

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

March 16, 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:

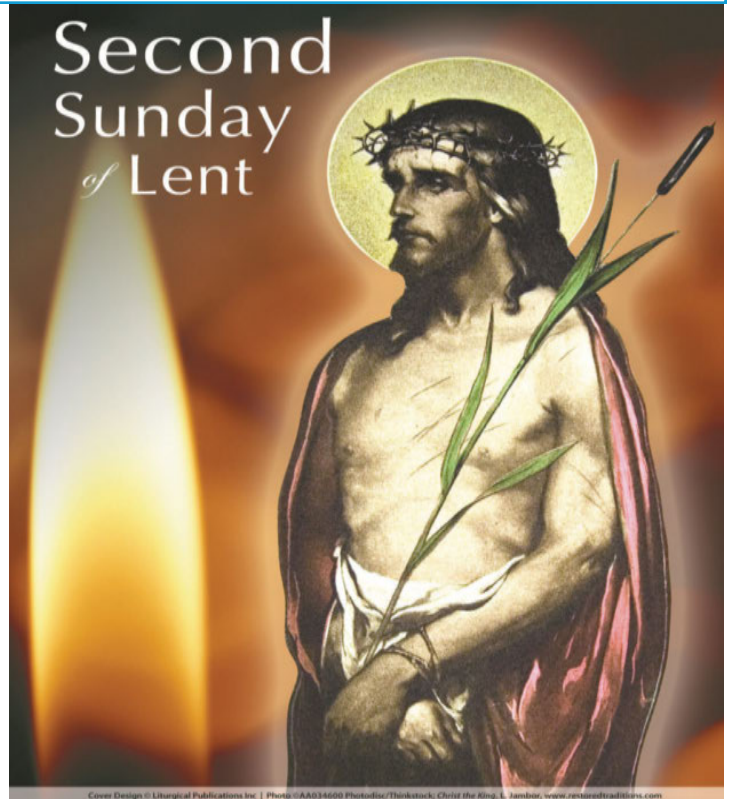
Tuesday, 4:15pm – 5:15pm at Church of the Holy Trinity
Thursday, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at St. Michael's Church

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

PARISH STAFF:

Very Rev. Brian Kelly Pastor
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CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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 March 16th the 2nd Sunday of Lent

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
Today's Gospel takes us to the mountaintop, where Jesus reveals His divine glory to Peter, James, and John. The Transfiguration is not just a moment of wonder; it is a profound lesson for us as disciples. It teaches us about who Jesus truly is, the importance of listening to Him, and the hope of our own transformation in Christ. Luke tells us that while Jesus was praying, His face changed in appearance, and His clothes became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared with Him, speaking of His coming Passion in Jerusalem. This moment revealed that Jesus is not just a great teacher or prophet—He is the fulfillment of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah), the very Son of God. Why did Jesus show His glory at this moment? He was preparing His disciples for the coming suffering of the Cross. They would soon see Him rejected, beaten, and crucified. The Transfiguration was meant to strengthen their faith so that in the dark days ahead, they would remember the truth: Jesus is the victorious Lord, and suffering is not the end of the story. Peter, overwhelmed by the experience, suggests building three tents to remain in that glorious moment. But before he can finish speaking, a cloud overshadows them, and the voice of God the Father is heard: "This is my chosen Son; listen to Him." How often are we like Peter, wanting to stay in moments of comfort and joy, forgetting that faith is also tested in trials? The Father's command is simple yet profound: "Listen to Him." Listen to Jesus in His Word—the Scriptures, where He teaches us the way of life. Listen to Him in prayer, where He speaks to our hearts. Listen to Him in the Church, where He continues to guide us through her teachings and sacraments. Are we truly listening to Him, or are we too distracted by the noise of the world? The Transfiguration is not just about Jesus' glory; it is a promise of our own transformation. St. Paul tells us, "We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image" (2 Cor 3:18). Every time we come to Mass, we experience a "transfiguration." Here, Jesus reveals Himself in the Eucharist, though hidden under the appearance of bread and wine. When we receive Him, He changes us, giving us the grace to shine with His light in the world. The Transfiguration reminds us that our journey does not end in suffering but in glory. It calls us to trust in Jesus, to listen to Him, and to allow His grace to transform us. As we continue our Lenten journey, let us go forth with faith, knowing that the cross leads to resurrection, and suffering leads to glory.

Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Kyle

Weekly Contributions

March 2, 2025 (TOTAL)	\$2,824.69
March 3, 2024 (Total)	\$3,683.00
March 3, 2024 (Regular Offertory only)	\$2,917.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,246.69
Parish Building Improvements	\$465.00
Parish Maintenance & Grounds	\$75.00
Other 2 nd collections	\$38.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9:00am Mass & Mail	\$1,876.00
E-giving	\$370.69

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

- For the week above, we fell short of our minimum weekly operating expenses budget by **\$899.29**
- 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 17TH:

Teresa Barlik, Michelle Frainier, Julia Clairmont.

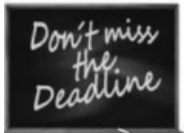
WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE:

March 9, 2025: Sunday, 9am 82

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS ATTENDANCE:

March 5, 2025: Wednesday, 9am 105

EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Due to the Easter holiday, the publisher has early submission deadlines. **Please submit any information for the April 13th bulletin before 4pm on Tuesday, April 1st. Please submit any information for the April 20th bulletin before 4pm on Tuesday, April 8th.**



SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of March 17 – March 23

CHURCH:

Main Altar (tabernacle):

People of the Parish.

Sacred Heart (side altar):

In memory of †Joseph J. Kosek, Jr. & in honor of St. Joseph
by Emily & Family.

Blessed Mother (side altar):

People of the Parish.

Liturgical Roles⁺

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
Mar. 23 9:00AM	G. Mierzwa	M. Sala (H) J. Frainier (W) J. Harrington (W)	M. Swieton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Stations of the Cross Mar. 21, 5pm
Social Hour after 9am Mass - Church Hall Mar. 16
Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall Mar. 16, 10:45am
Anointing of the Sick - after 9am Sunday Mass Apr. 13
Blessing of the Easter Baskets - Church Hall Apr. 19, 12:30pm

Fellowship After Worship 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 meeting will be held after the social hour in the Church Hall on Sunday, March 16th at 10:45am.

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.

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.

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.

MISCARRIAGE MINISTRY

Dear Friends in Christ, The Catechism beautifully reminds us that "Every human life, from conception until death, is sacred, and willed by God in His image". From the moment of conception, each child is cherished by God and deserving of dignity. In this light, the Diocese recognizes that many families may not know a baby lost to miscarriage is entitled to a funeral. By offering funerals for these precious souls, we affirm the sanctity of life at every stage. We are here to support families through their grief, providing comfort and peace as they honor the life lost. If you have experienced a miscarriage and wish to arrange a funeral, please contact Father Kyle. We hold you in our hearts and pray for your healing. May God's peace be with you.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Father Kyle Kyle.Gorenski@rcda.org

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.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT ST. AMBROSE CHURCH: On Wednesday, March 19th at 5pm-6:30pm. Opportunities for reconciliation with multiple priests will be available.

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.

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

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

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.

HEALING WEEKEND PROGRAM: The Beginning Experience Ministry is a peer led ministry that serves those grieving the end of a marriage or spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation. We invite men and women of all ages and faiths to attend an in-person weekend program at the Mount Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY from March 28th to March 30th. For information or to register please call Phyllis at (914) 261-5812 or Renee at (845) 374-2101.



Keep the Legacy Alive Please remember St. Michael's in your will: St. Michael the Archangel R. C. Church 20 Page Ave., Cohoes, NY 12047

March 16, 2025

**Second Sunday of Lent
March 15 – March 23, 2025**

Sat., Mar. 15	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Mar. 16	Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Bob & Gen Callanan</i> by Jane Gebosky & Son † <i>Ralph Cappabianca (89th Birth.)</i> by Antonia Cappabianca † <i>John J. Rymanowski (20th Anniv.)</i> by wife Catherine Rymanowski In appreciation of continued support from all Parishioners by Maria Swieton
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Mar. 17	
9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners
Tues., Mar. 18	
5:30 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Mar. 19	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Joseph J. Kosek, Jr.</i> by Emily & Family † <i>“Bishop” Swieton (10th Anniv.)</i> by Doris Vojnar
Th., Mar. 20	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION
Fri., Mar. 21	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
5:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's
Sat., Mar. 22	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Mar. 23	Third Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. (some Polish)	† <i>Zbigniew Swieton (10th Anniv.)</i> by Maria Swieton † <i>Janina Wiercioch</i> by Doris Vojnar † <i>Roman Bizan (Birth.)</i> by Family † <i>Frank Geboskey</i> by Jane Gebosky & Son † <i>Bronislawa Nowarycz</i> by Marian Wiercioch & Family Fr. Edward Deimeke (85 th Birth.) by Doris Vojnar
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).

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St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- 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
- Wednesday, April 2: 6pm – Class
- Wednesday, April 9: 6pm – Reenactment of the Last Supper- All grades
- Wednesday, April 16: No Class – Spring Break

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!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

At Mass today we presented our First Communion Class. These children are completing their second year of Faith Formation in preparation to receive Jesus in the Scarament of The Eucharist in May. Please pray for them.

Maria Victoria Arismendi	Tabetha-Vicki Thibodeau
Nathan Butler	Izaya Thibodeau
Karson Czamara	Isabella Tziakas
Benjamin LiCausi	Nathan Verdile
Marissa Krasuchi	Chanelle Wescott
Roman Moore	

REGIONAL FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who participated in community service at the Regional Food Bank. The Food Bank depends on volunteers to uncrate and pack donations that go out to the community. Thank you again for you time and talent.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself. Let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Amen.

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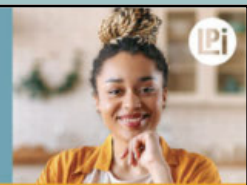
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