

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

April 20, 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

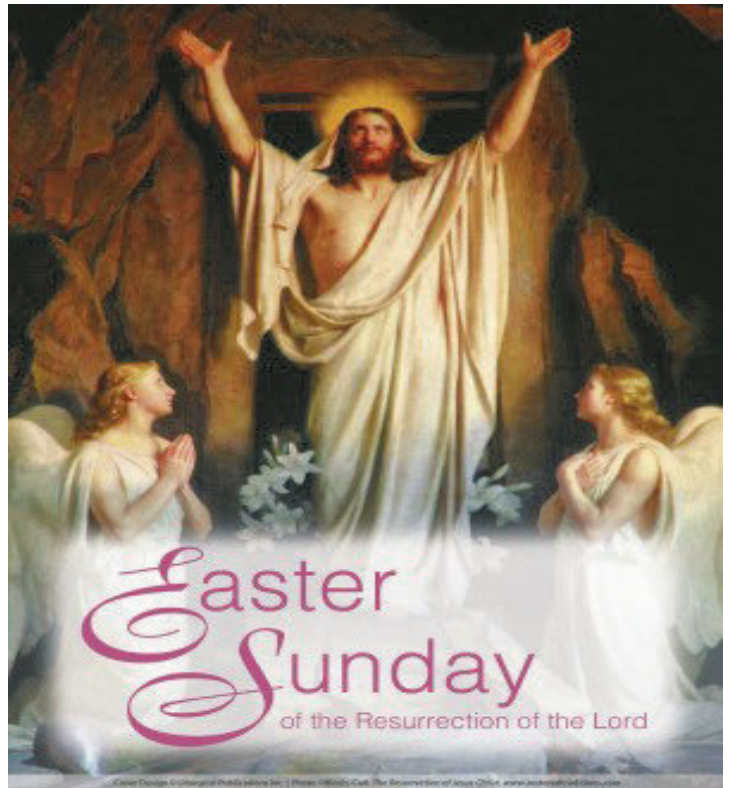
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK IN COHOES:

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:

Very Rev. Brian Kelly

Pastor

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Parochial Vicar

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Office Hours: Mon. & Thurs. 9:30am-12:00pm,

Tues. & Wed. 9:30am-2:00pm

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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 20, 2025



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



Reflection for April 20th
Easter Sunday

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
Today, we gather to celebrate the greatest event in human history: the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the day of victory—the day when sin was conquered, death was defeated, and eternal life was opened to all who believe in Him. The empty tomb is not just a relic of the past; it is a sign of hope, a declaration that the world is forever changed. In today's Gospel, we witness the powerful moment when Mary Magdalene arrives at the tomb while it is still dark. She finds the stone rolled away and rushes to tell Peter and John. When they arrive, they see the burial cloths but do not yet understand. This moment of discovery is profound. The empty tomb is more than proof of Christ's resurrection—it is an invitation to faith. It is a summons to believe that, in Christ, darkness gives way to light, despair is overcome by hope, and death is swallowed up in victory. Saint Paul, in the second reading, exhorts us: "If you have been raised with Christ, seek what is above." Easter is not just an event of history; it is a living reality that calls us to transformation. The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our faith and the source of our renewal. Consider the Apostles before and after the resurrection. Before, they were afraid, hiding behind locked doors. But after encountering the risen Christ, they became fearless witnesses, willing to suffer and die for the Gospel. What changed? They encountered the living Jesus, and His victory became their own. We, too, are called to leave behind our own "tombs"—the tombs of sin, fear, and doubt—and step into the new life Christ offers. Look at the saints who lived this Easter faith: St. Mary Magdalene, once lost in sin, became the first to proclaim the risen Christ. St. Peter, who denied Him, was restored and became the rock of the Church. St. Paul, a persecutor of Christians, was transformed into one of history's greatest missionaries. Their lives changed because they encountered the risen Lord. And so must ours. The world is filled with uncertainty, but Easter reminds us that Christ has conquered all things. When we face trials, we must remember: the same Jesus who triumphed over the grave walks with us. The resurrection calls us to conversion—to turn away from sin and live in the light of

Weekly Contributions

April 6, 2025 (TOTAL)	\$4,147.69
April 7, 2024 (Total)	\$3,121.00
April 7, 2024 (Regular Offertory only)	\$2,249.00
Regular Offertory*	\$3,290.69
Parish Building Improvements	\$380.00
The Evangelist	\$219.00
Easter Flowers	\$120.00
Parish Maintenance & Grounds	\$110.00
Other 2 nd collections	\$28.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9:00am Mass & Mail	\$2,260.00
E-giving	\$1,030.69

Weekly operating expenses (minimum needed):	\$3,723.98
◦ For the week shown above, we met our weekly 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 TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND: Ed & Kathy Twiss, Diane Aberle.

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE:
April 6, 2025: Sunday, 9am 105

SANCTUARY CANDLES
Week of April 21 – April 27
CHURCH:
Main Altar (tabernacle):
People of the Parish.

Sacred Heart (side altar):
In memory of †Joyce Stone Akin
by Aunt Julia & MaryBeth & Kathleen & Bob.

Blessed Mother (side altar):
People of the Parish.

(Reflection continued)
His love. This means forgiving those who hurt us, serving those in need, and choosing holiness over comfort. Easter is a season of joy! Even in the midst of suffering, we are called to radiate the peace of Christ, knowing that we are destined for eternal life. Today, Jesus stands before each of us, just as He stood before Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the Apostles. He calls us to believe, to embrace His victory, and to live as children of the resurrection. So let us leave this Mass not as people burdened by the past, but as men and women renewed by the power of Christ's triumph. May God Bless you now and always. Happy and Blessed Easter.
Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Kyle

April 20, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
 Social Hour after 9am Mass - Church Hall May 18
 Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall May 21, 6pm

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

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.

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

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

BOUNTIFUL BREAD FUN-DRAISER: Please support the Christ Child Society of Albany by enjoying a delicious meal from Bountiful Bread in Stuyvesant Plaza on Tuesday, **May 6th** from 4pm – 7pm. Bountiful Bread will donate 20% of the sales during that time back to the chapter. Eat-in, take-out and even Grub Hub delivery orders during that time qualify. Order ahead and pick up an easy weeknight meal for your family; meet some friends for a quick meal before hitting the shops at Stuyvesant Plaza; or place an order for delivery if your day is too busy to get there. Thank you for your support!

SEMINARIAN ALEX TURPIN will be ordained as a transitional deacon on Saturday, **May 17th** at 11am at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Vespers will be celebrated on Friday evening at 6 pm at St. Pius, Loudonville. All are invited to attend.

DIOCESAN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: The Step Up Men's Conference 2025 will be held on **August 9th** and the Unleashing Love Women's Conference 2025 will be held on **October 18th**. 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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is a day of unparalleled grace, where Jesus promises that those who receive Holy Communion with trust in His mercy will receive "complete forgiveness of sins and punishment"—a grace similar to that of baptism. To prepare for this, the faithful are encouraged to go to Confession beforehand to ensure they receive the Eucharist in a state of grace.

However, if someone is unable to go to Confession before receiving Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, they should go as soon as possible afterward. The key is to approach Communion with sincere repentance and trust in God's mercy, resolving to make a good Confession at the next available opportunity. While the Church teaches that one should not receive Communion in a state of mortal sin, those who are unaware of any grave sin or are unable to get to confession beforehand, may receive and then fulfill the Confession requirement soon after.

This reflects the heart of Divine Mercy—God's overwhelming desire to forgive and renew souls. He does not set up impossible barriers but instead invites everyone to trust in His mercy and seek His grace with sincerity.

Extra confessions on Divine Mercy Sunday:

Saturday April 26th, 2:00pm-4:00pm at Holy Trinity
 Saturday April 26th, 5:30pm-7:30pm at Holy Trinity (with adoration)

Sunday April 27th, 7:00am-8:50am St. Michael's
 Sunday April 27th, 5:30pm-7:30pm St. Michael's (with adoration)

St. Michael's Church Holy Trinity Church
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PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, **April 21st**, in observance of Easter.

OFFICE
CLOSED

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. 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.

Liturgical Roles

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
Apr. 27 9:00AM	G. Mierzwa	M. Sala (H) E. Kosek (W) K. Kosek (W)	M. Swieton



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April 20, 2025

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection
of the Lord**

April 19 – April 27, 2025

Sat., Apr. 19	Holy Saturday
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)
Sun., Apr. 20	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
9:00 a.m.	Mass
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Apr. 21	
9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners
Tues., Apr. 22	
5:30 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Apr. 23	
9:00 a.m.	† WALTER ZAYHOWSKI by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry
Th., Apr. 24	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION
Fri., Apr. 25	
9:00 a.m.	
Sat., Apr. 26	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Apr. 27	Divine Mercy Sunday Second Sunday of Easter
7:00 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.	CONFESSIONS
9:00 a.m. (some Polish)	† CHRISTOPHER PANUFNIK by wife Sophie Panufnik & Family † LOUISE JANOWSKA by Family † CZESLAW BOBEK by Maria Swieton † LORRAINE WALSH (5 th Anniv.) by her Children † GEN & BOB CALLANAN (Anniv.) by daughter Cindy & Family † ROBERT J. CALLANAN & GEN CALLANAN by Roseanne & Dave
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	CONFESSIONS (WITH ADORATION)

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

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Faith Formation News

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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- 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

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

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Three of our teens will be attending Camp Breakaway this Summer. Lillian Sutliff, Amelia Cappabianca, and Naomi Cappabianca will be attending. These teens are also our faithful Altar servers. The average cost per student is \$450.00 for the week. Camp breakaway is open to all teens. Amelia and Lil can tell you what an enriching and fun week it was last year! Please contact Kathleen Burns with any questions (518) 428-6353.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Michael Izzo and Janet Gorsky for your most generous cash donations to help defray the cost of our teens going to camp breakaway. It is a worthy cause and we appreciate your support!

NEW BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS WEBPAGE

With his canonization quickly approaching on **April 27th**, Blessed Carlo Acutis will become the first Millennial Saint. Kathryn Barrans from the Albany Diocese has created a webpage dedicated to Carlo and his works. Please be sure to visit this website and spread the word to the young people you know. <https://www.rcda.org/carloacutis>

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our RCIA Candidates who were welcomed into the Church on Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025.

Kyra Shassberger - First Communion and Confirmation

Jason Cooper - Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation

Please pray for them as they continue their Faith journey.

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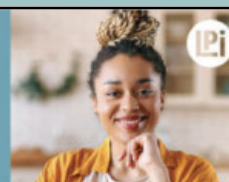
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