

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

February 9, 2025

MASSES IN COHOES:

Monday, 9:00am at St. Michael's Church
Tuesday, 5:30pm at Church of the Holy Trinity
Wednesday, 9:00am at St. Michael's Church
Thursday, 9:00am at Church of the Holy Trinity
Friday, 9:00am at Church of the Holy Trinity
Saturday, 4:00pm at Church of the Holy Trinity
Sunday, 9:00am at St. Michael's Church
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month – some Polish
Sunday, 10:30am at Church of the Holy Trinity

CONFESSION IN COHOES:

Tuesday, 4:15pm – 5:15pm at Church of the Holy Trinity
Thursday, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at St. Michael's Church
Saturday, 2:45pm – 3:45pm at Church of the Holy Trinity
By appointment anytime – call the Parish Office.

ADORATION IN COHOES:

Tuesday, 4:15pm – 5:15pm at Church of the Holy Trinity
Thursday, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at St. Michael's Church

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK IN COHOES:

After all weekend Masses on the second weekend of the month.
By appointment anytime - please call the Parish Office.

For Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation, to join the Parish, register for Faith Formation, become Catholic, or any other questions or concerns please call the Parish Office.

Please check inside the bulletin or on our website for any schedule changes or additions due to Holy Days, Holidays, etc.



St. Michael's Church is Handicapped Accessible.

PARISH STAFF:

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CHURCH OPEN HOURS:

Monday & Wednesday 8:30am-10:00am
Thursday 5:00pm-7:00pm
Sunday 8:00am-10:30am
(closed Tuesday, Friday, & Saturday)

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

**Reflection for February 9th
the 5th Sunday in Ordinary time**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel reading recounts the miraculous catch of fish and the calling of the first disciples. It is a story of trust, obedience, and the transformative power of Christ's presence in our lives. This passage invites us to reflect on the depth of our faith, our readiness to follow Christ, and the mission to which He calls each of us. The scene begins with Jesus teaching by the Lake of Gennesaret, a crowd pressing in to hear the word of God. Simon Peter, tired from a fruitless night of fishing, listens as Jesus instructs him to go out into the deep and let down the nets again. Despite his initial hesitation, Simon responds, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless, at Your word I will let down the net" (Luke 5:5). Here, we see the essence of faith: trusting in the Lord even when His request seems illogical or inconvenient. Peter's experience reminds us that our human efforts often fall short, but when we act in obedience to God's word, His grace accomplishes what we cannot. Let us ask ourselves: Do we trust God enough to obey Him, even when it challenges our understanding? When Peter obeys, the results are astonishing. The nets become so full of fish that they begin to break, and the boats nearly sink under the weight of the catch. This miraculous abundance reveals the generosity of God. He does not merely meet our needs; He exceeds them in ways we could never imagine. In our own lives, God's grace is abundant, though it may not always manifest in material blessings. It could be the strength to endure trials, the joy of reconciliation, or the peace that surpasses understanding. Are we open to recognizing and receiving the gifts God showers upon us daily? Upon witnessing the miracle, Peter falls to his knees and says, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" (Luke 5:8). This response reflects Peter's humility and awareness of his unworthiness in the presence of the divine. Yet Jesus' reply is both reassuring and challenging: "Do not be afraid. From now on, you will catch men" (Luke 5:10). Jesus calls Peter, along with James and John, to leave behind their livelihood and follow Him. They respond immediately, abandoning everything to become His disciples. This radical decision underscores the total commitment required of those who follow Christ. It is not just about leaving behind material possessions but also surrendering our fears, doubts, and attachments to fully embrace God's plan for our lives. Each of us, by virtue of our baptism, is called to be a "fisher of men." This mission may take different forms depending on our state in life, but the essence is the same: to draw others to Christ through our words, actions, and witness. How are we living out this call in our daily lives? The lives of the saints provide powerful examples of responding to God's call

Weekly Contributions

January 26, 2025 (TOTAL)	\$2,270.69
<i>January 28, 2024 (Total)</i>	\$3,527.00
<i>January 28, 2024 (Regular Offertory only)</i>	\$2,732.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,027.69
Parish Building Improvements	\$225.00
Other 2 nd collections	\$18.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9:00am Mass & Mail	\$1,342.00
E-giving	\$685.69

Weekly operating expenses (minimum needed): **\$3,723.98**

- For the week above, we fell short of our minimum weekly operating expenses budget by **\$1,453.29**
- Goal for increased offertory is \$1,500 - \$2,000 per week in order to cover operating expenses plus outstanding debt payments.

COUNTING TEAM FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH:

Michelle Frainier, Teresa Barlik, Maria Swieton.

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE:

February 2, 2025: Sunday, 9am 105



SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of February 10 – February 16

CHURCH:

Main Altar (tabernacle):

People of the Parish.

Sacred Heart (side altar):

In memory of †*Joseph J. Kosek Jr.* - Happy Valentine's Day in Heaven by Emily & Family.

Blessed Mother (side altar):

In memory of †*John Albert Jarosz*
by Jane Gebosky & Son.



(Reflection continued)

with trust and courage. Consider St. Francis of Assisi, who left behind wealth and comfort to embrace a life of poverty and service, or St. Therese of Lisieux, who lived her vocation through small acts of love. These saints remind us that holiness is not about extraordinary deeds but about saying "yes" to God in the ordinary moments of life. As we reflect on today's Gospel, let us examine our own willingness to trust in God's word, to recognize the abundance of His grace, and to respond to His call with generous hearts. Like Peter, we may feel unworthy, but Christ's invitation is not based on our perfection; it is an opportunity to grow in faith and to participate in His mission. May the Eucharist we celebrate today strengthen us to leave behind what holds us back and follow Christ with courage and joy, knowing that He is always with us, guiding us to the deeper waters of His love and mercy.

Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Kyle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Anointing of the Sick - after 9am Sunday Mass Feb. 9
 Children's Liturgy of the Word Feb. 16, 9am
 Social Hour after 9am Mass - Church Hall Feb. 16
 Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall Feb. 16, 10:45am
 Penny Social Mar. 2, 1pm, doors open at 10:30am



SOCIAL HOUR: Mark your calendars for Sunday, **February 16th** for our next social (in the Church Hall). If you have any questions, please contact Sandy at (518) 330-9056.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING: The next meeting will be held after the social hour in the Church Hall on Sunday, **February 16th** at 10:45am.



ROSARY NEWS: St. Michael's Rosary Society will hold their **Annual Penny Social** on Sunday, **March 2, 2025** at 1:00pm in the church hall. Doors will open at 10:30am. Tickets can be purchased starting at 11:00am. Food and refreshments will be available from 11:00am. 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, and cupcakes) for our Annual Penny Social on March 2, 2025. You may drop off your baked goods on Saturday, **March 1st** from 11:00am - 2:00pm, or Sunday morning after 9:00am. As always, thank you for supporting our church.



TAX STATEMENT 2024: If you would like to receive a tax statement for 2024, 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 2024.

Liturgical Roles

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
Feb. 16 9:00AM	TBD	K. Burns (H) A. Cappabianca (W) L. Sutliff (W)	M. Swieton

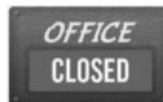
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: We invite you to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick **this weekend** (the second weekend of each month). The Sacrament will proceed following the Masses:

- Saturday: 4:00 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

This sacrament is open to anyone seeking healing - whether physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual. You do not need to be elderly or near the end of life to receive it. All are welcome to receive this special grace of anointing.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS: Thank you to all who donated in memory of †Janina Wiercioch. All funds will go to the Rosary Society Fund \$1,000.

The **50/50 WINNER** for the month of January is **Doris Vojnar** for **\$112**. Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who participated.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish office will be closed on Monday, **February 17th**, in observance of Presidents' Day.

MASS INTENTIONS: The stipend for a Mass Intention is **\$15**. Envelopes labeled "Mass Intentions" are available in the back of the Church and in the Office. The intention should be received in the Parish Office at least 2 1/2 weeks in advance of the Mass date for inclusion in the bulletin. Stop by the Parish Office if you would like a Mass card that can be mailed to the family.



NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE MEETING: Polish National Alliance Group 1684 will meet on Sunday, **February 9th** at 10:30am in the Church Hall. Any questions please contact Marian Wiercioch at (518) 235-5549 or marianpna1684@aol.com.

PROGRAMS AT BEGINNING EXPERIENCE MINISTRY: The Beginning Experience® Ministry is a peer led ministry that serves those grieving the end of a spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation. This winter and spring we are offering two programs and we invite men and women of all ages and faiths to attend. Healing Weekend - an in-person weekend retreat at Mount Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY from **March 28th - March 30th**. For information or to register please call Phyllis at (914) 261-5812 or Gloria at (646) 281-4790. In the Beginning...Coping with Life Alone - one day remote via Zoom program held on Saturday, **February 22nd** from 9am to 4pm. For information or to register, please call Jim at (845) 220-7883 or Denise at (845) 325-3147.



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 20 Page Ave., Cohoes, NY 12047

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8 – February 16, 2025

Sat., Feb. 8	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Feb. 9	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Marriage Day
9:00 a.m. (some Polish)	† <i>Debbie Prudhomme</i> by sister Joelean † <i>Ann Ardziejewicz Mone</i> by Marion † <i>Beata H. Nash</i> by PNA † <i>Genevieve Callanan</i> by Doris Vojnar † <i>Janina Wiercioch</i> by Maria & Karol Swieton † <i>John Albert Jarosz</i> by Jane Gebosky & Son † <i>Raymond Sebastian</i> by Wife & Children † <i>Thomas & Stacia Gorsky (75th Wedding Anniv.)</i> by Gorsky & Benson Families
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Feb. 10	Saint Scholastica, Virgin
9:00 a.m.	Intention of Parishioners
Tues., Feb. 11	World Day of the Sick
5:30 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Feb. 12	
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Andrew R. Landor</i> by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry
Th., Feb. 13	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION
Fri., Feb. 14	Saints Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sat., Feb. 15	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Feb. 16	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Joseph J. Kosek, Jr.</i> by Emily & Family † <i>Regina LePage (31st Anniv.)</i> by Tony & Sandie LePage † <i>John & Julia Dudek</i> by Nancy Tolak † <i>Robert & Genevieve Callanan</i> by Chuck Fitzgerald † <i>Marie Walbridge (Birth.)</i> by Janet Gorsky
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)

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

WINTER ALERT! When bad weather is predicted, Fr. Kyle will not say morning Mass if the schools in Cohoes are delayed or closed.



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St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org

(518) 428-6353

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- Wednesday, February 12: Class – 6pm
- Wednesday, February 19: No Class - Winter break
- Wednesday, February 26: Classes resume – 6pm
- Thursday, February 27: Monthly High School Class - 6pm-8pm

THE FOLLOWING ARE IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

Confirmation Presentation - The Confirmandi are presented to Father and the Parish and given a gift from their Parish.

Sunday, **March 2** at 9am Mass

First Communion Presentation - The students are presented to Father and the Parish and are given a gift from their Parish.

Sunday, **March 16** at 9am Mass

First Reconciliation - First Communion candidates will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, **March 19** at 6pm. All First Communion Candidates must attend. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is needed before First Communion can be made.

First Communion Mass - Saturday, **May 3** at 11am

Confirmation Mass - Sunday, **May 25** at 5:30pm at St. Ambrose Church

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

First Communion Mass will be held on Saturday, **May 3rd** at 11am. This Mass is open to anyone who would like to attend. Parishioners are invited to attend and support our children.

CLYNK

Please remember our Clynk program when disposing of clean cans and bottles. Income from the Clynk program helps to support Faith Formation programs. Green Clynk bags are available in the Parish office if you would like to use them. Thank You!

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES IS CELEBRATED ON FEBRUARY 11

Our Lady of Lourdes,

Mother of Christ,

You had influence with your divine son while upon earth.

You have the same influence now in Heaven.

Pray for us; obtain for us from your Divine Son our special requests if it be the Divine Will. Amen.

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