

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

March 2, 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.

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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)

March 2, 2025



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

**Reflection for March 2nd
the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
In today's Gospel, Jesus offers us a profound lesson on discipleship and personal integrity. He speaks in parables, warning against spiritual blindness, hypocrisy, and the importance of cultivating a heart that bears good fruit. His words challenge us to examine our own lives: Are we truly following Christ, or are we blind guides leading others astray? Are we producing good fruit in our words and actions? Jesus begins with a question: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" Here, Jesus reminds us that we must first open our own eyes to God's truth before attempting to guide others. It is easy to criticize or correct someone else's faults, but do we recognize our own need for conversion? Think of St. Paul before his conversion—he was spiritually blind, persecuting Christians, thinking he was doing God's will. But when Christ appeared to him on the road to Damascus, Paul was literally blinded. Only after his physical sight was restored did he gain true spiritual vision. If we are to be true guides for our families, friends, and communities, we must first allow Christ to heal our own blindness. We must seek wisdom in prayer, Scripture, and the teachings of the Church before we can lead others on the right path. Jesus then asks: "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" How often do we judge others harshly while ignoring our own failings? It is easy to see the faults of others—perhaps a friend who gossips, a coworker who is dishonest, or a family member who is impatient. But Jesus calls us to first examine our own hearts. Think of St. Augustine, who in his youth lived a sinful life, pursuing pleasures and ambitions. His mother, St. Monica, prayed for his conversion for years. When Augustine finally turned to Christ, he did not waste time pointing out the sins of others; rather, he humbly acknowledged his own failings and allowed God's grace to transform him. Only then did he become a great teacher and bishop. Jesus concludes with a powerful image: "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." Our words and actions reveal what is in our hearts. If we are filled with pride, anger, or selfishness, it will show in the way we speak and treat others. But if we cultivate hearts of love, humility, and mercy, we will bear good fruit—kind words, acts of charity, and a spirit of forgiveness. We see this in the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa). She was not known for eloquent speeches, but for her actions—feeding the hungry, comforting the dying, and embracing the abandoned. Her life bore good fruit because her heart was rooted in Christ. Let us pray for the grace to see our own faults with humility, to seek God's mercy, and to bear the fruit of love, kindness, and holiness in our daily

Weekly Contributions

February 16, 2025 (TOTAL)	\$1,164.00
February 18, 2024 (Total)	\$2,726.00
February 18, 2024 (Regular Offertory only)	\$1,898.00
Regular Offertory*	\$1,003.00
Parish Maintenance & Grounds	\$110.00
Parish Building Improvements	\$41.00
Other 2 nd collections	\$10.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9:00am Mass & Mail	\$893.00
E-giving	\$110.00

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

- For the week above, we fell short of our minimum weekly operating expenses budget by **\$2,559.98**
- 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, MARCH 3RD:

Michelle Frainer, Teresa Barlik, Maria Swieton.

SECOND ENVELOPE: The **Black, Native American Mission** collection will be the weekend of **March 9th**. Thank you for your anticipated support.

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE:

February 23, 2025: Sunday, 9am 78

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of March 3 – March 9

CHURCH:

Main Altar (tabernacle):
In memory of †*Helen Kosek*
by Family.

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

Blessed Mother (side altar):
In memory of †*John Albert Gebosky*
by Jane Gebosky & Son.

Liturgical Roles⁺

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
Mar. 9 9:00AM	G. Mierzwa	M. Sala (H) E. Kosek (W) K. Kosek (W)	M. Swieton

(Reflection continued)

lives. As we receive the Eucharist, may we be nourished by Christ, the true vine, so that we may bear abundant fruit for the glory of God.

Your Brother in Christ, Fr. Kyle

LENT: Wednesday, March 5th - Thursday, April 17th. 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 April 20th. Visit <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/leat> to learn more.

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 Easter 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 will be held after the social hour in the Church Hall on Sunday, **March 16th** at 10:45am.



PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE MASS: Praying the Rosary in Church before the 9am Sunday Mass begins approximately 40 minutes before Mass.

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.



BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS will be held on Holy Saturday, **April 19th** at 12:30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall, 20 Page Avenue, Cohoes, NY. 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.

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Be that person who is an inspiration to the woman considering abortion and looking for a sign that she should choose life for her baby. Prayerful witness in front of abortion centers encourages women to choose LIFE for their babies. We seek to offer hope, help and healing to women with unexpected pregnancies and to those who are hurting after abortion. **March 5th - April 13th** daily. Albany: public sidewalk at bus stop: 855 Central Ave. 12206 Troy: public sidewalk (not plaza sidewalk) 120 Hoosick St., 12180. Hudson River Commons. Bring friends or join a group. For more information Albany: Mike at alb40days@gmail.com or Troy: Margaret at (518) 453-9302. Prayer Rally Kickoff: Sunday, **March 2nd**. Troy 1:30-2:30pm and Albany 4-5pm

CORNER BEEF DINNER AT CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY: Our annual corned beef or ham dinner will be held on Saturday, **March 15th** at 5pm in the Holy Trinity Parish Center. Please plan now to join with many of our fellow parishioners and bring your family and friends. Adults \$16; children (6 - 12) \$9, under 5 free. Cash only, pay at the door. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** - call the office at (518) 237-2373 before Wednesday, March 12th.



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March 2, 2025

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 1 – March 9, 2025**

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)
Mon., Mar. 3	
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Beata Nash</i> by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry
Tues., Mar. 4	
5:30 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Mar. 5	ASH WEDNESDAY
9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners
5:30 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
7:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Th., Mar. 6	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION
Fri., Mar. 7	FIRST FRIDAY
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
5:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's
Sat., Mar. 8	FIRST SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Mar. 9	First Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. (some Polish)	† <i>Joseph Karas & Beata Nash</i> by Wife & Mother † <i>Pyskadlo & Ouimette</i> by Cindy Surprenant & Family † <i>Janina Wiercioch</i> by Teresa & Edward Barlik
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). The ancient chants retracing the Passion and Crucifixion of Christ form the essence of this typical Polish weekly Lenten service that takes its name from the words of the hymns, "Gorzkie zale przybywajcia" (Come to us, bitter lamentations).

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

March 2, 2025

St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- Wednesday, March 5: 6pm – Class – Ash Wednesday
- Wednesday, March 12: 6pm- Class
- Sunday, March 16: 9am – First Communion Presentation
- Wednesday, March 19: 6pm - Class – First Confession for First Communion Candidates
- Wednesday, March 26: 6pm- Class – Confession for grades 3-8

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation class for this year was presented to Father and the parishioners today at Mass. They will be Confirmed on Sunday, **May 25th** at 5:30pm at the Cathedral Of The Immaculate Conception in Albany. Please continue to pray for these teens as they embark on their adult life in the Church.

ASH WEDNESDAY

There WILL be Faith Formation classes on Ash Wednesday, **March 5th**. A prayer service with distribution of ashes will be held. Parents are welcome to attend.

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!

GENERATIONS OF FAITH SPONSORED SOCIAL

We are in a spiritual battle!
How do we recognize the enemy?
How do we win?

Come learn more at a social event for young adults (ages 18-39) and older generation (ages 65+) to discuss the topic of Battling Spiritual Warfare.

When: Wednesday, **March 26th** from 6:30 to 8:30pm

Where: Corpus Christi Church Parish Hall
2001 Route 9, Round Lake

- Presenter: Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger
- Hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and refreshments will be served
- There is no cost for the event, but a "Free Will Offering" will be available

Generations of Faith is a collaboration between the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, Spa City Catholic, Twin Bridges Catholic, Goodwill Network, St. Clement's Church, Corpus Christi Church, and the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Trip Gagnon at trip611@aol.com.

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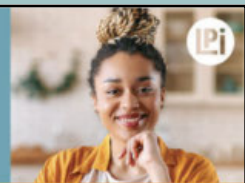
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