

# ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

February 8, 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  
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:

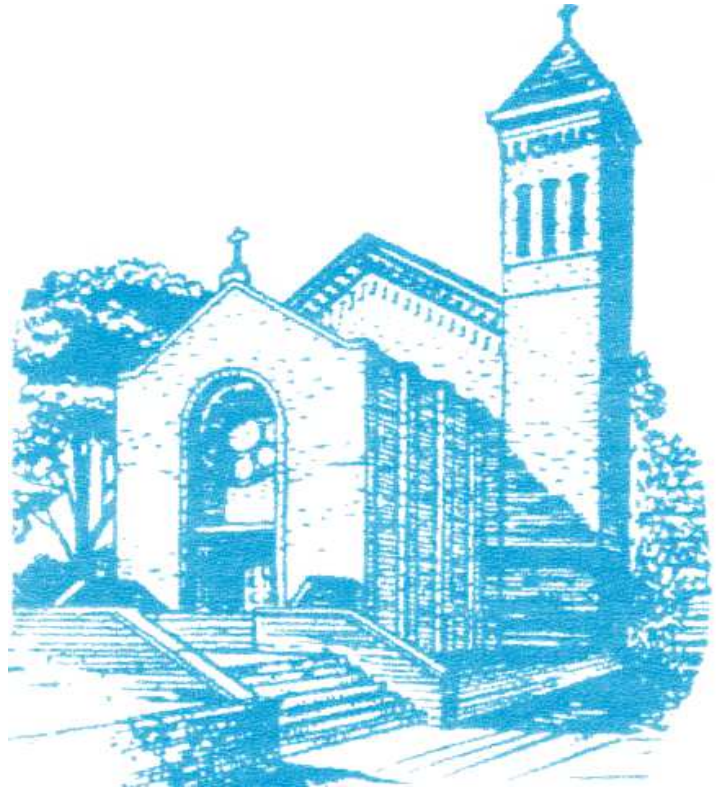
Tuesday, 4:15pm – 5:15pm at Church of the Holy Trinity  
Thursday, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at St. Michael's Church

## 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:

Very Rev. Brian Kelly                      Pastor  
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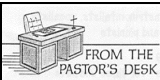
## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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)

# February 8, 2026



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

**Reflection for February 8<sup>th</sup>  
the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus has just proclaimed the Beatitudes—poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, purity of heart. And then, almost without pause, He turns to the disciples and says something astonishing: You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Notice what He does not say. He does not say, Try harder to become salt. He does not say, One day, if you're good enough, you might become light. He says, You are. This is identity before instruction. Grace before task. Gift before responsibility. Christian discipleship always begins there. We do not earn our mission; we receive it. In the ancient world, salt was precious. It preserved food from corruption. Without it, decay set in quickly. Jesus is realistic about the world: left to itself, it rots. Sin corrodes relationships, truth, and hope. And into that world, Jesus places His disciples—not to dominate it, not to flee from it, but to preserve it. Salt works quietly. You don't notice it when it's doing its job—but you absolutely notice when it's missing. The same is true of authentic Christian witness. When faith is lived with integrity, it gives flavor to ordinary life: conversations marked by charity, families shaped by forgiveness, communities sustained by hope. When faith is watered down or hidden, the world becomes bland—and eventually bitter. Jesus gives a sober warning: If salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? Salt that stops being salt is useless. A Christian who blends in so completely that nothing distinguishes his or her life from the world ceases to preserve anything at all. This isn't a call to be abrasive or self-righteous. Salt that overwhelms ruins the dish. But salt that disappears does nothing. The Christian life is meant to be distinct—not loud, but real. Then Jesus shifts the image: You are the light of the world. Light doesn't argue with darkness. It doesn't negotiate. It simply shines—and darkness retreats. But notice something important: we are not the source of the light. Christ is. We are lamps, not suns. Our task is not to invent the light, but to carry it faithfully. That's why Jesus warns against hiding the lamp under a bushel basket. Fear hides the light. Comfort hides the light. The desire to avoid tension or rejection hides the light. None of those extinguish the flame—but they keep others from seeing by it. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. The Church, and every Christian within her, is meant to be visible—not for self-display, but for guidance. Light shows people where they are and where to step next. When Christians live the Gospel with joy and consistency, people begin to see that another way of living is possible. Jesus gives us the reason for all of this: "That they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Not glory to you. Not admiration for your personality or talents. Glory to the Father. That's the difference between Christian witness and mere moralism. The goal is not that people say, What a good person you are,

## Weekly Contributions

<b>January 25, 2026 (TOTAL)</b>	<b>\$1,991.69</b>
January 26, 2025 (Total)	\$2,270.69
January 26, 2025 (Regular Offertory only)	\$2,027.69
Regular Offertory*	\$1,691.69
Parish Maintenance & Grounds	\$215.00
Parish Building Improvements	\$85.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9:00am Mass & Mail	\$1,411.00
E-giving	\$280.69

- Weekly operating expenses (minimum needed): **\$3,723.98**
- For the week above, we fell short of our weekly budget by \$1,732.29.
  - Goal for increased offertory is \$1,500 - \$2,000 per week to cover operating expenses plus outstanding debt payments.

**COUNTING TEAM FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>:** Ed & Kathy Twiss, Diane Aberle.

### MASS ATTENDANCE

February 1, 2026: Sunday, 9am 102

## Liturgical Roles<sup>+</sup>

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
Feb. 15 9:00AM	children	K. Burns (H) A. Cappabianca (W) L. Sutliff (W)	M. Swieton T. Barlik

**(reflection continued)**

but What a good God must be behind that life. This is why holiness is so powerful. Consider St. John Vianney. He struggled academically. He wasn't eloquent. But he was faithful—deeply faithful. His love for the Eucharist, his hours in the confessional, his personal sacrifice became a light so bright that thousands were drawn back to God. He didn't make himself the center. He let Christ shine through him. Most of us won't preach to crowds or be known beyond our parish or family. But that's not a problem—because light doesn't have to be spectacular to be real. Light shines in patience with a difficult person. Light shines in fidelity when no one is watching. Light shines in prayer that perseveres through dryness. Light shines when forgiveness is chosen over resentment. And salt preserves in the ordinary, too: in honest work, in faithful marriages, in quiet service, in choosing truth when lies would be easier. The world does not need louder Christians. It needs truer ones. So today, hear Jesus speaking directly to you—not as a suggestion, but as a declaration: You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Don't lose the flavor by compromising the Gospel. Don't hide the light by shrinking back in fear. Stay close to Christ—the true Light—and you will shine without even trying. And through your life, in ways you may never fully see, others will give glory to your Father in heaven.

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  
 Penny Social - Church Hall Mar. 1, 1pm, doors open at 10:30am

**SOCIAL HOUR:** Our next social hour is Sunday, **February 15<sup>th</sup>** 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 15<sup>th</sup>** at 10:45am in the Church Hall. We hope to see you there!



**ROSARY NEWS:** St. Michael's Rosary Society will hold their **Annual Penny Social** on Sunday, **March 1<sup>st</sup>** at **1:00pm** in the Church Hall. Doors will open at **10:30am**. Tickets can be purchased starting at 11:00am. Food and refreshments will be available from 11:00am. Since this is our most profitable fundraiser, we again ask our Rosarians and Parishioners for donations of **NEW** gifts or money donations which can be used to purchase larger gifts for our raffles. This will be greatly appreciated. All gifts can be brought to the Church Hall on Sundays after the 9:00am Mass. We also need groceries to fill up our tub. All proceeds will benefit the Lighting in the Church/Special Project Fund for parish improvements. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support. Maria Swieton, Michelle Frainier, and Teresa Barlik, co-chairpersons.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS:** The Rosary Society is in need of homemade baked goods (cookies, brownies, & cupcakes) for our Annual Penny Social on March 1<sup>st</sup>. You may drop off your baked goods on Saturday, **February 28<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00am - 2:00pm, or Sunday morning, **March 1<sup>st</sup>** after 9:00am Mass. As always, thank you for supporting our church.



The **50/50 WINNER** for the month of January is **Natalie Cherry** for **\$124**. Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who participated.



**SANCTUARY CANDLES**  
**Week of February 9 – February 15**

**CHURCH:**

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

**Sacred Heart (side altar):**  
 In memory of †Joseph Kosek, Jr.  
 by Polka Mass Band Members & Wife.

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

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** We invite you to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick **this weekend** (the second weekend of each month). The Sacrament will proceed following the Masses:

- Saturday: 4:00 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Come join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent beginning **February 20<sup>th</sup>**. We will gather in the church at 5:00pm. We are looking for volunteers to lead the prayers each week. You do not have to be a lector to volunteer. Please contact Maria Swieton (518 782-1203) if you are interested. Let's make this Lenten journey together.

**33-DAY SELF-GUIDED RETREAT - CONSECRATION TO DIVINE MERCY:** Please join us for a 33-day self-guided retreat in preparation for Consecration to Divine Mercy. The retreat begins March 9<sup>th</sup> and concludes on April 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> (Divine Mercy Sunday), with the consecration taking place at all weekend Masses. We will be using the book 33 Days to Merciful Love by Fr. Michael Gaitley. Copies are available for purchase after Mass in the back of Holy Trinity Church, at the Holy Trinity Parish Center, or online through Amazon. All are welcome to participate—whether you are making the consecration for the first time or renewing it. We invite you to journey more deeply into the merciful love of Jesus during this sacred season.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The Parish office will be closed on Monday, **February 16<sup>th</sup>**, in observance of Presidents' Day.



**DIOCESAN APPEAL: Assessment \$22,722.00**  
 As of January 27, 2026:

**Total collected: \$8,503.66**  
**57 Gifts, 36 Donors**  
**Still needed: \$14,218.34**



Diocesan Appeal

The Appeal runs until June 30, 2026. Thank you for your support.

**NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**HOLY TRINITY WINE TASTING:** **February 28<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm at the parish center with wines from Ledge Rock Hill Winery. Join us for a fun evening of wine, hors 'd'oeuvres and community. Tickets \$20, presale only. Tickets sold after mass or at the parish center. No tickets will be sold at the door; must be 21 years old.



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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 7, 2026 – February 15, 2026**

Sat., Feb. 7	<b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Feb. 8	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>World Marriage Day</b>
9:00 a.m. (some Polish)	† <b>JANINA WIERCIOCH</b> by husband Marian † <b>MIECZYSLAW &amp; ZUZANNA WIERCIOCH</b> by Marian & Son & Daughters † <b>RAYMOND SEBASTIAN (38<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)</b> by Wife & Children † <b>WALEREK LOPATNIUK</b> by Diane Aberle † <b>BEATA NASH</b> by Figiel Family † <b>ANTHONY KUKULSKI</b> by Grandparents † <b>STASIA BURZYNSKI</b> by daughter Helen & Donald † <b>JAN MIKA, JR.</b> by Maria Swieton & Family † <b>THOMAS &amp; STACIA GORSKY (76<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Wedding Anniv.)</i> by Gorsky & Benson Families † <b>ANN ARDZIEWICZ MONE</b> by Marion
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Feb. 9	
9:00 a.m.	
Tue., Feb. 10	<b>Saint Scholastica, Virgin</b>
5:30 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Feb. 11	<b>World Day of the Sick</b>
9:00 a.m.	
Th., Feb. 12	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; CONFESSION</b>
Fri., Feb. 13	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sat., Feb. 14	<b>Saints Cyclic, Monk, &amp; Methodius, Bishop</b>
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Feb. 15	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 a.m.	† <b>DEBRA PRUDHOMME (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)</b> by sister Joelean † <b>GIOVANNA IZZO &amp; CECILIA</b> <b>(CAPPABIANCA) IZZO</b> by Sons † <b>JAN MIKA, JR.</b> by Frank Gebosky, Jr. † <b>JOHN A. JAROSZ</b> by Jane Gebosky & Son † <b>REGINA LEPAGE (33<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)</b> by son & daughter-in-law Tony & Sandie LePage † <b>STANISLAW BARLIK</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Leoniak † <b>DENA VALENTINI</b> by Family † <b>JOSEPH KOSEK, JR.</b> by Wife & Children
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)

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Faith Formation News

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

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

- 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
- Sunday, March 1: First Communion Presentation
- Wednesday, March 4: 6pm – Class grades K-8
- Wednesday, March 11: 6pm – Class grades K-8 – First Confession Grade 2 only
- Saturday, March 14: 1pm - 3pm – Regional Food Bank – Community service
- Wednesday, March 18: 6pm – Class grades K-8
- Wednesday, March 25: 6pm – Class grades K-8 – Lenten Confession for grades 3-8

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, **February 18<sup>th</sup>**.  
 Mass at St. Michael's will be at 9am and 7pm.  
 Mass at Holy Trinity will be 7:30am and 5:30pm.  
 Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

**FIRST COMMUNION PRESENTATION**

On Sunday, **March 1<sup>st</sup>** at 9am Mass our First Communion Candidates will be presented to Father Kyle and the parish community. Please pray for these little ones as they make their way closer to Jesus.

**FIRST CONFESSION**

First Confession for First Communion Candidates will be on Wednesday, **March 11<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm at St. Michael's Church. This is regular class time. All other grades will have regular class.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

On Saturday, **March 14<sup>th</sup>** we will be volunteering at The Regional Food Bank in Latham. The Food Bank depends on volunteers to pack food that goes to area agencies. The Food Bank does not have employees to do the packing, so they depend heavily on volunteers. All ages are welcome to join us. Please contact Kathleen Burns at (518) 428-6353 if you are able to help.

**POWERFUL PRAYER TO ST. VALENTINE**

O glorious advocate and protector St. Valentine,  
 look with pity upon our wants, hear our requests, attend to our prayers,  
 relieve by your intercession the miseries under which we labor,  
 and obtain for us the divine blessing that we may be found worthy  
 to join you in praising the Almighty for all eternity:  
 through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 Amen. -Psalm91.com

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