

# ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

May 17, 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:

Sunday, 8:15am – 8:45am at St. Michael's Church  
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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## 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)

**May 17, 2026**



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

**Reflection for May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

In today's Gospel, we are allowed to listen in on one of the most intimate moments in the life of Jesus. This passage from John 17 is often called the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus. It takes place at the Last Supper, on the night before He dies. Jesus has washed the feet of His disciples. He has spoken to them about love, about the Holy Spirit, about remaining in Him. And now He lifts His eyes to heaven and prays. That alone should move our hearts. Jesus, the Son of God, prays. He speaks to the Father. And what does He pray for? Not for Himself alone, but for us. He prays for His disciples. He prays for the Church. He prays for all those who will belong to Him. Jesus says, "Father, the hour has come." Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus speaks about "His hour." At Cana, He says to Mary, "My hour has not yet come." At different moments, people try to arrest Him, but they cannot, because His hour has not yet come. But now, at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "The hour has come." What is this hour? It is the hour of His Passion, death, and Resurrection. It is the hour of the Cross. It is the hour when Jesus will reveal the glory of God most perfectly. That may seem strange to us. We usually think of glory as power, success, victory, honor, or beauty. But Jesus shows us that the glory of God is revealed most clearly in sacrificial love. The Cross is not a failure. The Cross is the moment when the love of God is poured out completely. Jesus glorifies the Father by giving Himself totally for the salvation of the world. Then Jesus says, "Now this is eternal life, that they should know You, the only true God, and the one whom You sent, Jesus Christ." Eternal life is not simply living forever. It is not just an endless amount of time. Eternal life is communion with God. It is knowing the Father through Jesus Christ. And in the Bible, "to know" does not mean merely knowing facts. It means relationship. It means love. It means intimacy. We can know many things about God and still not really know Him. We can know prayers, doctrines, traditions, and Scripture passages, and those are all good and necessary. But Jesus wants more than information. He wants communion. He wants our hearts. To have eternal life is to live in friendship with God. It is to know that we are loved by the Father, redeemed by the Son, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. It is to begin, even now, the life of heaven. This is why prayer is so important. Prayer is not just something we do when we need help. Prayer is how we come to know God. It is how we remain in His presence. It is how our hearts are slowly changed by His grace. Jesus also says, "I revealed Your name to those whom You gave Me out of the world." Jesus reveals the Father. He shows us who God really is. God is not distant. He is not cold. He is not simply a judge waiting to condemn. He is Father. He is love. He is mercy. He is holy. And Jesus reveals this not only by His words, but by His whole life. And then Jesus prays for His disciples. He says, "I pray for them." That is a beautiful and consoling truth: Jesus prays for us. Even when we are weak, Jesus prays for us. Even when we are confused, Jesus prays for us. Even when we struggle to pray, Jesus prays for us. He is our great High Priest, interceding for us before the Father. Sometimes we may feel alone in our faith. We may


**Weekly Contributions**

<b>May 3, 2026 (TOTAL)</b>	<b>\$3,312.69</b>
May 4, 2025 (Total)	\$4,092.34
May 4, 2025 (Regular Offertory only)	\$3,405.69
Regular Offertory*	\$2,917.69
Parish Building Improvements	\$270.00
Parish Maintenance & Grounds	\$125.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9:00am Mass & Mail	\$2,617.00
E-giving	\$300.69

- Weekly operating expenses (minimum needed): **\$3,723.98**
- For the week above, we fell short of our minimum weekly operating expenses budget by **411.29**
  - Goal for increased offertory is \$1,500 - \$2,000 per week to cover operating expenses plus outstanding debt payments.

**COUNTING TEAM FOR MONDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>:** Michelle Frainier, Teresa Barlik, Maria Swieton.

**WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE:**  
May 10, 2026: Sunday, 9am 93




**SANCTUARY CANDLES**  
**Week of May 18 – May 24**

**CHURCH:**

**Main Altar (tabernacle):**  
In memory of †Christine St. Pierre  
by Family.

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

**Blessed Mother (side altar):**  
In memory of †Noreen Twiss  
by Ed & Kathy Twiss.



**(reflection continued)**

feel like we are carrying too much. We may feel like the world is pulling us away from God. But Jesus has not abandoned us. He prays for us. He guards us. He gives us the Church, the sacraments, His Word, and His grace. And in this prayer, Jesus also says, "They belonged to You, and You gave them to Me." That means we are not our own. We belong to God. Our lives are not accidents. We are not forgotten. We are not disposable. We belong to the Father, and the Father has entrusted us to the Son. This should give us great dignity and great peace. The world may measure our worth by success, appearance, money, status, or usefulness. But Jesus measures our worth by love. We belong to God. We have been given to Christ. We are precious to Him. So today, let us hear this Gospel personally. Jesus is praying for you. He desires eternal life for you. He wants you to know the Father. He wants you to belong completely to Him. And as we come to the Eucharist, we come to the very sacrifice by which Jesus glorifies the Father and saves the world. The same Jesus who prayed at the Last Supper gives Himself to us now in His Body and Blood.

Your Brother in Christ, Fr. Kyle

**DIOCESAN APPEAL: Assessment \$22,722.00**

As of May 5, 2026: **Total collected: \$11,709.80**

**80 Gifts, 47 Donors**

**Still needed: \$11,012.20**



Diocesan  
Appeal

*The Appeal runs until June 30, 2026. We have less than two months to reach our goal. Thank you for your support.*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Children's Liturgy of the Word	May 17, 9am
Anointing of the Sick - after 9am Sunday Mass	June 14
Prayers to Our Lady of Fatima - in the Church	June 13, 6pm
Rosary Society Meeting & Party - Church Hall	June 17, 6pm

**JUST A REMINDER:** Monday, **May 25<sup>th</sup>**, is **MEMORIAL DAY**. There will be a Mass at St. Joseph's Cemetery at 9am. If the forecast calls for rain, Mass will be held at St. Michael's Church at 9am. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Michael's Cemetery at 10:30am, weather permitting.

**PRAYERS TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** The Rosary Society is hosting prayers to Our Lady of Fatima on the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month. A handout of the prayers is provided. **All are invited at 6pm on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.**



**ROSARY NEWS:** On Wednesday, **June 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00pm, we will be having our annual end of the year party. The theme of our party will be a "Hawaiian Luau", so if you own a Hawaiian shirt, please wear it. All Rosarians are encouraged to attend. The cost is free. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hall so we can get an accurate count as to how many are coming. Deadline for sign-up is Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michelle at (518) 235-3292 or Rosemary at (518) 237-5614. We hope you can join us – ALOHA!



**COMMITTEE FOR DRUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK:** St. Michael's Church has procured a drum to participate in the following Cohoes commemoration. A citywide weeklong series of events commemorating the planning of the Battle of Saratoga will be held August 22, 2027 - August 29, 2027. Drums will be unveiled on Sunday August 22, 2027. Drums are displayed in front of Business/Church. A color brochure will be created to document each piece with a business (church) name, artist's name, and design story. A committee is being formed to determine the art to be put on the drum, and all activities needed to bring the vision to actual portrayal on the drum. If interested in being part of this committee, please contact Roseanne Kryjak at rkryjak@hotmail.com or text at (518) 588-4496.

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

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
May 24 9:00AM	G. Mierzwa	M. Sala (H) J. Frainier (W) T. Czurlanis (W)	M. Swieton T. Barlik

**CONGRATULATIONS to Father Alexander Turpin, Deacon Alessio Fasullo, Deacon Timothy Kilpeck, and Deacon Gilbert Kimaro on your Ordination on May 16<sup>th</sup> to the Presbyterate and Diaconate!**

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael's and Holy Trinity, It is with great joy that I share with you that Seminarian Alessio Fasullo will be ordained to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate on Saturday, May 16, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Deacon Alessio will celebrate his first Masses as a deacon on Sunday, May 17, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Church and at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church. This is a wonderful blessing for our parish communities and a joyful moment in the life of the Church.

Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, all are warmly invited to a free catered luncheon at St. Michael's beginning at 12:00 noon. Please come and celebrate with Deacon Alessio, his family, and friends as we give thanks to God for this beautiful occasion.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with setup, serving food, and cleanup. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office.

Be assured of my gratitude, and I hope many of you will join us for this special day.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Kyle

**OPEN HANDS MINISTRY:** In April, the Open Hands Ministry provided 92 lunches at Cohoes Senior Center to children and adults. The lunch consisted of sandwiches and snacks. Additional give away items included hygiene products, toothbrushes, socks, dish detergent, rolls of toilet paper, puzzles, books, crayons, and coloring books. Those in attendance were very appreciative. Thanks to the many volunteers and youth from our parishes for the help and friendship given to those who came to the event. Those wishing to help with our next event scheduled for **May 30<sup>th</sup>** are asked to donate the following items by **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** to your parish office: individual wrapped rolls of toilet paper, individual packets of cookies, bottles of water (small), and women's and men's deodorant.



**NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**ROSARY RALLY FOR PEACE:** Saturday, **May 30<sup>th</sup>**, 11am-12:30pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 33 Walter St., Albany. Contact us at mission@hcfm.org or call (508) 238-4095.

**HANNAFORD FIGHT HUNGER BAG PROGRAM:** Holy Trinity Food Pantry has been selected again as a nonprofit partner in the Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program. This time, the organization will receive \$1 for each \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag sold throughout the month of **May 2026** at the Hannaford at 579 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham, NY. Please buy a bag and help the food pantry!



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**May 17, 2026**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 16, 2026 – May 24, 2026**

<b>Sat., May 16</b>	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Sun., May 17</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
8:15 - 8:45 a.m.	<b>CONFESSION</b>
9:00 a.m.	† <b>JANINA WIERCIOCH</b> by husband Marian † <b>DANUTA OLKUSNIK</b> by brother Marian Wiercioch † <b>GIOVANNA IZZO &amp; CECELIA (CAPPABIANCA) IZZO</b> by Sons † <b>STELLA JANOWSKA</b> by Family † <b>JOSEPH KOSEK, JR.</b> by Polka Mass Band Members & Wife † <b>SLUPSKI, WOJCIK, KRYJAK, &amp; DEVERO FAMILIES</b> by Roseanne † <b>KAROLINA &amp; KAZIMIERZ LIS</b> by Son & Daughter-in-Law † <b>CELICIA IZZO (Birthday)</b> by Sons <b>DEACON GILBERT KIMARO (Happy Birthday)</b> by Janet Gorsky & Alan Roberts
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Mon., May 18</b>	
	Intentions of Parishioners
<b>Tue., May 19</b>	
5:30 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Wed., May 20</b>	
9:00 a.m.	† <b>CHRISTINE ST. PIERRE</b> by Family † <b>IRENE DUDEK (23<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)</b> by Kathy & Ed Twiss
<b>Th., May 21</b>	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; CONFESSION</b>
<b>Fri., May 22</b>	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Sat., May 23</b>	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
<b>Sun., May 24</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>
8:15 - 8:45 a.m.	<b>CONFESSION</b>
9:00 a.m. (some Polish)	† <b>PAUL JAFFARIAN</b> by beloved wife Marion † <b>KATARZNA &amp; STANISLAW PECAK</b> by Sons † <b>KAZ MATALA</b> by Maria Swieton † <b>GRZEGORZ NAWARYCZ</b> by Marian Wiercioch <b>BILL &amp; DAN VOJNAR (Special Favor)</b> by Doris Vojnar
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)

**May 17, 2026**

**St. Michael's**

Faith Formation News

Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org  
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**FIRST COMMUNION**

Congratulations to our First Communion class. Eight of our young parishioners received Jesus in the Eucharist on Saturday, **May 2, 2026**.



Front row from left: Abigail Burns, Rauri Burns, Nova Deming  
Back row from left: Dominic Pucci, Damian Miller, Mason Walker, Aliyanna Yetto, Madison Walker



Father Kyle Gorenski and Seminarians with the children

**CONFIRMATION**

Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates. Seven of our teens will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Ambrose Church, tonight, Sunday, **May 17<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm.

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|-----------------|---------------|
| Jordyn Czamara  | Kelsey Keith  |
| Kaydence Miorin | Izabella Baez |
| Ella Lis-Marcil | Shea Holehan  |
| Mia Muscatello  |               |

Pictures to follow!

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