

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

March 30, 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:

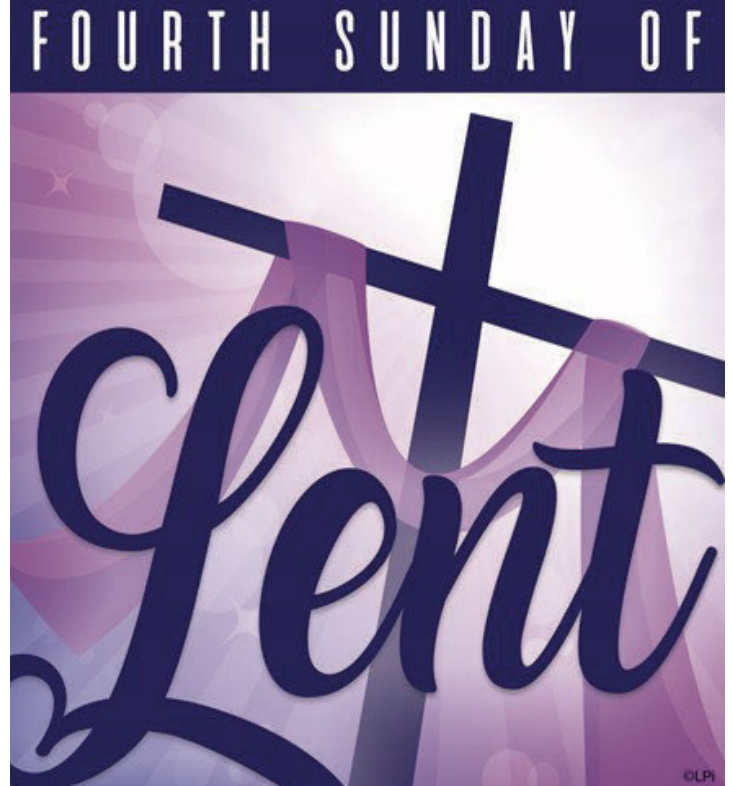
Tuesday, 4:15pm – 5:15pm at Church of the Holy Trinity
Thursday, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at St. Michael's Church

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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CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Parish trustees:
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 30th
the 4th Sunday of Lent**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel presents one of the most profound and moving parables that Jesus ever told—the Parable of the Prodigal Son. It is a story of mercy, repentance, and the boundless love of the Father. It speaks to each of us, no matter where we are in our journey of faith.

The younger son's journey is one of rebellion and self-indulgence. He asks for his inheritance—essentially telling his father, "I want to live as if you were already dead." He squanders everything in reckless living, chasing after pleasures that leave him empty and broken. How often do we imitate the prodigal son? We may not run off to a distant land, but we sometimes turn away from God in our hearts, seeking fulfillment in things that cannot satisfy. We look for happiness in material wealth, sinful pleasures, or personal achievements, only to realize that they leave us spiritually starving. But the moment of truth comes when the young man finds himself feeding pigs—an image of complete disgrace for a Jewish person. It is in that rock-bottom moment that he comes to his senses. "I will arise and go to my father" (Lk 15:18). This decision to return is the first step of repentance, and it is the same step we are called to take in Lent and throughout our lives. The most astonishing part of the parable is not the son's return but the father's reaction. Before the son even reaches home, the father sees him from a distance. This means he has been watching and waiting. And when he sees his son, he does not stand in judgment—he runs to him! In the culture of the time, for an elderly man to run was considered undignified, but love knows no limits. The father embraces the son, clothes him with the best robe, and throws a feast. This is an image of God's mercy—He does not just forgive us; He restores us to our dignity as His beloved children. When we go to confession, we do not just receive a second chance; we are welcomed back into the fullness of God's grace. Then we come to the elder son. Unlike his younger brother, he never left home, never wasted his inheritance. And yet, he is bitter and resentful. He sees his father's mercy as unfair. This is a warning for those of us who may be faithful, practicing Catholics. Do we sometimes fall into spiritual pride? Do we look at sinners returning to God and think, "They don't deserve forgiveness"? The father reminds the elder son—and us—that God's mercy is not about fairness; it is about love. At the end of the parable, the father pleads with the elder son to enter the feast. We do not know if he does. This is Jesus' way of asking us: Will you rejoice in God's mercy? Will you accept the invitation to celebrate the return of every lost soul? Brothers and sisters, this parable is not just about the prodigal son. It is about each of us. Maybe today you

Weekly Contributions

March 16, 2025 (TOTAL)	\$2,556.69
March 17, 2024 (Total)	\$2,194.00
March 17, 2024 (Regular Offertory only)	\$1,779.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,021.69
Parish Maintenance & Grounds	\$337.00
Black, Native Amer., & Latin Amer. Missions	\$78.00
Easter Flowers	\$75.00
Other 2 nd collections	\$45.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9:00am Mass & Mail	\$1,491.00
E-giving	\$530.69

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

- For the week above, we fell short of our minimum weekly operating expenses budget by **1,167.29**
- 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 31ST:

Ed & Kathy Twiss, Diane Aberle.

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE:

March 23, 2025: Sunday, 9am 76

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of March 31 – April 6

CHURCH:

Main Altar (tabernacle):
People of the Parish.

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

Blessed Mother (side altar):
In memory of †Agnes & Thomas Soltys
by Jane Gebosky & Son.

Liturgical Roles[†]

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
Apr. 6 9:00AM	M. Nyman	E. Kosek (H) K. Kosek (W) J. Harrington (W)	M. Swieton

Reflection continued)

find yourself in the shoes of the younger son, needing to return to God. Maybe you relate more to the elder son, struggling to accept God's mercy toward others. Wherever you are, the Father stands waiting, arms open, ready to embrace you. Let us not delay. Let us arise and go to the Father, for His mercy endures forever.

Your Brother in Christ, Fr. Kyle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Stations of the Cross Apr. 4, 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: This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need.



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

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING: The next Rosary Meeting is Wednesday, May 21st at 6pm.

GORZKIE ZALE: Will be held at the end of Sunday 9am Mass during Lent (sung in Polish).

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please note that the Anointing of the Sick after Mass for April 13th will be moved to April 6th.

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.

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.



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.



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.

CHRISM MASS: Please join our priests and seminarians at the Chrism Mass on Thursday, April 10th at 7pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception!

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE MEETING: Polish National Alliance Group 1684 will meet on Sunday, May 4th at 10:30am in the Church Hall.

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.
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In Christ,
Justin Hollingshead

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March 30, 2025

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 29 – April 6, 2025**

Sat., Mar. 29	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Mar. 30	Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m.	† JANINA WIERCIOCH by Bill & Maria Pecak † ROBERT (BINK) & GENEVIEVE (GEN) CALLANAN by Mona Plummer & son Sean † CHRISTOPHER KILVENTON (1st Anniv.) by Family † AGNES & THOMAS SOLTYS by Jane Gebosky & Son † NICOLA (NICKY) IZZO by Denise & Michael Izzo † JANINA WIERCIOCH by John & Mary Sala † MARION JAFFARIAN (90th Birth.) by Doris Vojnar † FELICJA TUMA by Marian Wiercioch † HELEN KOSEK by Family
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Mar. 31	
9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners
Tues., Apr. 1	
5:30 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Apr. 2	
9:00 a.m.	† FELICJA TUMA by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry
Th., Apr. 3	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION
Fri., Apr. 4	First Friday
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
5:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's
Sat., Apr. 5	First Saturday
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Apr. 6	Fifth Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m.	† JOSEPH J. KOSEK, JR. by Emily & Family † ARTHUR & HELENE GEBOSKEY by Jane Gebosky & Son † STAN BUSTA (25 yrs. in heaven) by Friends † MARGARET DEVERO by Roseanne Kryjak † JAN SZOZDA (20th Anniv.) by Sala & Szozda Families † LYNN WYRSHYHORA by Cheryl & Stanley Szozda † STASIA BURZYNSKI by Cheryl & Stanley Szozda † JANINA WIERCIOCH by husband Marian † ZBIGNIEW SWIETON by Marian Wiercoich
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)

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St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org
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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- 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

CLYNK

Thank you to everyone who donates their cans and bottles to our clynk program. Recently, the proceeds were used to purchase gifts for the First Communion Candidates. Thank you for your support of our programs.

REGIONAL FOOD BANK

Thank you to the students and parents who volunteered at the Regional Food Bank on Saturday, March 16th. We accomplished a great amount of work in two hours time. Volunteers are needed because the food bank does not employ people to sort and pack boxes. We were treated to a tour of the entire facility. It is amazing to see how many counties and organizations the Regional Food Bank serves. Great Job!



CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to our Confirmation and First Communion Candidates. Both groups were presented to Father Kyle and the parish community at recent Masses. May God Bless them!



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