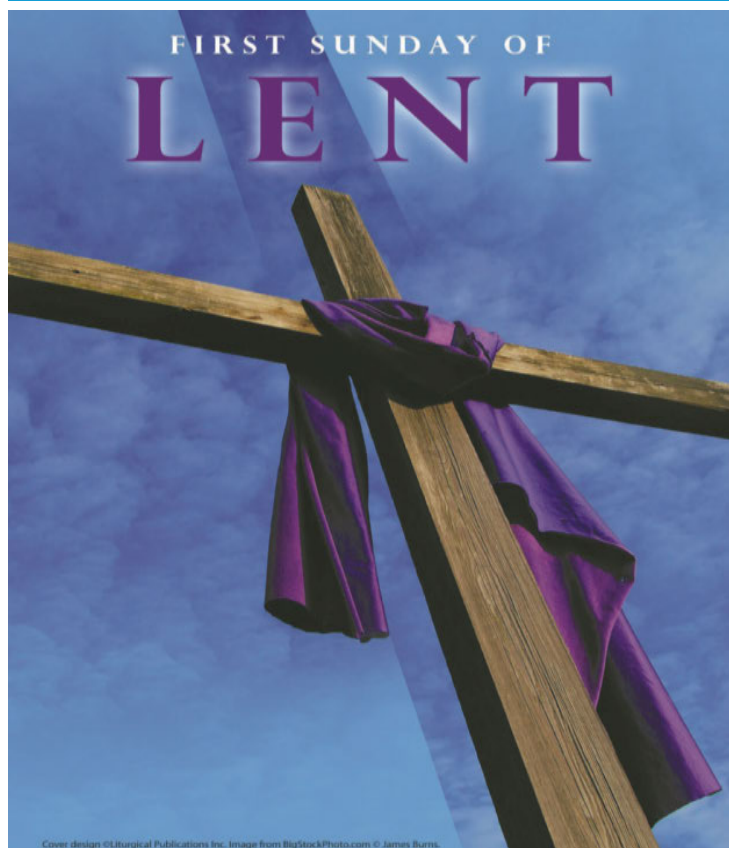


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20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

February 18, 2024



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Eucharist: as stated in the bulletin

Lord's Day Eucharist:

Sunday: 9:00 am (English)

2nd & 4th 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
Very 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 Hall: (518) 237-7121

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Website: www.stmichaelsofcohoes.org

Bulletin: bulletin@stmichaelsofcohoes.org

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



Weekly Contributions

February 4, 2024	\$2,782.00
February 5, 2023	\$2,693.00
Regular Offertory 2023	\$2,318.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,246.00
Parish Building Improvements	\$376.00
Other 2 nd Collections	\$160.00
*Regular Offertory: 9am Mass & Mail	\$1,891.00
E-giving	\$355.00

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

Weekend Mass attendance - February 11, 2024:
Sunday, 9am 95

Counting Team for February 19th: Ed & Kathy Twiss, Diane Aberle.

DECEASED: †Walter Lipka, †Laureen Fulop, and †John Howansky 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.

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 Relighting Our Faith in 2023.

DIOCESAN APPEAL:

Assessment \$22,610.00
As of January 19, 2024: \$6,615.00
58 Donors
Total Raised: \$10,177.05



Diocesan Appeal

The Appeal runs from July 2023 to June 2024. Thank you for your support.

Liturgical Roles⁺

Weekend of February 25th, 2024

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

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of February 19 – February 25

CHURCH:

Main Altar (tabernacle):
Birthday wishes for Karol Swieton by Mom.

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

Blessed Mother (side altar):
Jane Gebosky - fast recovery by Diane Aberle.

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.



Parish trustees: trustees@stmichaelsofcohoes.org



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Social Hour after 9am Mass - Church Hall Feb. 18
Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall Feb. 18, 11am
Stations of the Cross - Church Feb. 23, 5:30pm
Children's Liturgy of the Word Mar. 3, 9am
Penny Social Mar. 3, 1pm, doors open at 10:30am

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 2nd from 11:00am - 2:00pm, or Sunday morning after 9:00am. As always, thank you for supporting our church.



EASTER DINNER RAFFLE: The Rosary Society will be selling tickets for a Easter Dinner Basket. It will consist of a turkey, ham, kielbasa, pierogies, potatoes, veggies, bread, dessert, and a butter lamb. Stop by and take a chance. Tickets are 1 for \$2.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing will be on Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday) after the 9:00am Mass. All proceeds will benefit the Special Project Fund for parish improvements. Any questions, call Maria at (518) 782-1203. Thank you and good luck!!!

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.

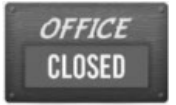


SNOW DAY DAILY MASS CHANGE POLICY: Watch the School Closing network on the news and sign up for our call list.

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



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish office will be closed on Monday, February 19th, in observance of Presidents' Day.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Come join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent beginning February 16th. We will gather in the church at 5:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to lead the prayers each week. You do not have to be a lector to volunteer. Please contact Maria Swieton (518-782-1203) if you are interested. Let's make this Lenten journey together.



LENT: Wednesday, February 14th - Thursday, March 28th. Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. This is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. Easter Sunday is March 31st. Visit https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/len to learn more.



LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be held at Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday, March 6th at 5pm-6:30pm. There will be opportunities for reconciliation with multiple priests available.

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT: Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, May 3-5, 2024 at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$195. Financial assistance is available. For more information or to register contact: Pat Mousaw, (518) 222-1160 or Katie Bolibaugh or e-mail: rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com. For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations contact: 1-877-HOPE-4 ME or visit the Rachel's Vineyard website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

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First Sunday of Lent February 17 – February 25, 2024

Sat., Feb. 17	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Feb. 18	First Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Debra Prudhomme</i> (7 1/2 yr. Anniv.) by sister Joelean † <i>Mick, Dorothy, & Michael LaBombard</i> by Meghan & Family † <i>Rita Radliff</i> by Rosemary Zandri † <i>Kevin Couture</i> by Ed & Kathy Twiss † <i>Eugene Midura</i> by daughter Barbara † <i>Joseph J. Kosek, Jr.</i> by Emily & Family † <i>Joseph LaMalfa</i> by Chad & Joann Kehn † <i>Regina LePage</i> (31 st Anniv.) by son Anthony & Family † <i>Joseph Sala</i> by Rosemary Zandri
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Feb. 19	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafoire)	† <i>Laureen Fulop</i> by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry
Tues., Feb. 20	
5:30 p.m. (Fr. Bellafoire)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Feb. 21	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Deimeke)	
Th., Feb. 22	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafoire)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Fri., Feb. 23	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bourgeois)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sat., Feb. 24	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Feb. 25	Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. (some Polish)	† <i>Albert E. Couture, Sr.</i> (2 nd Anniv.) by daughter Sandie † <i>Alicja Siemiginowska</i> by Helena Jucha † <i>Pauline Geboskey</i> by Frank & Jane Gebosky
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)

GORZKIE ZALE: Will be held at the end of Sunday 9am Mass during Lent (sung in Polish on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and recited in English on the 1st and 3rd Sundays). The ancient chants retracing the Passion and Crucifixion of Christ form the essence of this typically Polish weekly Lenten service that takes its name from the words of the hymns, "Gorzkie zale przybywajcia" (Come to us, bitter lamentations).

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St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org

(518) 428-6353

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- Wednesday, February 21: No Class, Winter break
- Wednesday, February 28: Class – 6pm – First Confession for grade 2
- Wednesday, March 6: Class – 6pm
- Wednesday, March 13: Class – 6pm – Confession for grades 3-8
- Wednesday, March 20: Class – 6pm

FIRST CONFESSION

On Wednesday, February 28th our First Communion class will make their First Reconciliation.

Please remember these little ones in your prayers as they receive this Sacrament.

Our First Communion Candidates are:

Mya Bradt

Hailey Grove

Anastasia Jackowska

Evelina Jennings

Gianni Izzo

Mason Le

Chasen Phillips

Connor Primeau

William Sala

Christian Sorell

Levi Valluzzi

They will be presented to Father and the parish community on Sunday, March 3rd at 9am Mass.

LENT

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of Lent. Let us offer this prayer:

God of goodness and mercy,

Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you.

Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul,

noticing the times I turn away from you.

Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love.

May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace.

Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father.

Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day.

Amen.

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