

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

January 25, 2026

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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CHURCH OPEN HOURS:

Monday & Wednesday 8:30am-10:00am
Thursday 5:00pm-7:00pm
Sunday 8:00am-10:30am
(closed Tuesday, Friday, & Saturday)

January 25, 2026



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

**Reflection for January 25th
the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Gospel today marks a beginning—but it begins in the shadow of loss. Jesus starts His public ministry after John the Baptist is arrested. Before there are miracles, before crowds gather, before anything seems successful, there is silence, injustice, and fear. A prophet has been taken away. Hope seems threatened. And it is precisely then—not later, not when things improve—that Jesus goes to Galilee. Matthew tells us this is no accident. Galilee is described as “Galilee of the Gentiles,” a place on the margins—looked down upon, religiously mixed, politically unstable. It is a land associated with darkness. And Matthew reaches back to the prophet Isaiah to tell us what this moment means: “The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.” This is how God chooses to act. Not from a distance. Not after the darkness is cleared away. But by entering it. Jesus does not wait for the world to be ready. He comes into the mess, into uncertainty, into places where people are weary and overlooked. The Light of the world steps directly into human darkness—and the darkness does not overcome Him. And the first words He speaks are strikingly simple: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Repentance here is not meant to frighten us. It is an invitation, not a threat. To repent means to turn around—to stop walking in one direction and begin walking in another. Jesus is saying: Stop living as though darkness has the final word. Stop organizing your life around fear, sin, or self-reliance. God is near. His reign is already breaking in. The kingdom of heaven is not far off. It is not reserved for someday. It is at hand—within reach. Then Jesus does something even more surprising. He begins to call disciples. Not from the Temple. Not from the schools of the learned. But from the shoreline. Fishermen—Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John—men with calloused hands, repetitive lives, and simple expectations. They are not searching for Jesus. He comes searching for them. “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Notice what Jesus does not ask for. He does not ask for credentials. He does not ask for proof. He does not ask them to understand everything first. He asks for trust. And they respond immediately. They leave their nets—their livelihood, their security, their identity—and they follow. Those nets represent more than fishing gear. They represent whatever we cling to in order to feel safe: habits, sins, routines, control, the illusion that we are self-sufficient. To follow Jesus always involves letting something go. Not because He wants to take from us—but because He wants to give us more. What follows is a picture of what life looks like when

Weekly Contributions

January 11, 2026 (TOTAL)	\$4,049.38
January 12, 2025 (Total)	\$4,438.00
January 12, 2025 (Regular Offertory only)	\$3,695.00
Regular Offertory*	\$3,623.69
Parish Building Improvements	\$210.69
Parish Maintenance & Grounds	\$115.00
Christmas	\$100.00
*Regular Offertory: 9:00am Mass & Mail E-giving	\$3,153.00 \$470.69

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

- For the week above, we met our minimum weekly operating expenses budget.
- Goal for increased offertory is \$1,500 - \$2,000 per week to cover operating expenses plus outstanding debt payments.

COUNTING TEAM FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH: Julia Clairmont, Sandra Potyrala, Nikki Signoracci.

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⁺

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
Feb. 1 9:00AM	M. Nyman	J. Clairmont (H) E. Kosek (W) K. Kosek (W)	M. Swieton T. Barlik

(Reflection continued)

Christ is followed: “He went around all of Galilee, teaching... proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness.” Where Jesus is welcomed, truth is spoken. Where Jesus reigns, wounds are healed. Where Jesus is followed, life begins again. This Gospel is not only about the start of Jesus’ ministry. It is about the pattern of every Christian life. We, too, live in a world that knows darkness—anxiety, division, loneliness, fear about the future. And Jesus does not stand at a distance from any of it. He still walks into our ordinary lives. He still calls us by name. He still says, Follow me. The kingdom is still at hand. The only question is this: What nets is He asking us to leave behind? If we have the courage to let go—if we dare to follow—then the same light that dawned in Galilee will shine through us. And others who sit in darkness will see, once again, a great light.

Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Kyle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Anointing of the Sick - after 9am Sunday Mass Feb. 8
 Children's Liturgy of the Word Feb. 15, 9am
 Social Hour after 9am Mass - Church Hall Feb. 15
 Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall Feb. 15, 10:45am
 Ash Wednesday Mass Feb. 18, 9am & 7pm
 Stations of the Cross Feb. 20, 5pm

SOCIAL HOUR: Our next social hour is Sunday, **February 15th** after 9:00 Mass. Please join us for some good food and companionship in the Church Hall. Bring a favorite dish to share. Any questions, call Sandy at (518) 330-9056.



ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING: The next meeting is Sunday, **February 15th** at 10:45am in the Church Hall. We hope to see you there!



MASS CALENDAR: The stipend for a Mass Intention is **\$15**. Please come to the Parish Office if you would like a Mass card that can be mailed to the family. Intentions can be for the living or for the deceased. Envelopes labeled "Mass Intentions" are available in the back of the Church (in the bookcase near the top of the stairwell) and in the Office. Please always include your phone number. We will call you back to confirm that we received your request. The intention should be received in the office at least two and one-half weeks in advance of the Mass date for inclusion in the bulletin.



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 this winter and spring.



DIOCESAN APPEAL: Assessment \$22,722.00
 As of January 6, 2026:
Total collected: \$7,099.28
48 Gifts
Still needed: \$15,622.72
 The Appeal runs until June 30, 2026. Thank you for your support.



SANCTUARY CANDLES
Week of January 26 – February 1

CHURCH:

Main Altar (tabernacle):
 People of the Parish.

Sacred Heart (side altar):
 In honor of John Harrington - for good health
 by Alan & Janet.

Blessed Mother (side altar):
 In memory of †Walerek Lopatniuk
 by Doris Vojnar.

VOCATIONS: Are you feeling called to become a priest, sister, or other religious vocation? Contact the Office of Vocations for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany at (518) 453-6690, email at vocations@rcda.org, or visit the website <https://www.rcda.org/vocations/consecrated-life/religious-orders>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST AT FUNERAL MASSES: We need volunteers to assist with various tasks at funeral Masses here at St. Michael's. Any help is appreciated. Please contact Maria Swieton for more information at (518) 782-1203.

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE MEETING: The Polish National Alliance Group 1684 will meet on Sunday, **February 8th** at 10:30am in the Church Hall. Any questions please contact Marian Wiercioch at (518) 235-5549 or marianpna1684@aol.com.

SACRED SPARKS 2: A CATHOLIC SINGLES SOCIAL: February 14th, 12pm–4pm. Come join us for a fun and meaningful event at St. Edward the Confessor, 569 Clifton Park Center Rd., Clifton Park! This event is a fantastic opportunity for Catholic singles to mingle, make new friends, and maybe even find a special someone. A light lunch will be provided. Ages 24 - 36. If you successfully secure a ticket: You'll receive further information about What to Expect at this event, Disclaimers, Structure, etc. You'll also be contacted one week prior to the event—please confirm your attendance at that time. If you have to cancel, email 518Frassati@gmail.com as soon as possible. If you're waitlisted: Not to worry! This is the second in a series of Sacred Sparks events—your information will be given to the organizers so that you'll be first in line when the next event is planned.

WOMENS MEAL: Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat (a Ministry to Catholic Women) is hosting a Women's Meal on Saturday, **March 14th** from 9am–12pm at Wolferts Roost Country Club, 120 Van Rensselaer Blvd., Albany, NY. Tickets: \$33; PayPal - \$35; Clergy & Religious - Free. Our Witness Speaker is Gail O'Brien. Gail was born and raised in the Poughkeepsie area. Having been raised Protestant, she is a convert to the Catholic faith. Gail has been an active member of 3 Magnificat chapters: The Immaculate Heart of Mary in Rockville Center Diocese, The Triumphant Heart of Mary in the Bridgeport, CT, Diocese and the Gentle Woman of Praise in Albany. Gail is a lifelong musician. She plays the flute, the guitar and sings with Joyful Heart Music Ministry, and leads worship for prayer meetings and retreats. She loves hiking with her husband, Mark, and their 2 border collies. RSVP - Friday, February 27th - send a check for \$33 payable to Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat, c/o Bonnie Hause, 74 Meadow Rue Pl., Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Please include your name, address, phone #, and email address. Online registration: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ny-albany/>. Questions, call Kathleen (518) 930-8380 (after 6pm). ALL LADIES AGE 15 AND OLDER ARE INVITED!



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2026 – February 1, 2026

Sat., Jan. 24	Saint Francis de Sales
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Jan. 25	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Word of God Sunday National Catholic Schools Week begins
9:00 a.m. (some Polish)	† JANINA WIERCIOCH by husband Marian † WALEREK LOPATNIUK by Doris Vojnar Special Intention for TERESA BARLIK (for health & happiness) by Doris Vojnar † JAN MIKA, JR. by Brzozowski Family † ALEKSANDRA PECAK by husband Tadeusz † MARY & RAY KNOROWSKI by Jane Gebosky & Son † RICHARD COUTURE (10 th Anniv.) by sister Sandie LePage
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Jan. 26	Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, Bishops
9:00 a.m.	† WILFRED SURPRENANT by St. Michael's Bereavement Ministry
Tue., Jan. 27	
5:30 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Jan. 28	Saint Thomas Aquinas
9:00 a.m.	Special Intention for YVETTE WUNNING & FAMILY by Doris Vojnar
Th., Jan. 29	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION
Fri., Jan. 30	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sat., Jan. 31	Saint John Bosco, Priest
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Feb. 1	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m.	† JOHN & JULIA DUDEK by Nancy Tolak † MICHAEL D. POTYRALA & ERIC M. POTYRALA by wife & mother Sandra Busta Potyrala † JANINA WIERCIOCH by Figiel Family † CAROL & JOE MIAZGA by Figiel Family † WILFRED SURPRENANT by Doris Vojnar † STANISLAW BARLIK by Son & Family
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)

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St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- Wednesday, January 28: 6pm – Class grades K-8
- Thursday, January 29: 6pm – Class – High School – Confirmation parent meeting
- Wednesday, February 04: 6pm – Class grades K-8
- Wednesday, February 11: 6pm – Class grades K-8
- Wednesday, February 18: No Class – Winter break - Ash Wednesday
- Thursday, February 26: 6pm - 8pm - High school class

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

On Thursday, **January 29th** at 6pm there will be a Confirmation parent meeting in the parish center chapel. Parents of students making Confirmation this year are asked to attend. The students will have regular class. The meeting will be approximately one hour. Important information regarding Confirmation will be discussed. Only one parent needs to attend. If a parent cannot attend, please send a responsible adult who can relay important information to you. This meeting is for students of BOTH St. Michael's and Holy Trinity. Please contact Mrs. Burns with any questions (518) 428-6353.

CONFIRMATION PRESENTATION

On Sunday, **February 1st** at 9am Mass, our Confirmation candidates will be presented to Fr. Kyle as an affirmation that they are ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please welcome our teens and pray for them as they continue on this path to Confirmation.

CHANGES ???

Has your address or name changed recently? Please provide us with your current information so you will not miss important parish mailings. Changes can be made by calling the parish office at (518) 237-5151 during regular business hours of Monday & Thursday 9:30am to 12pm and Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30am to 2:00pm. You can also drop us a note in the collection basket and we will update your information. Thank you!



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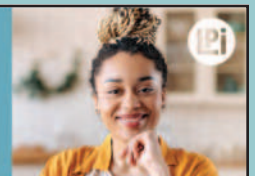
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