

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

Rev. Peter Tkocz, Pastor

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.



MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Eucharist: as stated in the bulletin

Lord's Day Eucharist:

Saturday Vigil: at 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am (English) & 11:00 am (Polish)

Eve. of Holy Days - Consult Bulletin

Parish Office: (518) 237-5151

Office Hours: : Tues. - Thurs. 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Fax: Dial above number to notify

E-mail address: parishinfo@stmichaelsofcohoes.org

Web site: www.stmichaelsofcohoes.org

Church Hall: (518) 237-7121

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday Afternoon 3:15 to 3:45 pm

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. New members need to register as soon as possible. All address changes should be given to the Parish Office.

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

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of December 10th – December 16th

CHURCH:

Happy Birthday to Babcia Wanda
by Olenka.

CHAPEL:

For †All Souls in Purgatory
by Janet Gorsky.



The **50/50 WINNER** for the month of **November** is Kathy Kosek \$76. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS: There will not be a Rosary Society meeting on December 21st. We wish a blessed Christmas for all and their families.

BOTTLE COLLECTION: Our altar server, Amelia Cappabianca and her 5th grade class at Van Schaick School are collecting recyclable bottles and soda cans. The funds raised will be used to help pay for their class trip to Boston in May 2019. A collection box will be located in the church hall for your donations. Thank you for supporting Amelia and her classmates!

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PAGEANT

Rehearsals are scheduled for December 1st, 8th, and 15th at 5:00pm for the cast. A dress rehearsal will be held in the last week before Christmas. Children do not need to be a member of the Parish to participate. All costumes provided by the church. The pageant is on **December 24th** at 3:30pm in the Church.



BINGO WORKERS for December 11th, Team 4: Frank Gebosky, Jr. — Captain, John Frainier, Ed Kosek, Judith Gatz-Mullin, Doris Vojnar, Maria Swieton, Julia Clairmont, Stanislaw Bobek, Emily Kosek, Teresa Barlik, & Janina Kowalik.
Thank you!

Weekly Contributions

December 1 & 2, 2018	\$4,513.00
Year 2017	\$4,803.18
Regular Offertory*	\$3,406.00
Church Hall Improvements	\$732.00
Christmas Flowers	\$173.00
Candle Offerings	\$67.00
Insurance	\$45.00
Snow Plowing	\$45.00
Fuel	\$20.00
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Evangelist	\$5.00
*Regular Offertory:	
4:00 Mass	\$880.00
9:00 Mass	\$941.00
11:00 Mass	\$600.00
E-Giving	\$404.00
Mail	\$581.00

FUEL COLLECTION: On the weekend of **December 15th & 16th**, the second collection will be for our fuel (utilities) expenses for 2018-19. Last year, we collected \$3,573.50 for fuel (utilities) expenses. The cost of fuel (utilities) services was \$12,522.41. The resulting shortfall was paid with funds from our parish savings accounts. Please be as generous as you can.

HELP WANTED: We are looking for volunteers to help with our Bingo games. You do not have to be a member of the Rosary Society to volunteer. The proceeds from bingo are used to support St. Michael's parish. If you can volunteer, contact Maria Swieton at (518) 782-1203.

Liturgical Roles⁺

Weekend of December 15th & 16th, 2018

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
4:00PM	J. Gebosky F. Dudwoire	B. Carter K. Bailie-Carter T. Czurlanis C. Sponable	J. Buszta
9:00AM	K. Milligan C. Rogowski	J. Harrington C. Connelly E.J. Kosek, Jr. R. Kosek	P. Ostiguy
11:00AM	H. Barnas G. Jurczynska	K. Lopatniuk B. Jackowska M. Zielinski D. Rozycki	G. Lubas

CHURCH HALL IMPROVEMENTS

**PHASE 2 - PAINTING & WALL REPAIR
PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE - \$28,330
DONATIONS TO DATE - 8,707.63**

In memory of †*John & Helen Buszta* by John W. Buszta, Jr., in memory of †*Thomas & Stacia Gorsky* by Janet Gorsky, in memory of †*Kasner & Darwak family* by Mrs. Stanley Darwak, in memory of †*McOmber & Frainier Family* by John & Michelle Frainier, in memory of †*Herbert Tkocz* by Rev. Peter Tkocz, in memory of †*Tina & Tony Riccio* by Frank & Doris Colaruotolo, Mr. & Mrs. Andrzej Jurak, Mr. & Mrs. Jan Lopatniuk, Mr. & Mrs. Chester Glogowcki, in memory of †*John & Mary Pyskadlo* by Joan & Gilles Senecal, Mrs. Barbara Smith, John & Donna Sunkis, in memory of †*Gerald A. Anania* by Mrs. Anne Bumbulsky. **Thank you!**

COLLECTING EYEGLASSES: We are collecting used / no longer needed eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids, ink cartridges. These items will be donated to the Albany/Troy Lions Organization, where they are recycled and given to the needy children and adults. Please drop off the items in special boxes located at the entrance to the church.

Reminder: All gifts for the **Giving Tree** must be returned by Sunday, **December 16th**. Thank you so very much for your tremendous support of this project. If you have any questions, please call Michelle Frainier at (518) 235-3292. Have a Merry Christmas!

OPLATKI: Will be on sale (\$2 for a package of four) in the stairwell or Church Hall every weekend in December before Christmas. Proceeds to benefit the Sisters of the Resurrection in Castleton. Contact Pat Harrington for more information. Thank you in advance for your support.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK at St. Michael's Church will be after the 4pm Mass on Saturday, **December 8th** and after the 9am Mass and 11am Mass on Sunday, **December 9th**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Rosary & Novena - Chapel	Tuesdays, 6:30pm
Children's Liturgy of the Word	December 9, 9am
Christmas Pageant - Church	December 24, 3:30pm
Christmas Vigil Mass	December 24, 4pm
Christmas Midnight Mass (Polish)	December 24, midnight
Christmas Day Mass	December 25, 10am
Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary	December 31, 6pm



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

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2018

**Number of gifts/pledges: 178
Total gifts/pledges: \$24,593.00
Parish assessment: \$30,050.00**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS:

In memory of †*Ludwika, Stanislaw Barlik & Maria, Roman Pasierb* by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Barlik, in memory of †*Leo F. Bolaski, Edward & Mildred Moquin, John & Rose Bolaski, Rev. Richard Dybas, Shirley Wade, & Homer Duquette* by Mrs. Jacqueline A. Bolaski, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Brzozowski, in memory of †*Anthony & Mary DePietro, Dr. Joseph Demis, Michael DePietro, & Barbara Miliman* by Mary Elizabeth DePietro, in memory of †*Mr. & Mrs. Edw. Dobrucki & Mrs. Doris Dobrucki* by William E. Dobrucki, in memory of †*Mr. & Mrs. Bernie & Frances Zabek & Mr. & Mrs. Walter & Agnes Elinski* by Mr. & Mrs. Steven Elinski, Martha Fitzgerald, in memory of †*Tomasz Kania, Stefania Kania, Jan Jucha, & Anna Jucha* by Halina & Franciszek Jucha, Mrs. Wladyslawa Jucha, John Izzo, in memory of †*Jane & Helen Ogden, Michael & John Reardon, & John & Rita Reardon* by Roseann Reardon, in memory of †*Bartos, Maziarz Families, Maskiewicz-Blazinski Families, & Rachwal-Batyra Families* by Krystyna Rachwal, in memory of †*Burzynski Family & Sagan Family* by Helen Sagan, in memory of †*Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sheahan & Mr. & Mrs. William Fitzgerald* by Dennis & Janet Sheahan, Mrs. Barbara Smith, George & Lisa Soloyna, Carol & Paul Sponable, in memory of †*Charles Sunkis, Mary Sunkis, & Ernest Lavigne* by John & Donna Sunkis, Wieslawa Szymanska, in honor of Roza Tkocz by Rev. Peter Tkocz, in memory of †*Anna Valentini* by Joel Valentini, in memory of †*Mike Zandri, Nancy Giroux, Henry Giroux, Sam & Henrietta Couchat, & Mario & Josephine Zandri* by Mrs. Rosemary Zandri. **Thank you!**

ADVENT RECONCILIATION at St. Michael's Church will be after the 4pm Mass on Saturday, **December 22nd** and after the 9am Mass and 11am Mass on Sunday, **December 23rd**.

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Visit **The Shrine of the Holy Innocents Chapel**, on the grounds of St. Mary of the Snow in Saugerties, New York. The Shrine is dedicated to babies unborn, babies born too soon, infants, toddlers and children who have gone home to God. The chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Located at 36 Cedar St., Saugerties, NY. Mass is offered in the chapel most Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:00am. For more information, please visit ShrineHolyInnocents.org.

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 8 – December 16, 2018

Sat., Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 p.m.	Intention of Parishioners by Fr. Peter † <i>Bernard J. Tolak</i> by Nancy Tolak † <i>Edward Dudek (19th Anniv.)</i> by Kathy & Ed Twiss
Sun., Dec. 9	Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Raffael Cappabianca</i> by Family † <i>Steven Moziak</i> by Therese Blizniak † <i>Robert Gauthier</i> by Ed & Kathy Twiss
11:00 a.m.	† <i>Tomasz Lubowski & Anna Lubowski</i> by Rodzina † <i>Maria & Eugeniusz Szajna</i> by Corka
Mon., Dec. 10	
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Antoinette S. Connelly</i> by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry In honor of Nathaniel Resila (seminary) by Janet Gorsky
Tues., Dec. 11	
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Robert Gauthier</i> by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry In honor of Stephen Yusko (seminary) by Janet Gorsky
Wed., Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
9:00 a.m.	In honor of Joseph Aini (seminary) by Janet Gorsky
Th., Dec. 13	Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
9:00 a.m.	Mass at Holy Trinity
Fri., Dec. 14	Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
9:00 a.m.	Mass at Holy Trinity
Sat., Dec. 15	
4:00 p.m.	† <i>Victoria & David Parker</i> by Family † <i>Anthony Smith</i> by Wife Dorothy † <i>Cecelia Cappabianca Izzo & Raffaele Cappabianca</i> by Antonia Cappabianca † <i>Edmond Galarneau & Michael Talay</i> by Family † <i>Edwin H. Twiss (30th Anniv.)</i> by Ed & Kathy Twiss
Sun., Dec. 16	Third Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.	Intention of Parishioners by Fr. Peter † <i>John Sloboda</i> by Family † <i>Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Gauthier</i> by Son † <i>Ken Anatriello</i> by Patricia & John Harrington
11:00 a.m.	† <i>William Vojnar</i> by Maria Swieton † <i>Grzegorz Walczak</i> by Mama

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St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

Director: Kathy Burns

(518) 237-0370; (518) 428-6353

**FAITH FORMATION IMPORTANT DATES AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the hot meal service at United Church last Saturday. Our next hot meal service is January 5th - Evarista Tarlo, Hannah Burgess, Elizabeth Whitford. (Team3)

A BIRTHDAY PARTY!

On Wednesday December 12th at 6pm we will have a birthday party for Jesus! All students are asked to attend, this includes the 6pm session and the 7:15pm session. This is considered class time. There will be no 7:15pm class on this evening. Cake and ice cream will be served and we will celebrate the real reason for the season! Parents are welcome to stay. As with any birthday party you should bring a gift. This year our donations will go to Birthright in Ballston Spa, a crisis pregnancy center. A new, unwrapped baby item is requested. Items needed are size 4 diapers, diaper rash cream, hooded bath towels, baby wash, very small stuffed toys, and Hannaford, Target or Walmart gift cards. Invitations were sent home with students on December 5th. THANK YOU!

IMPORTANT FAITH FORMATION DATES:

Saturday, **December 8:** Feast of The Immaculate Conception.

Sunday, **December 9:** 9am - Children's Liturgy of the Word. All children are invited.

Wednesday, **December 12:** 6pm – Faith Formation Class - Baby Jesus Birthday Party. All Grades K – 10.

Saturday, **December 15:** 12pm – 2pm - Community Service – Cohoes Library, Santa letters. **Volunteers:** Terry Burns, Cole Cepiel, Sarah Jurnak, Ivan Brajac, Hannah Burgess, Genesis Hyman, Jenifer Martinez, Quincy Hytko, Reis Brammer, Julia Szozda, Claire D'Angelico.

Monday, **December 17:** 6pm – 8pm - Monday Faith Formation Class. Christmas Cards.

Wednesday, **December 19:** 6pm & 7:15pm – Faith Formation Class. Dress Rehearsal for Nativity Pageant. Students not involved will have class.

Tuesday, **December 25:** Christmas.

Wednesday, **December 26:** No Faith Formation Classes. Christmas Break.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Kindergarten: Helped Grade 2 with their prayer boxes. **Grade 1:** Discussed creation and God's special gifts. Reviewed basic prayers. **Grade 2:** Created and decorated prayer boxes. Created "I am a child of Jesus" door hanger. **Grade 3:** Discussed the Nativity and Advent. **Grade 4:** Discussed the 4 weeks of Advent and the meaning of the Advent wreath. **Grade 5:** Viewed a video on parts of the Mass. Worked on puzzles. **Grades 6 & 7:** Completed a Christmas coloring sheet and letter to our soldiers. Letters will be mailed this week. **Grades 8 & 9 & 10:** Created a daily Advent devotional made of candy and a daily Bible reading for reflection.