

# ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

March 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

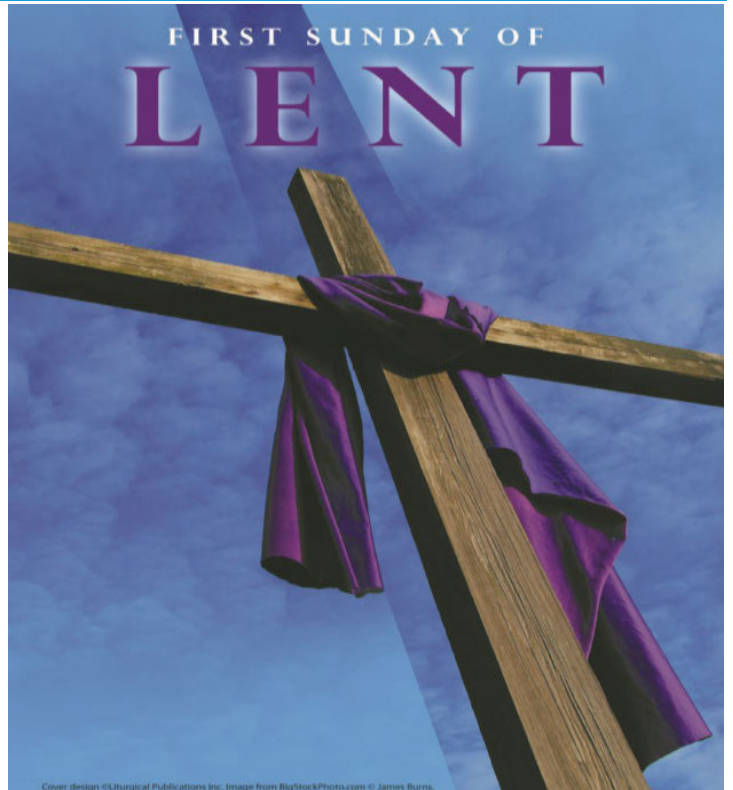
Tuesday, 4:15pm – 5:15pm at Church of the Holy Trinity  
Thursday, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at St. Michael's Church

## 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)

# March 9, 2025



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

**Reflection for March 9<sup>th</sup>  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Today's Gospel presents us with a profound moment in Jesus' life—the temptation in the desert. After His baptism, the Spirit leads Jesus into the wilderness, where He fasts for forty days and is tempted by the devil. This passage is not just an event in Jesus' life but a lesson for all of us on how to confront the temptations we face in our own spiritual journey. Temptation is a universal human experience. From the very beginning, Adam and Eve faced temptation in the garden, and throughout history, the saints have battled against it. Even Jesus, though sinless, was tempted, showing us that no one is exempt. However, what sets Jesus apart is His response—He does not succumb but instead teaches us how to overcome temptation through faith, Scripture, and obedience to God's will. The devil presents Jesus with three temptations, each targeting a fundamental human desire: The Temptation of Physical Needs – Satan tells Jesus to turn stones into bread. This represents the temptation to prioritize material and physical needs over spiritual nourishment. Jesus responds, "Man does not live on bread alone." This teaches us that while our physical needs are important, they should never replace our reliance on God's Word and His grace. The Temptation of Power and Glory – The devil offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world in exchange for worship. This is the temptation to seek power, prestige, and control at the expense of faithfulness to God. Jesus rejects this offer, reminding us that true worship belongs to God alone. How often are we tempted to compromise our values for success or recognition? Jesus teaches us that our ultimate allegiance must be to God, not worldly power. The Temptation of Testing God – Satan urges Jesus to throw Himself from the temple to prove that God will save Him. This represents the temptation to manipulate or test God instead of trusting Him completely. Jesus responds, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." We are called to trust in God's plan without demanding signs or guarantees. Jesus' victory over temptation is a model for us. When faced with trials and temptations, we must turn to Scripture, prayer, and fasting, just as Jesus did. Lent is a time when we enter our own spiritual desert, stripping away distractions to strengthen our relationship with God. Let us remember the example of the saints, such as St. Anthony of the Desert, who spent years in prayer and fasting to combat temptation, or St. Thérèse of Lisieux, who resisted everyday temptations with love and humility. Their lives remind us that holiness is possible when we rely on God's strength. As we continue our Lenten journey, let us take courage from Jesus' example. Temptation is inevitable, but with faith, prayer, and trust in God's Word, we too can

## Weekly Contributions

<b>February 23, 2025 (TOTAL)</b>	<b>\$2,727.69</b>
February 25, 2024 (Total)	\$2,575.00
February 25, 2024 (Regular Offertory only)	\$2,236.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,502.69
Parish Maintenance & Grounds	\$180.00
Parish Building Improvements	\$40.00
Other 2 <sup>nd</sup> collections	\$5.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9:00am Mass & Mail	\$1,932.00
E-giving	\$570.69

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

- For the week above, we fell short of our minimum weekly operating expenses budget by **\$996.29**
- 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, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>:**

Ed & Kathy Twiss, Diane Aberle.

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

**WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE:**

**March 3, 2025:** Sunday, 9am 102

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**  
**Week of March 10 – March 16**

**CHURCH:**

**Main Altar (tabernacle):**  
People of the Parish.

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

**Blessed Mother (side altar):**  
People of the Parish.

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

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	<b>Sacristans</b>
Mar. 16 9:00AM	TBD	K. Burns (H) A. Cappabianca (W) L. Sutliff (W)	M. Swieton

**(Reflection continued)**

overcome. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us in our trials and lead us ever closer to Christ.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Fr. Kyle

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Anointing of the Sick - after 9am Sunday Mass Mar. 9  
 Stations of the Cross Mar. 14, 5pm  
 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

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



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



**ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING:** The A meeting will be held after the social hour in the Church Hall on Sunday, **March 16<sup>th</sup>** at 10:45am.



**BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS** will be held on Holy Saturday, **April 19<sup>th</sup>** 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.

The **50/50 WINNER** for the month of February is **Michelle Frainier** for **\$69**. Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who participated.



**PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES - AVAILABLE NOW!** Gary Zakrzewski from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com. Contact Gary Zakrzewski at (216) 325-6825 x6413 or by email GZakrzewski@4lpi.com.



**DIOCESAN APPEAL:**  
**Assessment \$20,400.00**  
**As of February 26, 2025: \$18,178.00**  
**55 Gifts**  
**89% of goal**  
**Average gift: \$331**  
**Still needed: \$2,222.00**



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.

**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.

**DECEASED:** †*Stasia Burzynski* and †*Felicja Tuma* 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.

**NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE MEETING:** Polish National Alliance Group 1684 will meet on Sunday, **March 9<sup>th</sup>** 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 5<sup>th</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**CORNER BEEF DINNER AT CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY:** Our annual corned beef or ham dinner will be held on Saturday, **March 15<sup>th</sup>** 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 12<sup>th</sup>.



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**March 9, 2025**

**First Sunday of Lent  
March 8 – March 16, 2025**

<b>Sat., Mar. 8</b>	
4:00 p.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Sun., Mar. 9</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 a.m. (some Polish)	† <i>Joseph Karas &amp; Beata Nash</i> by Wife & Mother † <i>Pyskadlo &amp; Ouimette</i> by Cindy Surprenant & Family † <i>Janina Wiercioch</i> by Teresa & Edward Barlik
10:30 a.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Mon., Mar. 10</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners
<b>Tues., Mar. 11</b>	
5:30 p.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Wed., Mar. 12</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners
<b>Th., Mar. 13</b>	
9:00 a.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; CONFESSION</b>
<b>Fri., Mar. 14</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>
9:00 a.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
5:00 p.m.	<b>Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's</b>
<b>Sat., Mar. 15</b>	
4:00 p.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Sun., Mar. 16</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Bob &amp; Gen Callanan</i> by Jane Gebosky & Son † <i>Ralph Cappabianca (89<sup>th</sup> Birth.)</i> by Antonia Cappabianca † <i>John J. Rymanowski (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)</i> by wife Catherine Rymanowski In appreciation of continued support from all Parishioners by Maria Swieton
10:30 a.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>

**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 9, 2025**

**St. Michael's**

**Faith Formation News**

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

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

- 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

**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 15<sup>th</sup>** 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!

**FIRST COMMUNION NEWS**

On Sunday, **March 16<sup>th</sup>** at 9am Mass, our 11 First Communion Candidates will be presented to Father Kyle and the parish community. On Wednesday, **March 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6 pm our First Communion Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep these little ones in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

There will be no Children's Liturgy of The Word on Sunday, **March 16<sup>th</sup>** due to the First Communion Candidate's presentation at Mass. Children's Liturgy of The Word will return in April.

**CHILD'S PRAYER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

Dear God, as we start this special time of Lent,  
help me to listen to your voice and be kind to others.  
Just like Jesus in the desert,  
I want to be strong and choose what is right.  
Please guide me to make good choices and show me how  
to share your love with everyone.  
Amen.



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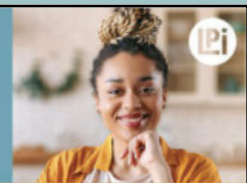


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