

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

February 23, 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)

February 23, 2025



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

**Reflection for February 23rd
the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel presents us with one of the most radical and challenging teachings of Jesus: the command to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, to bless those who curse us, and to pray for those who mistreat us. This passage from Luke 6:27-38 goes against our human instincts. It challenges the worldly notion of justice, which often seeks revenge or fairness in human terms. Instead, Jesus calls us to a higher standard—one that reflects the heart of God Himself. Let us consider the first words of this passage: "But to you who hear, I say, love your enemies." Notice how Jesus addresses "those who hear." True discipleship requires more than just physical hearing; it demands a willingness to truly listen, to allow God's Word to penetrate our hearts and transform our way of thinking and acting.

Jesus does not merely ask us to tolerate our enemies or avoid retaliating against them. He commands us to actively love them. This is not a sentimental love, but a love that is shown in action—a love that mirrors God's own mercy. When we love those who hate us, we reflect the unconditional love of God, who "is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." The world teaches us to return good for good and evil for evil. But Christ calls us to return good for evil. This is not weakness, but strength; it is the power of divine love at work in us. We see this in the lives of the saints. Consider St. Stephen, the first martyr. As he was being stoned to death, he did not curse his killers but prayed for them: "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (Acts 7:60). He imitated Christ, who from the cross prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). Jesus further teaches us: "If someone strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well." This does not mean we are to be passive in the face of evil, but rather that we are to respond with love, refusing to let hatred take root in our hearts. Turning the other cheek means choosing mercy over retaliation, trusting that God's justice is greater than human vengeance. At the heart of this passage is the call to be merciful as our heavenly Father is merciful. We are reminded that the measure with which we measure will be measured back to us. If we desire God's mercy, we must be merciful to others. If we seek His forgiveness, we must forgive those who have wronged us. If we long for His generosity, we must be generous in spirit. This teaching may seem impossible by human standards, but with God's grace, it becomes possible. Love for our enemies, kindness to the undeserving, and mercy for the sinner are not merely moral obligations; they are the very means by which we enter into deeper communion with Christ. When we love as He loves, we become more like Him.

Weekly Contributions

February 9, 2025 (TOTAL)	\$3,797.07
<i>February 11, 2024 (Total)</i>	\$3,166.00
<i>February 11, 2024 (Regular Offertory only)</i>	\$2,400.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,917.07
Parish Building Improvements	\$535.00
Parish Maintenance & Grounds	\$345.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9:00am Mass & Mail	\$1,745.00
E-giving	\$1,172.07

- Weekly operating expenses (minimum needed): **\$3,723.98**
- For the week above, we met our minimum weekly operating expenses budget!
 - 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 24TH:

Diane Aberle, Sandra Potyrala, Julia Clairmont.

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE:

February 16, 2025: Sunday, 9am 39

SANCTUARY CANDLES
Week of February 24 – March 2

CHURCH:

Main Altar (tabernacle):
In memory of †*Gilbert Bandarra*
by daughter Diane.

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

Blessed Mother (side altar):
In memory of †*Pauline Michalik Geboskey*
by Jane Geboskey & Son.

Liturgical Roles⁺

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
Mar. 2 9:00AM	E. Kosek III	J. Clairmont (H) J. Harrington (W) J. Frainier (W)	M. Swieton

(Reflection continued)

So, my dear brothers and sisters, let us take this Gospel to heart. Let us seek the grace to love beyond our comfort, to forgive beyond our strength, and to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful. In doing so, we will be true disciples of Christ, shining His light in a world that so desperately needs it. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, our model of perfect love, intercede for us and help us to live out this radical call of the Gospel.

Your Brother in Christ, Fr. Kyle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Penny Social	Mar. 2, 1pm, doors open at 10:30am
Ash Wednesday Mass	Mar. 5, 9am
Stations of the Cross	Mar. 7, 5pm
Anointing of the Sick - after 9am Sunday Mass	Mar. 9
Social Hour after 9am Mass - Church Hall	Mar. 16
Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall	Mar. 16, 10:45am
Blessing of the Baskets - Church Hall	Apr. 19, 12:30pm

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.



SOCIAL HOUR: Mark your calendars for Sunday, **March 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 February 16th meeting was cancelled due to the weather. A meeting is scheduled to be held after the social hour in the Church Hall on Sunday, **March 16th** at 10:45am.



DIOCESAN APPEAL:
Assessment \$20,400.00
As of February 3, 2025: \$17,294.00
51 Gifts
85% of goal
Average gift: \$339
Still needed: \$3,106.00



The Appeal runs from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Please make every effort to support our Diocesan Appeal. Envelopes are available in the pews, in the back of the Church, and in the Parish Office. Thank you for your support.

ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of fast & abstinence. Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church on Wednesday, **March 5th** at 9am, and at Holy Trinity at 5:30pm and 7pm.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Come join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent beginning March 7th in the Church at 5pm. Stations of the Cross will also be said after the 9am daily Mass on Mondays and Wednesdays during Lent.



BAPTISM: We are pleased to announce that **Wesley & Deborah Butler** had their child **Oliver James** baptized in our Parish on February 8th. Congratulations!



NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP/MAC & CHEESE SUPPER AT SAINT AMBROSE CHURCH: On **March 5th** immediately following the 5:30pm Mass. Sign-up sheets are available at St. Ambrose Church in the pews, office, and entrances into the Church. Deadline for signing up is February 24th. Please contact St. Ambrose for more information or Mary Kay Frederick by email at mkfrederick@gmail.com.

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

LUCKY BUCKET EXTRAVAGANZA: St. Mary of the Assumption Altar Society will once again have our Lucky Bucket Event on Sunday, **March 16th** at St. Mary's Hall on the corner of Sixth and Division Streets in Waterford, from 12pm to 2:30pm. Admission of \$10 includes lunch, beverages, and a ticket for the door prize. The Lucky Bucket features dozens of baskets donated by friends, families, and businesses.

LENTEN EVENING OF SONG & RETREAT: Composer Dan Schutte, whose music includes "Here I Am, Lord" along with more than 150 other hymns, will lead a two-hour Lenten evening of song on **March 28th** at 7pm at Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Avenue, Albany. Hosted by the Ignatian Volunteer Corps Albany, Mr. Schutte will also lead a Lenten retreat from 9:30am-12:30pm on **March 29th** at Christ the King. Admission is \$15 for each day or \$25 for both days. Ticket and sponsorship information can be found at www.ivcusa.org/Schutte. For more information, email AlbanyNY@ivcusa.org



Keep the Legacy Alive

Please remember St. Michael's in your will:
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 20 Page Ave., Cohoes, NY 12047

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 22 – March 2, 2025

Sat., Feb. 22	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Feb. 23	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. (some Polish)	† <i>Karol Swieton (Birth.)</i> by Maria Swieton † <i>Genevieve & Robert Callanan</i> by Nancy Tolak † <i>Janina Wiercioch</i> by Paul & Laura Swieton † <i>Pauline Michalik Geboskey</i> by Jane Gebosky & Son † <i>Albert E. Couture, Sr. (3rd Anniv.)</i> by daughter Sandie LePage
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Feb. 24	
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Christine St. Pierre (1st Anniv.)</i> by Family † <i>Dorothy Marinucci</i> by Lorraine Okeson † <i>Gilbert Bandarra (4th Anniv.)</i> by daughter Diane
Tues., Feb. 25	
5:30 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Feb. 26	
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Stanley E. Len</i> by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry
Th., Feb. 27	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION
Fri., Feb. 28	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sat., Mar. 1	FIRST SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Mar. 2	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Genevieve Callanan</i> by Michelle & John Frainier † <i>John Albert Gebosky</i> by Jane Gebosky & Son † <i>Giuseppe Palmieri (65th Anniv.)</i> by Antonia Cappabianca
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 26: Classes resume – 6pm
- Thursday, February 27: Monthly High School Class - 6pm-8pm

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!

REGIONAL FOOD BANK

Our next commitment to serve at the Regional Food Bank in Latham is Saturday, **March 15th** from 1pm to 3pm. Please sign up to help with this important service. Adults, teens, children and families are encouraged to help. Please contact Mrs. Burns if you intend to be there. Thank You!

SACRED SPARKS: A CATHOLIC SINGLES SOCIAL

Come join us for a fantastic opportunity for Catholic singles to mingle, make new friends, and maybe even find a special someone. Lunch will be provided. Spaces are limited! Get your ticket today!

When: Saturday, March 1

Time: 12 PM - 4 PM

Who: Catholic Men & Women ages 21 to 39 years old

Where: St. Thomas the Apostle SCHOOL Gym / Cafeteria
43 Adams Place, Delmar

The event is FREE, but all attendees must register in advance:

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Please e-mail Casey with any questions:
vincelettecasey@gmail.com

PRAYER FOR THE 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Heavenly Father, as we reflect on your call to love our neighbor as ourselves on this 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Grant us the grace to see beyond our own needs and extend compassion to those around us.

May we be instruments of your mercy, forgiving readily and offering healing love to those who are hurting.

Guide our words and actions to reflect your boundless kindness, and help us to live with the understanding that we are all united in Christ.

Amen.

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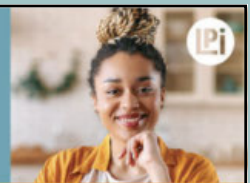


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