

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

March 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:

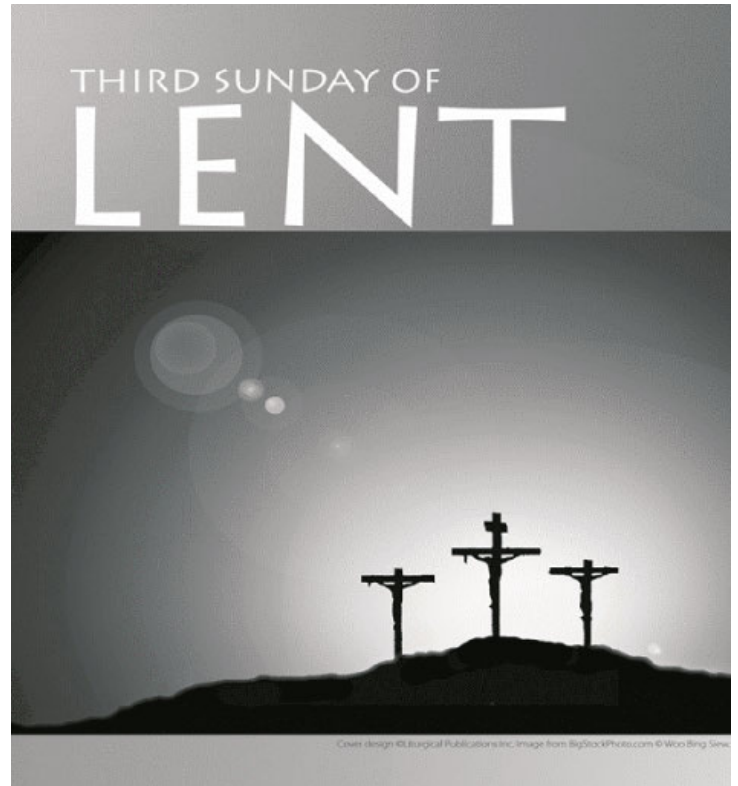
Tuesday, 4:15pm – 5:15pm at Church of the Holy Trinity
Thursday, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at St. Michael's Church

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.

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trustees@stmichaelsofcohoes.org

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 23rd
the 3rd Sunday of Lent**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
Today's Gospel passage from Luke 13:1-9 challenges us to reflect on repentance, divine mercy, and the patience of God. Jesus speaks about two tragic events and then tells a parable about a barren fig tree. Through this passage, He calls us to conversion and warns us against complacency in our spiritual lives. At the beginning of this passage, some people inform Jesus about a tragic event—the massacre of Galileans by Pontius Pilate. Jesus responds by asking whether these victims were worse sinners than others. He then mentions another tragedy, the collapse of the tower of Siloam, and asks the same question. His answer is clear: they were not greater sinners, but unless we repent, we too will perish. Jesus is teaching us that suffering and disasters are not necessarily punishments from God. Rather than judging others, we should see these events as reminders of our own need for repentance. None of us knows the day or the hour when our earthly journey will end. Therefore, we must always be ready, living lives of holiness and faithfulness. To illustrate His message, Jesus shares the parable of the barren fig tree. A man had a fig tree in his vineyard, but for three years it bore no fruit. He wanted to cut it down, but the gardener interceded, asking for one more year to nurture it and help it bear fruit. In this parable, the fig tree represents us. God, the vineyard owner, expects our lives to bear the fruit of righteousness, love, and faith. The gardener, who pleads for mercy, symbolizes Christ, who intercedes for us and offers us grace. The extra year given to the tree reminds us of God's patience and mercy, giving us time to repent and grow.

This passage is a call to self-examination. Are we bearing fruit in our faith? Do we live as true disciples, showing love, compassion, and holiness? Lent is a perfect time to reflect on this. Like the fig tree, we have been given another chance—through prayer, confession, and acts of charity, we can nourish our souls and grow spiritually. At the same time, we must not take God's patience for granted. The time for conversion is now. We should not delay our repentance or assume that we have endless opportunities to change. Today's Gospel is both a warning and a message of hope. God is merciful and patient, but He also calls us to bear fruit in our lives. Let us not waste the time given to us. Instead, may we respond to His call with hearts open to conversion, trusting in His grace to transform us into faithful and fruitful disciples.

Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Kyle

Weekly Contributions

March 9, 2025 (TOTAL)	\$5,240.69
<i>March 10, 2024 (Total)</i>	\$3,865.00
<i>March 10, 2024 (Regular Offertory only)</i>	\$2,522.00
Regular Offertory*	\$3,616.69
Ash Wednesday	\$640.00
Black, Native Amer., & Latin Amer. Missions	\$362.00
Parish Building Improvements	\$277.00
Parish Maintenance & Grounds	\$165.00
Easter Flowers	\$145.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$35.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9:00am Mass & Mail	\$2,866.00
E-giving	\$750.69

- Weekly operating expenses (minimum needed): **\$3,723.98**
- For the week above (which includes Ash Wednesday), 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, MARCH 24TH:

Michelle Frainier, Teresa Barlik, Maria Swieton.

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE:

March 16, 2025: Sunday, 9am 116

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 24 – March 30

CHURCH:
Main Altar (tabernacle):
People of the Parish.
Sacred Heart (side altar):
People of the Parish.
Blessed Mother (side altar):
In memory of †Frank Geboskey
by Jane Gebosky & Son.

Liturgical Roles⁺

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
Mar. 30 9:00AM	J. Harrington	K. Kosek (H) J. Clairmont (W) E. Kosek (W)	M. Swieton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Stations of the Cross Mar. 28, 5pm
Anointing of the Sick - after 9am Sunday Mass Apr. 6
Blessing of the Easter Baskets - Church Hall Apr. 19, 12:30pm
Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall May 21, 6pm

SECOND ENVELOPE: Next week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.



BUTTER LAMBS: Patricia Harrington is selling butter lambs for \$5 each after the weekend Mass while quantities last.

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.



ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING: Due to Easter, the next meeting will be in the Church Hall on Wednesday, May 21st at 6pm.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please note that the Anointing of the Sick after Mass for April 13th will be moved to April 6th. This is due to Palm Sunday being on April 13th.

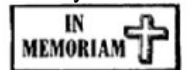
BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS will be held on Holy Saturday, April 19th at 12:30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall, 20 Page Avenue, Cohoes, NY.

DECEASED: †Irene Naumiec passed away recently. Please keep her & her family 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.



SANCTUARY CANDLES CALENDAR: We have three sanctuary candles that can be sponsored in memory or in honor of loved ones: the Main Altar sanctuary candle, the Sacred Heart of Jesus side altar candle, and the Blessed Mother side altar candle.

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

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.

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.



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

Dear Parish Family,
By God's grace, I have spent the past six months discerning a call to the diocesan priesthood with the Diocese of Albany and am excited to enter seminary this fall.
Before I can begin, I must first resolve my student loans. To help, I am partnering with the Labouré Society, a nonprofit that assists aspiring priests and religious with educational debt.
To donate, please scan the QR code below or mail a check to: 1365 Corporate Center Curve, Suite #104, Eagan, MN 55121
For more information, feel free to contact me at (518) 949-5690 or justin@rescuevocations.org.
Thank you, and may God bless you!
In Christ,
Justin Hollingshead

IMPORTANT: Include "In honor of Justin Hollingshead" in the Memo of your check so he will get credit for your donation.



March 23, 2025

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 22 – March 30, 2025**

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)
Mon., Mar. 24	
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Felicja R. Tuma</i> by Doris Vojnar
Tues., Mar. 25	The Annunciation of the Lord
5:30 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Mar. 26	
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Stasia Burzynski</i> by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry
Th., Mar. 27	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION
Fri., Mar. 28	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
5:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's
Sat., Mar. 29	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Mar. 30	Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday
9:00 a.m.	† <i>Janina Wiercioch</i> by Bill & Maria Pecak † <i>Robert (Bink) & Genevieve (Gen) Callanan</i> by Mona Plummer & son Sean † <i>Christopher Kilventon (1st Anniv.)</i> by Family † <i>Agnes & Thomas Soltys</i> by Jane Gebosky & Son † <i>Nicola (Nicky) Izzo</i> by Denise & Michael Izzo † <i>Janina Wiercioch</i> by John & Mary Sala Marion Jaffarian (90 th Birth.) by Doris Vojnar † <i>Felicja Tuma</i> by Marian Wiercioch † <i>Helen Kosek</i> by Family
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).

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St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- Wednesday, March 26: 6pm - Class – Confession for grades 3-8
- Wednesday, April 2: 6pm – Class
- Wednesday, April 9: 6pm – Reinactment of the Last Supper- All grades
- Wednesday, April 16: No Class – Spring Break

JUBILEE 2025

Five sites have been designated as Jubilee year 2025 pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Albany.

They are:

- The Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception – 125 Eagle St., Albany NY
- The National Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs – 136 Shrine Road, Fultonville NY
- Saint Kateri Tekakwitha National Shrine – 3636 NY5, Fonda NY
- Our Lady of Knock Shrine – 2052 Route 145, East Durham, NY
- Rosa Mystica Shrine – 484 Angel Hill Road, Edmeston, NY

CAMP BREAKAWAY

JUNE 29 - JULY 3

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Camp Breakaway is a retreat in God's creation with camp activities. A normal day at camp is morning prayer, breakfast, group meetings, lunch, swimming, hiking, basketball, volleyball, relaxing, reading by the lake, then dinner, evening social activities and camp fires. In addition, we are blessed to offer Reconciliation, Adoration, prayer services and Mass on several different days. The goal of Camp Breakaway is to instill in the youth that they are part of a large community of believers in Jesus Christ. That community is present during the week and beyond to support them through prayer, gatherings, resources for them to continue the journey after Camp. One of the great gifts that camp gives our youth is the awareness that there are other Catholic Christian young people in their world - in fact, in their own backyard!

Registration is now open. Please contact Kathleen Burns with any questions (518) 428-6353.

CORRECTION

In the bulletin on March 16 one First Communion Candidate's name was misspelled. My apologies for any confusion. Her name should have appeared as Marissa Krasucki.

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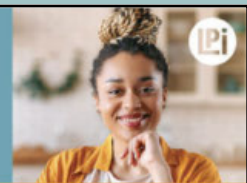
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