

# ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

April 6, 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:

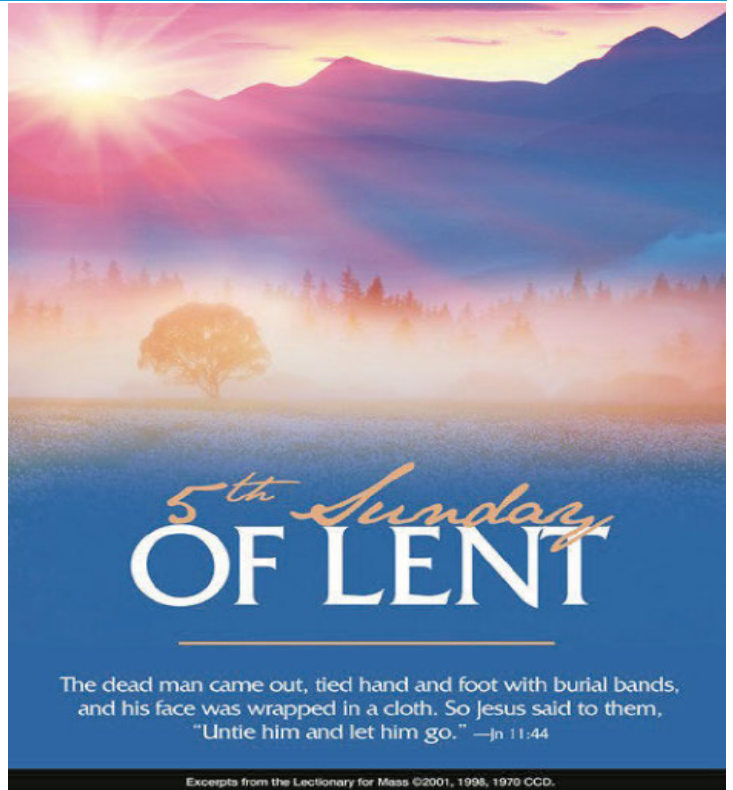
Tuesday, 4:15pm – 5:15pm at Church of the Holy Trinity  
Thursday, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at St. Michael's Church

## 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)

**April 6, 2025**



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

**Reflection for April 6<sup>th</sup>  
the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Today, we reflect on one of the most powerful encounters of Jesus' mercy in the Gospel—His meeting with the woman caught in adultery. This passage from John 8:1-11 is not only a lesson on divine forgiveness but also a challenge to examine our own hearts and attitudes toward others. The scene unfolds with the scribes and Pharisees bringing a woman before Jesus, claiming she was caught in the act of adultery. They remind Jesus that the Law of Moses demands her execution. But their real intent is not justice; they seek to trap Jesus, to force Him into a dilemma—either uphold the Law and contradict His message of mercy, or show mercy and seemingly reject the Law. Jesus does something unexpected. He bends down and writes on the ground with His finger. What did He write? Scripture does not tell us, but perhaps He was listing the hidden sins of those who accused her. Or perhaps He was drawing attention away from their condemnation, inviting them to reflect. Then He stands and speaks the words that have echoed through history: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone." Silence follows. One by one, the accusers drop their stones and walk away. None of them can claim sinlessness. At last, only Jesus and the woman remain. She, the one condemned by others, now stands before the only One who has the right to judge her. And what does He say? "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." Here, dear brothers and sisters, we see the heart of Christ's mission. He does not deny sin. He does not dismiss the need for change. But He does something greater—He offers mercy and calls the sinner to conversion. Beware of the spirit of condemnation. The scribes and Pharisees were eager to expose another's sin while ignoring their own. How often do we do the same? Before we judge, we must remember our own need for God's mercy. Jesus is ready to forgive. No sin is too great for His mercy. The woman expected judgment but found grace. How often do we doubt God's mercy in our own lives? When we fall, do we return to Him with trust? True mercy calls for transformation. Jesus does not excuse the woman's sin; He calls her to leave it behind. Mercy is not permission to continue in sin but an invitation to new life. Today, as we stand before the Lord, let us ask ourselves: Are we quick to judge others while ignoring our own faults? Do we truly believe in Christ's mercy for ourselves and for those we struggle to forgive? Jesus tells us, just as He told the woman, "Neither do I condemn you." But He also calls us to "Go and sin no more." May we receive His mercy, extend it to others, and walk in the newness of life He offers.

Your Brother in Christ, Fr. Kyle

**Weekly Contributions**

<b>March 23, 2025 (TOTAL)</b>	<b>\$2,740.69</b>
<i>March 24, 2024 (Total)</i>	\$3,192.00
<i>March 24, 2024 (Regular Offertory only)</i>	\$2,696.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,086.69
Easter Flowers	\$512.00
Parish Maintenance & Grounds	\$117.00
Easter	\$25.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9:00am Mass & Mail	\$1,501.00
E-giving	\$585.69

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

- For the week above, we fell short of our minimum weekly operating expenses budget by **\$983.29**
- 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, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>:**

Diane Aberle, Sandra Potyrala, Julia Clairmont.

**WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE:**

**March 30, 2025:** Sunday, 9am 102

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**Week of April 7 – April 13**

**CHURCH:**

**Main Altar (tabernacle):**

People of the Parish.

**Sacred Heart (side altar):**

In memory of †Zbigniew Swieton  
by Teresa & Ed Barlik.

**Blessed Mother (side altar):**

In memory of †Arthur & Helene Geboskey  
by Jane Geboskey & Son.

**DECEASED:** †Irene Naumiec and †Walter Zayhowski 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.

**Liturgical Roles<sup>+</sup>**

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	<b>Sacristans</b>
Apr. 13 9:00AM	G. Mierzwa V. Cappabianca A. Cappabianca	M. Sala (H) E. Kosek (W) K. Kosek (W)	M. Swieton

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Anointing of the Sick - after 9am Sunday Mass Apr. 6  
 Stations of the Cross Apr. 11, 5pm  
 Blessing of the Easter Baskets - Church Hall Apr. 19, 12:30pm  
 Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall May 21, 6pm

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING:** The next Rosary Meeting is Wednesday, **May 21<sup>st</sup>** at 6pm. And then the year end pizza party is Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**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.

**BUTTER LAMBS ARE SOLD OUT:** Thank you for your support.

**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.

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

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

**DIOCESAN APPEAL:**  
 Assessment \$20,400.00  
 As of March 27, 2025: \$19,377.00  
 62 Gifts  
 95% of goal  
 Average gift: \$313  
 Still needed: \$1,023.00

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.

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. My goal is to raise \$60,000 by June, and I humbly ask for your prayers and support.

To donate, please scan the QR code below or mail a check to: 1365 Corporate Center Curve, Suite #104, Eagan, MN 55121 (Please put "In Honor of Justin Hollingshead" in the Memo line)

For more information, feel free to contact me at (518) 949-5690 or justin@rescuevocations.org. Thank you, and may God bless you!

**ANointing OF THE SICK:** We invite you to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick **today after Mass**. 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.

**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.

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

**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. The donation is **\$12** per week. There are several weeks still available for the remainder of 2025.

**NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**CHRISM MASS:** Please join our priests and seminarians at the Chrism Mass on Thursday, **April 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception! At this beautiful Mass the Bishop blesses the oils we use in the sacraments and our priests renew their ordination promises. All are welcome to attend. The Cathedral is at 125 Eagle St. in Albany.

**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.

**POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE MEETING:** Polish National Alliance Group 1684 will meet on Sunday, **May 4<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30am in the Church Hall. Any questions please contact Marian Wiercioch at (518) 235-5549 or marianpna1684@aol.com.

**Keep the Legacy Alive**  
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**April 6, 2025**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
April 5 – April 13, 2025**

<b>Sat., Apr. 5</b>	<b>First Saturday</b>
4:00 p.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Sun., Apr. 6</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 a.m.	† <b>JOSEPH J. KOSEK, JR.</b> by Emily & Family † <b>ARTHUR &amp; HELENE GEBOSKEY</b> by Jane Gebosky & Son † <b>STAN BUSTA</b> (25 yrs. in heaven) by Friends † <b>MARGARET DEVERO</b> by Roseanne Kryjak † <b>JAN SZOZDA</b> (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by Sala & Szozda Families † <b>LYNN WYRSHYHORA</b> by Cheryl & Stanley Szozda † <b>STASIA BURZYNSKI</b> by Cheryl & Stanley Szozda † <b>JANINA WIERCIOCH</b> by husband Marian † <b>ZBIGNIEW SWIETON</b> by Marian Wiercoich † <b>JOHN F. SOKOLOWSKI</b> (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by Family
10:30 a.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Mon., Apr. 7</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners
<b>Tues., Apr. 8</b>	
5:30 p.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Wed., Apr. 9</b>	
9:00 a.m.	† <b>ROBERT SLOBODA</b> by Doris Vojnar
<b>Th., Apr. 10</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., Apr. 11</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., Apr. 12</b>	
4:00 p.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>
<b>Sun., Apr. 13</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>
9:00 a.m. (some Polish)	† <b>GARY ZANDRI</b> by Cindy Surprenant & Family † <b>LOUIS JANOWSKI</b> by Family † <b>JANINA WIERCIOCH</b> by Anna Fitzmaurece † <b>LYNN WYRSHYHARA</b> by John & Mary Sala † <b>AMBROZY &amp; HELENA PIETRZAK</b> by Glowacki Bogdan † <b>FELICIA TUMA</b> by John & Mary Sala † <b>CALVIN R. DELORIMIERE</b> by Joan M. Boudreau
10:30 a.m.	<b>(Mass at Holy Trinity)</b>

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

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**St. Michael's**

**Faith Formation News**

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**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

**CORRECTION**

In the March 2<sup>nd</sup> bulletin it was erroneously printed that Confirmation this year will be held at The Cathedral in Albany. This is incorrect. Confirmation for St. Michael's and Holy Trinity candidates will be held at St. Ambrose Church in Latham on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. I apologize for any misunderstanding. If you have any questions regarding the Sacraments, please contact Kathleen Burns at (518) 428-6353.

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS  
FOR FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS**

- **Wednesday, April 9** – 6pm – Reinactment of the Last Supper. All grades will attend. The Last Supper and washing of the feet will be explained and acted out. Parents are welcome to stay.
- **Wednesday, April 16** – No Class – Spring break
- **Thursday, April 17** - 4pm – Holy Thursday Mass  
Confirmation Candidates are expected to attend. Please arrive 15 minutes before the Mass so you can be seated.
- **Saturday, April 19** – 12:15pm – Lighting and blessing of the fire-Holy Trinity  
All students are encouraged to sign up with their parent to watch the fire. Sign up sheets are located in the back of the Church. Please see the main body of the bulletin for Holy Week and Easter Mass schedule.
- **Wednesday, April 23** – 6pm – Faith Formation classes resume. Mandatory First Communion rehearsal for candidates. Regular class for all others.
- **Thursday, April 24** – 6pm – Monthly Thursday High School class.
- **Wednesday, April 30** – 6pm - Mandatory First Communion rehearsal for candidates. Regular class for all others.
- **Saturday, May 3** - 11am – First Communion Mass  
Everyone is invited to attend.
- **Wednesday, May 7** – 6pm – Class, outdoor crowning of Mary
- **Wednesday, May 14** – 6pm – Last Class
- **Thursday, May 15** – 6pm – Monthly High School class – Last class
- **Saturday, May 24** – 5:30 pm – Confirmation rehearsal at St . Ambrose Church  
Sponsors are asked to attend if able.
- **Sunday, May 25** – 5:30pm – Confirmation Mass at St. Ambrose Church.

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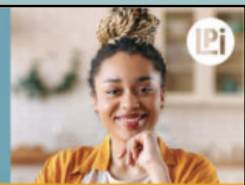
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