

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 15, 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:

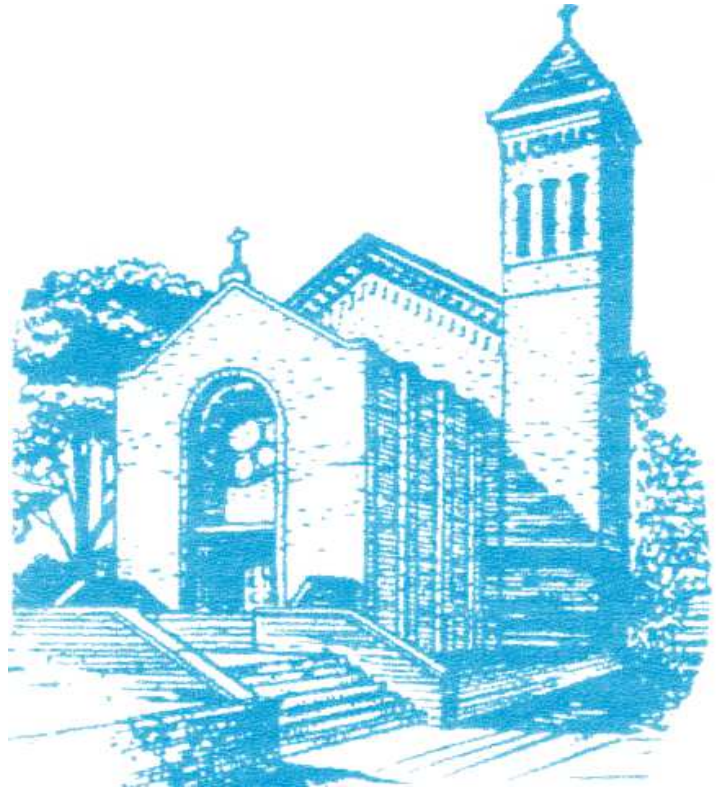
Tuesday, 4:15pm – 5:15pm at Church of the Holy Trinity
Thursday, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at St. Michael's Church

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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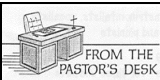
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CHURCH OPEN HOURS:

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

February 15, 2026



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

Reflection for February 15th the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus says something striking in today's Gospel: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." That word fulfill is the key to everything that follows. Jesus is not lowering the bar. He is raising it—but not in a harsh or legalistic way. He is revealing what the law was always meant to do: to shape hearts, not just behavior; to form holiness from the inside out. The law of Moses was good. It protected life, marriage, truth, and justice. But over time, it had become easy to reduce the law to externals: Did I technically break the rule? Did I cross the line? If not, then I'm fine. Jesus won't let us settle for that. He goes deeper—into the heart. "You have heard it said, 'You shall not kill.' But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." "You have heard it said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you, whoever looks with lust has already committed adultery in his heart." "You have heard it said, 'Do not swear falsely.' But I say to you, let your 'yes' mean yes and your 'no' mean no." Jesus is not inventing new commandments. He is revealing the interior logic of the commandments. He is showing us that sin does not begin with the act—it begins with the heart. Murder begins long before violence. It begins with resentment, contempt, dehumanizing another person. Adultery begins long before betrayal. It begins when another person becomes an object instead of a gift. False oaths begin long before perjury. They begin when truth no longer matters. In other words, Jesus is telling us that holiness is not about managing appearances. It is about conversion. And this is where the Gospel can feel uncomfortable—because it exposes us. We may be able to say, "I didn't do that," but Jesus asks, "What's going on inside you?" What grudges are you carrying? What desires are you feeding? What words come easily from your mouth? But this Gospel is not meant to crush us. It's meant to free us. Jesus is not a stricter lawgiver standing over us with a clipboard. He is the One who fulfills the law by giving us a new heart. What the law demanded from the outside, grace now makes possible from within. That's why this passage belongs to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is describing life in the Kingdom—life transformed by grace. This is what happens when a person allows God to work at the deepest level of who they are. Notice, too, how relational this Gospel is. Jesus talks about reconciliation with a brother before offering sacrifice. He talks about fidelity in marriage. He talks about honesty in speech. Holiness is never abstract. It always touches how we treat others. We cannot separate our relationship with God from our relationships with one another. A heart turned toward God will inevitably reshape how we speak, how we

Weekly Contributions

February 1, 2026 (TOTAL)	\$2,248.69
February 2, 2025 (Total)	\$2,234.69
February 2, 2025 (Regular Offertory only)	\$1,854.69
Regular Offertory*	\$1,973.69
Parish Building Improvements	\$230.00
Parish Maintenance & Grounds	\$45.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9:00am Mass & Mail	\$1,693.00
E-giving	\$280.69

- Weekly operating expenses (minimum needed): **\$3,723.98**
- For the week above, we fell **short** of our weekly budget by **\$1,475.29**.
 - Goal for increased offertory is \$1,500 - \$2,000 per week to cover operating expenses plus outstanding debt payments.

COUNTING TEAM FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH: Diane Aberle, Sandra Potyrala, Julia Clairmont.

MASS ATTENDANCE - February 8, 2026: Sunday, 9am 77

SECOND ENVELOPE: Black, Native American & Latin America Missions collection will be the weekend of **February 22nd**.

Liturgical Roles⁺

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
Feb. 18 9:00AM	K. Shassberger	K. Kosek (H) E. Kosek (W) J. Frainier (W)	M. Swieton T. Barlik
Feb. 18 7:00PM	J. Cooper	T. Czurlanis (H) V. Cappabianca (W) A. Cappabianca (W)	M. Swieton T. Barlik
Feb. 22 9:00AM	J. Frainier	E. Kosek (H) J. Frainier (W) N. Batting (W)	M. Swieton T. Barlik

(reflection continued)

desire, how we forgive, how we love. And yes—this is demanding. Jesus even says our righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. But He does not ask this of us without also giving us Himself. In the Eucharist, He gives us the very life that fulfills the law. In Confession, He heals the heart where we fall short. In daily prayer, He slowly reorders our loves. The question this Gospel places before us is not simply, Am I following the rules? It is: Am I letting Christ transform my heart? Because Christianity is not about avoiding sin by the narrowest margin. It is about becoming holy—about loving God and neighbor with an undivided heart. May we ask the Lord today for that deeper conversion—not just cleaner actions, but purified hearts—so that the law is no longer something imposed on us, but something fulfilled in us, through Christ who lives within us.

Your Brother in Christ, Fr. Kyle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
 Anointing of the Sick - after 9am Sunday Mass Mar. 8

SOCIAL HOUR: Our social hour is today, **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!



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

ROSARY NEWS: St. Michael's Rosary Society will hold their **Annual Penny Social** on Sunday, **March 1st** 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 1st. You may drop off your baked goods on Saturday, **February 28th** from 11:00am - 2:00pm, or Sunday morning, **March 1st** after 9:00am Mass. As always, thank you for supporting our church.



SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of February 16 – February 22

CHURCH:

Main Altar (tabernacle):
 In memory of †*Pauline Geboskey*
 by Jane Gebosky & Son.

Sacred Heart (side altar):
 In memory of †*John A. Jarosz*
 by Jane Gebosky & Son.

Blessed Mother (side altar):
 In memory of †*Christine St. Pierre*
 by Family.

ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of fast & abstinence. Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, **February 18th** at St. Michael's at 9am and 7pm, and at Holy Trinity at 7:30am and 5:30pm.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Come join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent beginning **February 20th**. 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 9th and concludes on April 11th-12th (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.

BISHOP MARK O'CONNELL WILL BE VISITING THE COHOES CHURCHES. All are welcome:

- Church of the Holy Trinity on Saturday, **March 28th** - he will celebrate the 4pm Mass.
- St. Michael's Church on Sunday, **April 19th** - he will celebrate the 9am Mass.

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

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



Diocesan Appeal

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

LUCKY BUCKET EXTRAVAGANZA: Sunday, **March 15th** by St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Waterford Altar Society. The event will be held at St. Mary's Hall on the corner of Sixth and Division Streets in the Village of Waterford, from noon-2:30pm (doors open at 11:30). \$10 admission includes lunch, beverages, dessert, and a ticket for the door prize. Tickets for baskets are sold separately. If you would be willing to donate a basket or a gift card, email Sharon at shar53159@aol.com. Your support will be greatly appreciated!



Keep the Legacy Alive

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 20 Page Ave., Cohoes, NY 12047

February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 14, 2026 – February 22, 2026

Sat., Feb. 14	Saints Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop 4:00 p.m. (Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Feb. 15	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9:00 a.m. † DEBRA PRUDHOMME (9 th Anniv.) by sister Joelean † GIOVANNA IZZO & CECILIA (CAPPABIANCA) IZZO by Sons † JAN MIKA, JR. by Frank Gebosky, Jr. † JOHN A. JAROSZ by Jane Gebosky & Son † REGINA LEPAGE (33 rd Anniv.) by son & daughter-in-law Tony & Sandie LePage † STANISLAW BARLIK by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Leoniak † DENA VALENTINI by Family † JOSEPH KOSEK, JR. by Polka Mass Band Members & Wife 10:30 a.m. (Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., Feb. 16	9:00 a.m. † MICHAEL CHASZCZEWSKI (7 th Anniv.) by Ed & Kathy Twiss
Tue., Feb. 17	5:30 p.m. (Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., Feb. 18	ASH WEDNESDAY 7:30 a.m. (Mass at Holy Trinity) 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Michael's 5:30 p.m. (Mass at Holy Trinity) 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's
Th., Feb. 19	9:00 a.m. (Mass at Holy Trinity)
Fri., Feb. 20	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION
Sat., Feb. 21	9:00 a.m. (Mass at Holy Trinity) 4:00 p.m. (Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., Feb. 22	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9:00 a.m. † BRONISLAWA NAWARYCZ by friend Marian (some Polish) Wiercioch KAROL SWIETON (Birth. Wishes) by Family † WALEREK LOPATNIUK by Friends of the Family † JAN MIKA, JR. by Mary & John Sala † PAULINE GEBOSKEY by Jane Gebosky & Son † ALBERT E. COUTURE, SR. (4 th Anniv.) by daughter Sandie LePage † STEPHANIA KLEBIEKO by Maria Swieton † KATHRYN RACZKOWSKI by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Leoniak † FELICJA TUMA by Tuma-Loya Family 10:30 a.m. (Mass at Holy Trinity)

February 15, 2026

St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- 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

WELCOME

I would like to welcome Irena Glogowski to St. Michael's. Irena was a parishioner many years ago and now has returned with her two grandchildren, Veronika and Mateusz. The children will be attending Faith Formation classes at St. Michael's. Welcome Irena, Veronika and Mateusz! We are happy you are here!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to OCIA student Elizabeth Fitzpatrick. Elizabeth recently received her Confirmation at St. Michael's. She has chosen the name Josephine in honor of St. Joseph. Congratulations Elizabeth!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, **February 18th**.
 ◦ 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

On Saturday, **March 14th** 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.

CHILD'S PRAYER FOR WINTER BREAK

Lord, help me use this break wisely,
 not only for physical rest but for spiritual renewal as well.
 Let me draw closer to you in prayer and reflection,
 finding strength and clarity in your presence.
 Guide me as I embark on this journey of rest and rejuvenation,
 knowing that you are my source of peace and restoration.
 Amen.

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