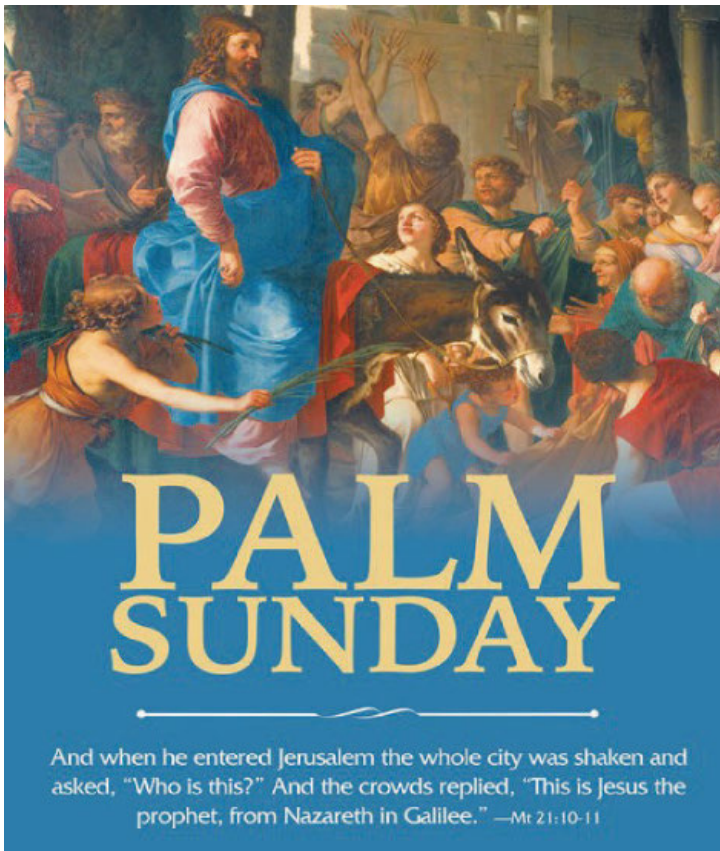


# ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

March 24, 2024



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

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SHARED THEIR TIME, TALENT  
AND TREASURE FOR THE GOOD  
OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY LAST WEEK.**



## **SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**Week of March 25 – March 31**

### **CHURCH:**

#### **Main Altar (tabernacle):**

In memory of †Frank A. Geboskey  
by Frank & Jane.

#### **Sacred Heart (side altar):**

People of the Parish.

#### **Blessed Mother (side altar):**

In honor of Fr. Peter Tkocz  
by Janet & Alan.

**EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:** Due to the Easter holiday, there are early deadlines from the publisher. **Please submit any information for the March 31<sup>st</sup> bulletin before 4pm on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.** It can be emailed to [bulletin@stmichaelfcohoes.org](mailto:bulletin@stmichaelfcohoes.org) or dropped off at the Office.



**Counting Team for March 25<sup>th</sup>:** Teresa Barlik, Michelle Frainier, Maria Swieton.



### **Keep the Legacy Alive**

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20 Page Ave., Cohoes, NY 12047

## **Weekly Contributions**

<b>March 10, 2024 (TOTAL)</b>	<b>\$3,865.00</b>
March 12, 2023 (Total)	\$3,663.00
March 12, 2023 (Regular Offertory only)	\$2,335.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,522.00
Parish Maintenance & Grounds	\$348.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$191.00
Easter Flowers	\$410.00
Other 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections	\$285.00
Candle Offerings	\$109.00
*Regular Offertory: 9am Mass & Mail E-giving	\$1,997.00 \$525.00

Weekly operating expenses (minimum needed): **\$4,390.71**  
For the week shown above, we felt short of  
our weekly budget by \$525.71

**DECEASED:** †Mark Mickiewicz and †Helena Krystynak  
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.

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

**March 28<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	<b>Sacristans</b>
Thurs. 7:00PM	M. Nyman	K. Burns	M. Swieton
Sat. 8:00PM	T. Barlik K. Paulis J. Harrington B. Paulis C. Assini, Jr. E. Kosek III Sem. Franklin Sem. Samuel E Kosek, Jr.	Seminarians	M. Swieton
Sun. 9:00AM	J. Frainier	J. Clairmont	J. Harrington

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Palm Sunday Mass	Mar. 24, 8:45am
Holy Thursday Mass	Mar. 28, 7pm
Adoration after Holy Thursday Mass	Mar. 28, 8pm-10:30pm
Good Friday - Stations, Divine Mercy Chaplet	Mar. 29, 3pm
Blessing of the Baskets - Church Hall	Mar. 30, 10:30am
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	Mar. 30, 8pm

**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 24<sup>th</sup>** (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!!!

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The Parish office will be closed on Thursday, **March 28<sup>th</sup>**, in observance of Holy Thursday.



**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.

**BUTTER LAMBS:** Patricia Harrington is selling butter lambs for \$5 each after the weekend Mass while quantities last. Supply is limited. Proceeds to benefit the Sisters of the Resurrection in Castleton. Thank you in advance for your support.



**PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES:** Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community! Gary Zakrzewski from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers! Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you! Contact Gary at (216) 325-6825 x6413 or GZakrzewski@4lpi.com.

### DIOCESAN APPEAL:

**Assessment \$22,610.00**  
**As of March 5, 2024: \$7,245.00**  
**54 Gifts**  
**32% of goal**  
**Still needed: \$15,365.00**



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

**PLEASE NOTE:** The March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Mass at St. Michael's Church will begin at **8:45am** instead of 9:00am.



**LENT: Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.**

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. 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 31<sup>st</sup>. Visit <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/len> to learn more.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Come join us in praying the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, **March 29<sup>th</sup>** at St. Michael's Church at **3:00pm**.

**BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS:** The blessing will be held on Holy Saturday, **March 30<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30am in the St. Michael's Church Hall. A donation will be collected to benefit the Cohoes food pantry. Children and their Easter Baskets will also receive a special blessing. Blessing of the Easter baskets (**Święconka**) is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions on Holy Saturday during Easter. We can all enjoy this beautiful tradition; it is a great way to teach new generations of Polish-Americans about our common heritage! **Święconka** (shvyen-son-kah) is the traditional blessing of the food to be eaten on Easter Sunday. While the tradition varies from region to region and village to village, it is a tradition dear to the heart of every Pole. Today, this blessing takes place in church on Holy Saturday. All the items are placed in a wicker basket that is sometimes lined with an ornamental cloth or traditional folk fabric. The filled basket is then covered with a linen cloth which should be white, but can have a colorful crocheted or embroidered design. The basket is decorated with sprigs of boxwood (bukszpan), the typical Polish Easter evergreen. "Polish Palms", which are created from dried flowers, can also be used for decoration. Easter foods commonly placed in the Easter Basket have symbolism and include:



- Bacon (Boczek / Slonina)
- Bread (Chleb)
- Easter Bread (Babka)
- Butter (Masło)
- Candle (Świeca)
- Cheese (Ser)
- Colored eggs (Pisanki)
- Ham (Szynka)
- Horseradish (Chrzan)
- Salt (Sól)
- Sausage (Kielbasa)

**Happy Easter! Wesolego Alleluja!**

# March 24, 2024

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 23 – March 31, 2024

Sat., Mar. 23	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Mar. 24	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>
8:45 a.m. (some Polish) (Fr. Bellafiore)	†John F. Sokolowski (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by Family †Jan & Maria Kalina by Jucha Family †Vincent DeChiaro (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by Family †Frank A. Geboskey by Frank & Jane Gebosky †Walter Lipka by Linda Christopher †Dennis Sheahan by John & Mary Sala †Jadwiga Pulkotycki by Maria Swieton
10:45 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Mar. 25	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafoire)	Neil Graner - for prayer for healing by Diane Aberle
Tues., Mar. 26	
5:30 p.m. (Fr. Bellafiore)	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Mar. 27	
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Deimeke)	†Walter Lipka by Jane Gebosky For the intentions of Tom VanSchaich
Th., Mar. 28	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
7:00 p.m. (Fr. Bellafoire)	
Fri., Mar. 29	<b>Good Friday Passion of the Lord</b>
7:00 p.m.	(Service at Holy Trinity)
Sat., Mar. 30	<b>Holy Saturday Easter Vigil</b>
8:00 p.m. (some Polish) (Fr. Bellafiore)	
Sun., Mar. 31	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Bellafiore)	
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)

There will be **ADORATION** at St. Michael's Church on Holy Thursday (**March 28<sup>th</sup>**) following Mass until 10:30pm.

**GORZKIE ZALE:** Will be held at the end of Sunday 9am Mass during Lent (sung in Polish). 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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**Faith Formation News**

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

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

- Wednesday, March 27: Class – 6pm – Reenactment of The Last Supper (All Grades)
- Wednesday, April 3: No Class – Spring break
- Wednesday, April 10: Class resumes
- Wednesday, April 17: Class – 6pm - First Communion rehearsals begin

**PALM SUNDAY**

Palm Sunday recalls the story in Christian Scripture of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, greeted by people waving palm branches. Palm Sunday is often celebrated with processions and distribution of blessed palm leaves.

It is a reminder for all to welcome Jesus into their hearts and be willing to follow him. In some churches, the palms are saved and burned into ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday of the next year. Some Christians fold the palm fronds into crosses and keep them in their homes. The children will process with palms. All children are invited to participate in the procession.

**PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY**

God Most High, gracious and glorious, blessed is the one who comes in your name. Lead us now on the road to the cross. May we follow with faithfulness and joy, shouting hosanna in the highest heaven. By your tender mercy, you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. O give thanks to God, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever! Through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

Please remember that Altar Server training for Holy Week Masses will be as follows:

- Holy Thursday March 28 at 4pm in St. Michael's Church.
  - Good Friday March 29 at 4pm in Holy Trinity Church.
  - Holy Saturday March 30 at 12 noon in St. Michael's Church.
- All Altar servers are invited to participate in the Holy Week Masses at both St. Michael's and at Holy Trinity.  
Please contact Kathleen Burns for questions (518) 428-6353.

**FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSALS**

Rehearsal for First Communion Mass will begin on Wednesday, **April 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm and continue each Wednesday. This is normal class time. It is important for all First Communion Candidates attend.  
The big day is right around the corner!



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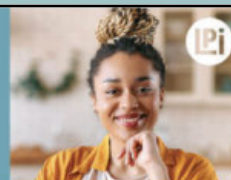
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