

# ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

April 13, 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:

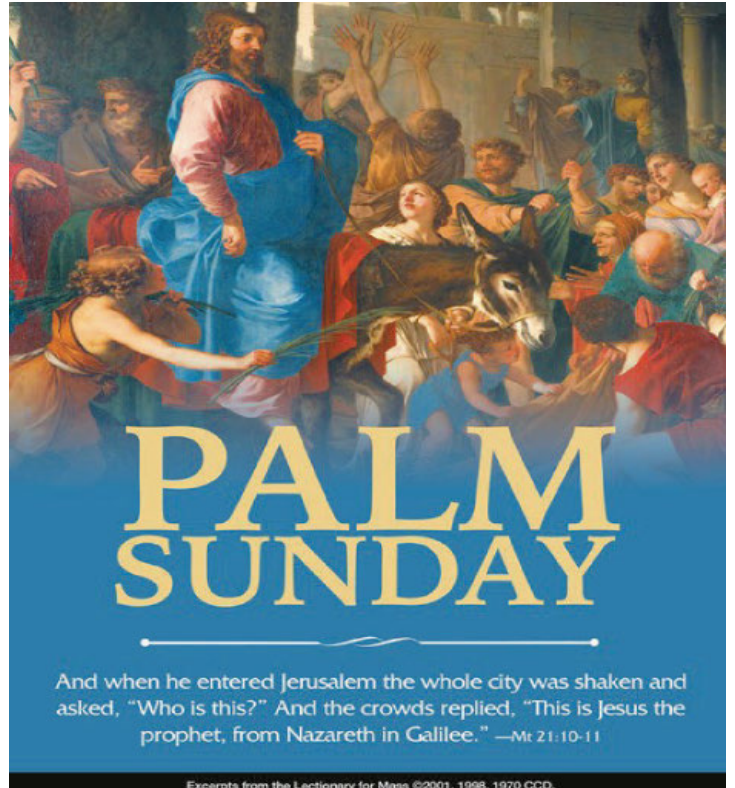
Tuesday, 4:15pm – 5:15pm at Church of the Holy Trinity  
Thursday, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at St. Michael's Church

## 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 13, 2025**



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

**Reflection for April 13<sup>th</sup>  
Palm Sunday**



Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, we gather on this solemn yet triumphant day to commemorate the entry of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, a week filled with profound sorrow, deep reflection, and ultimately, the joy of resurrection. As we hold our palms, we remember the crowds who welcomed Jesus with shouts of "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" But we also acknowledge the stark reality that these same voices would soon cry, "Crucify Him!" This day presents us with two contrasting images: the triumphant entry of Jesus and the looming shadow of His Passion. It invites us to reflect on the nature of our faith. Do we follow Christ only in moments of joy and celebration, or do we remain steadfast even when discipleship demands sacrifice?

The people of Jerusalem expected a conquering king who would liberate them from Roman rule, yet Jesus came as a humble servant, riding on a donkey. His kingship is not one of earthly power but of divine love and mercy. He reigns not by force but by self-giving. As St. Paul reminds us in Philippians, "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:7-8). Palm Sunday challenges us to ask: Where do we stand in our journey of faith? Are we like the disciples who fled in fear? Are we like Peter, who denied Jesus? Or are we like the faithful women who stood at the foot of the cross? This week, we are called to walk with Jesus, not just waving palms but carrying our own crosses. We are invited to remain with Him in prayer at Gethsemane, to stand by Him in His suffering, and ultimately, to rejoice in His victory over death. As we enter into this sacred time, let us not simply be spectators of Christ's Passion but true disciples, ready to follow Him with unwavering faith. May our "Hosannas" not be empty words, but a genuine cry of praise that remains even in times of trial. Let us prepare our hearts for the Resurrection by walking the way of the Cross with love and trust in the Lord. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, who remained with her Son until the end, help us to remain faithful to Christ in all circumstances.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Fr. Kyle

**Weekly Contributions**

<b>March 30, 2025 (TOTAL)</b>	<b>\$2,733.50</b>
March 30 & 31, 2024 (Total)	\$6,237.00
March 30 & 31, 2024 (Regular Offertory only)	\$2,453.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,042.69
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection - Catholic Relief Services	\$230.00
Easter Flowers	\$255.00
Parish Support	\$125.81
Other 2 <sup>nd</sup> collections	\$80.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9:00am Mass & Mail	\$1,602.00
E-giving	\$440.69

- Weekly operating expenses (minimum needed): **\$3,723.98**
- For the week above, we fell short of our minimum weekly operating expenses budget by **\$990.48**
  - 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 14<sup>TH</sup>:** Michelle Frainier, Teresa Barlik, Maria Swieton.

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**  
**Week of April 14 – April 20**

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

**Sacred Heart (side altar):**  
In memory of †Joseph J. Kosek, Jr. - Happy Easter in Heaven  
by Emily & Family.

**Blessed Mother (side altar):**  
In honor of Fr. Peter Tkocz  
by Janet & Alan.

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

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	<b>Sacristans</b>
Apr. 17 4:00PM	J. Harrington	M. Sala (H) J. Clairmont (W) K. Burns (W)	M. Swieton
Apr. 18 3:00PM	V. Cappabianca J. Frainier M. Nyman	E. Kosek (H) K. Kosek (W) N. Batting (W)	M. Swieton
Apr. 20 9:00AM	E. Kosek III	E. Kosek (H) J. Harrington (W) J. Frainier (W)	M. Swieton

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Blessing of the Easter Baskets - Church Hall Apr. 19, 12:30pm  
 Confession on Divine Mercy Sunday Apr. 27, 7am-8:50am  
 Confession & Adoration Apr. 27, 5:30pm-7:30pm  
 Anointing of the Sick - after 9am Sunday Mass May 11  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word May 18, 9am  
 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.



The **50/50 WINNER** for the month of March is **EM Lagace** for **\$112**. Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who participated.

**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.

**BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS:** The blessing will be held on Holy Saturday, **April 19<sup>th</sup>** at 12:30pm in the St. Michael's Church Hall. 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. We can all enjoy this beautiful tradition; it is a great way to teach new generations of Polish-Americans about our common heritage!



**Święconka** (shvyyen-son-kah) is the traditional blessing of the food to be eaten on Easter Sunday. While the tradition varies from region to region and village to village, it is a tradition dear to the heart of every Pole. Today, this blessing takes place in church on Holy Saturday. All the items are placed in a wicker basket that is sometimes lined with an ornamental cloth or traditional folk fabric. The filled basket is then covered with a linen cloth which should be white, but can have a colorful crocheted or embroidered design. The basket is decorated with sprigs of boxwood (bukszpan), the typical Polish Easter evergreen. "Polish Palms", which are created from dried flowers, can also be used for decoration.

Easter foods commonly placed in the Easter Basket have symbolism and include:

- Bacon (Boczek / Slonina)
- Bread (Chleb)
- Easter Bread (Babka)
- Butter (Masło)
- Candle (Świeca)
- Cheese (Ser)
- Colored eggs (Pisanki)
- Ham (Szynka)
- Horseradish (Chrzan)
- Salt (Sól)
- Sausage (Kielbasa)

**Happy Easter! Wesolego Alleluja!**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Come join us in praying the Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's Church during Holy Week after 9am Mass on Monday and Wednesday and Morning Prayer on Good Friday.



**TRIDIUM REHEARSALS:** Fr. Kyle wants to hold a rehearsal for the Triduum with both parishes. Unfortunately with the time constraints, time doesn't allow him to be at both places for rehearsals. He is asking all participants from both churches to come to Holy Trinity on the following nights:

**Rehearsal for Holy Thursday:**

Lectors & Altar Servers  
 Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Rehearsal for Good Friday:**

Lectors & Altar Servers  
 Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Rehearsal for Easter Vigil:**

Lectors for both churches for the Easter Vigil & Altar Servers  
 Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH:** We warmly welcome new members to St. Michael's Church! Registration forms are available in the back of the church, in the Parish Office, or can be downloaded from our parish website, [www.stmichaelscohoes.org](http://www.stmichaelscohoes.org). Completed forms may be placed in the offertory collection basket, dropped off at or mailed to the Parish Office, or emailed to [info@stmichaelscohoes.org](mailto:info@stmichaelscohoes.org).

## NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

**GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE:** An ecumenical Good Friday Service will be held at noon on **April 18<sup>th</sup>** at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Albany. The service is based on the last seven words of Christ on the cross. Clergy and laity from a variety of denominations will be offering their reflections providing a truly ecumenical experience. The service will be live-streamed on the Facebook page of CACC.

**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](mailto:marianpna1684@aol.com).

**DIOCESAN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** The Step Up Men's Conference 2025 will be held on **August 9<sup>th</sup>** and the Unleashing Love Women's Conference 2025 will be held on **October 18<sup>th</sup>**. Both conferences will be at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 569 Clifton Park Center Road, Clifton Park, NY. For more information contact Tom Cronin at (518) 453-6625 or [Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org](mailto:Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org)



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**April 13, 2025**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
**April 12 – April 20, 2025**

<b>Sat., Apr. 12</b>	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<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.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Mon., Apr. 14</b>	
9:00 a.m.	† <b>IRENE NAUMIEC</b> by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry
<b>Tues., Apr. 15</b>	
5:30 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Wed., Apr. 16</b>	
9:00 a.m.	† <b>ROBERT SLOBODA</b> by Yvette
<b>Th., Apr. 17</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
9:00 a.m.	(Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity)
4:00 p.m.	Mass
4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Night Prayer - HOLY HOUR after Mass until 10:00pm
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	(Night Prayer - HOLY HOUR after Mass until 11:00pm at Holy Trinity)
<b>Fri., Apr. 18</b>	<b>Good Friday - Passion of the Lord</b>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer followed by Stations of the Cross
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Confessions
3:00 p.m.	Passion
5:30 p.m.	(Passion at Holy Trinity)
<b>Sat., Apr. 19</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m.	(Day prayer at Holy Trinity)
12:15 p.m.	(Lighting Fire at Holy Trinity)
12:30 p.m.	Blessing of the Easter Baskets
8:00 p.m.	(Vigil Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Sun., Apr. 20</b>	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>
9:00 a.m.	Mass
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](mailto:FFsmCohoes@rcda.org)**

**(518) 428-6353**

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

- Wednesday, April 16: No Class – Spring Break
- Wednesday, April 23: 6pm –  
Faith Formation classes resume  
First Communion Rehearsal  
Class for all others
- Thursday, April 24: 6pm – Monthly High School Class
- Wednesday, April 30: 6pm –  
First Communion Rehearsal  
Class for all others

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

There will not be Children's Liturgy of The Word on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> due to Easter Mass. All children and families are encouraged to attend Easter Mass at 9am. Children's Liturgy Of The Word will return on Sunday, **May 18<sup>th</sup>** at 9am.

**CLYNK**

Thank you to all who so generously donate to our can and bottle program. Please leave clean cans and bottles at the Parish center. Green CLYNK bags are available in the Parish office if you would like to use them. Thank you for your support!

**CAMP BREAKAWAY**

**JUNE 29 – JULY 3**

**[Pyramidlife.org](http://Pyramidlife.org)**

Registration is now open for any teen who would like to attend camp breakaway. Please contact Kathleen Burns with any questions (518) 428-6353.

**A PALM SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER**

Father God, Your Word is true, and You are faithful. You promised salvation through the Messiah and today, we remember that Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies of our promised Redeemer. We acknowledge our need for salvation from our sins and rejoice that Jesus is our Deliverer. We celebrate Him today as King and ask that His Kingdom come into our lives, too. We praise You now and will praise You throughout the coming day, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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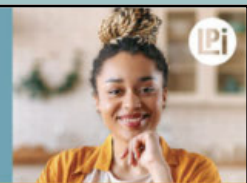
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