Class - 6pm
- Wednesday, January 31: Class – 6pm
- Saturday, February 3: Regional Food Bank – 1pm – 3pm
- Sunday, February 4: Children's Liturgy of The Word - Confirmation Presentation – 9am
- Wednesday, February 7: Class – 6pm
- Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday – Mass at Holy Trinity – 6pm
- Wednesday, February 21: No Class, Winter break
- Wednesday, February 28: Class – 6pm – First Confession for grade 2

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

It is hard to believe that so soon after Christmas, we would be thinking of Ash Wednesday and Lent. Please note the following:

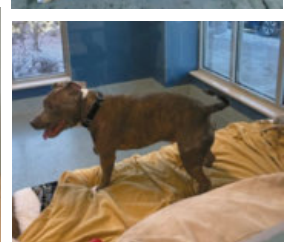
- Ash Wednesday falls on February 14<sup>th</sup> this year.
- Mass will be celebrated for Faith Formation students and parishioners at 6pm on Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity.
- Mass will also be celebrated on Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am at St. Michael's Church.
- All Faith Formation students are expected to attend this Mass as their usual class time.
- Please note that the Mass on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm will be at Holy Trinity, there will be NO class at St. Michael's on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

As always, please contact me with any questions (518) 428-6353.

#### **THANK YOU**

We are so grateful for your support of Faith Formation community service efforts. I recently received a letter from the Regional Food Bank thanking us for our donation of personal care items last Fall. Our donation totaled 176 pounds!! Mrs. Aberle's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders have been busy collecting used towels and bedding to be donated to the Hudson Mohawk Humane Center.

They had a fantastic response and many animals are now nice and warm and cozy! Check out the pictures!



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