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LOCAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Schedule

St. Michael the Archangel: Sat 5:15 pm, Sun 7:30 and 10:15 am
Signed Mass for the Hearing Impaired on the last Saturday of each month.
Sacred Heart: Sat 4 pm, Sun 8:30 and 10:30 am
St. Jude the Apostle: Sat 4 pm, Sun 9 and 11:30 am

Weekday Schedule

St. Michael the Archangel: Mon-Thurs at 12:10 pm
Sacred Heart: Mon-Fri: 9:00 am
St. Jude the Apostle: Mon-Fri: 8 am



Keep informed about what is happening at St. Michael's:

Parish **Website:** <http://www.stmichael-troy.com/>
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SACRAMENTS •

Baptism - Parents seeking Baptism for their child need to make an appointment with the Parish Deacon to begin the preparation process for the sacrament.
Reconciliation - This sacrament of healing is available prior to the Vigil Mass and following the Vigil Mass or by appointment.
Marriage - The couple should call the Pastor at least eight months in advance of the desired marriage date to begin the preparation process for the sacrament.

HOSPITAL /HOME VISITS •

Parish members who are admitted to the hospital are encouraged to designate St. Michael's as their home parish. It is also helpful if a family member contacts the parish office to let us know of a hospitalization. Members of the parish who are homebound or who have been admitted to a Nursing/Rehabilitation facility and want to receive the Eucharist should call the parish office to request a visit and the Eucharist.

PRAYER CHAIN • Please call the parish office to activate the "Prayer Chain" for your special intentions and needs, or to become a member of this important ministry.

FAITH FORMATION •

Our parish is committed to supporting parish members in lifelong Faith Formation through our Faith Formation process called "Whole Parish Catechesis." We help to form the faith of the children in our parish in partnership with their parents. Persons who desire to become a member of the Catholic Faith, should call the parish office and request an appointment with the Pastor to learn about the **RCIA** process.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome all of our visitors and want you to know that we are blessed to have you here to worship with us. To become a registered member of St. Michael's parish, please call the Pastor for an appointment. We will be happy to have you as a member of our parish family. Saint Michael's is a friendly and caring community. Your presence among us would be a blessing for us. Welcome!

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 6-7, 2021

From Cynic to Believer

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In this post-modern world that we live in, we question the motives of everyone. We cannot imagine that someone would act with altruistic motives. Everyone wants something, and no one does anything for nothing. Those words are the true mark of a cynic. Hopefully in a post pandemic world that type of cynical attitude will give way to the good news of the gospel. The gospel for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time from Mark 1:29-39 is a continuation of last Sunday's gospel when Jesus healed the man with the unclean spirit and did it with authority. In Mark 1:29-39 Jesus heals the Mother-In-law of Peter and once again he does it with authority. People who lived in the ancient world were not use to hearing and seeing religious leaders act with authority, they were cynical because their religious leaders had let them down in the past and they never did anything without getting something in return. There is certainly a connection in that attitude to the church and world today, where people have been let down by religious and civil leaders.

Jesus was different, he did not heal the man with the unclean spirit which we read on the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time from Mark 1:21-28 because he was looking for something in return. He does not heal Peter's Mother-In-law in today's gospel seeking personal gain for himself. So why then does Jesus perform these signs and miracles? These signs and miracles become clues in revealing the messianic secret. When Jesus heals Peter's Mother-In-law, he does it in a gentle and simple way, "He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her, and she waited on them." The translation from the Greek says that Jesus raised her up, her healing becomes a foreshadowing of the healing we would all receive from Jesus' own suffering, death, and resurrection. The sickness is sin and death. The healing for the believer is resurrection. We receive healing in the waters of Baptism, and we are raised up with Jesus in the same way that He raised up Peter's Mother-In-law. Her response to being healed (raised up) was to wait on them. Again, the actual Greek says, she got up and served. Again, this is a foreshadowing, Peter's Mother-In-law witnesses to her healing by serving God and neighbor. In Mark 10:45; we are told that the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as ransom for the many. This is a selfless act that will bring people to belief. To even move those who are cynics from disbelief to belief. We are called to witness to this selfless act of the one who gave His life as ransom for the many by selflessly giving our lives in service as Peter's Mother-In-law did by serving.

So why then did Jesus heal? Why were these signs and miracles so important to His mission? As I wrote previously, they give us clues to the messianic secret and what is the messianic secret? That Jesus is the Son of Man. As people moved from cynicism to belief by witnessing these signs and miracles being performed on Peter's Mother-in-Law, more and more people gathered around the door of Peter's home and ultimately Jesus would heal them of their brokenness and despair. He healed them of their alienation and estrangement from God through His suffering and death on the Cross. He brings rest to the tired and weary and restores the sick to health. Again, another foreshadowing from the first reading from Job 7:4,6-7; "Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?" The sadness of life is a burden for us to bare or maybe not, Jesus comes to lift that burden. This is the fulfillment of the messianic secret, that Jesus who is the Son of God comes to free us from life's burden, by delivering us from sin and death.

The Second reading from 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 represents the most cynical of all ancient cultures, the Greek culture. The Greeks valued freedom and they were cynical at anything that they perceived as limiting their freedom. Paul comes with a message that turns the concept of freedom upside down. He tells them that their lives are lived in slavery, because they lived their lives in sin and only Jesus can heal and free them from sin and death. Paul tells them that he does this not for personal gain but rather for the salvation of souls. "All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it." The only gain Paul hopes to receive is salvation, not only his own but ours as well. Just as the sign and miracles of Jesus revealed the Messianic secret, so too did Paul's mission to the Gentiles and in the same way we to help to continue to reveal the Messianic secret that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to save us from sin and death. The cynic says, what do I need to be saved from, the believer gives thanks!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony



February Adoration Schedule
(with Confessions)

Tuesday, February 9 @ 5:30 pm-6:30 pm
St. Michael the Archangel
Friday, February 12 @ 5:30-6:30 pm-
St. Jude the Apostle

Tax Letters: *The information that is used to prepare the tax letters that provide the amount that a family has contributed to St. Michael's for the calendar year 2020 are available. Letters will automatically be mailed to those who received a letter last year. If you are new to the parish since last year, or want to request a letter, please contact Paul Burns at 518-283-6110, ext. 206.*



Money Counters for Monday,
February 8 at 9 am—group #4.



If you live in Rensselaer County, the County is taking names for the vaccine. The COVID 19 VACCINE is being administered at a clinic set up in the McDonough Sports Complex at HVCC. You must e-mail them with the following info. to get on the list SENIORS ONLY, must be 65 & over renscovax@gmail.com Name, Date of Birth, Address, Phone Numbers-home/cell and e-mail address.

Help Save Lives in Troy—Join us for Troy 40 Days for Life campaign: prayer, fasting and witness in front of Troy Planned Parenthood, Hudson River Commons, 120 Hoosick St., Troy on public sidewalk. This event runs from February 17 to March 29 from 7 am to 7 pm daily. This international peaceful, pro-life presence encourages women to choose LIFE for their babies. For more info. or to sign up – www.40daysforlife.com/troy or 581-443-9935.

Blessing of Holy Water—Please bring your small bottles of water to be blessed by Father at Mass on the following Sundays-
February 6-7, 2021-
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
April 3-4, 2021-
Easter Sunday



Weekly Collection for the week of 1/3121-
Offertory support of our Parish Community -
\$3,045.45

Please pick up your church envelopes! *The church envelopes boxes for 2021 are available in the hall, for those who use weekly envelopes. We'd appreciate it if you would pick them up, at your earliest convenience. If you don't see a box with your name on it, there will be a pad to write your name and phone number on and we will get envelopes to you. Thank you.*



Dear Parishioners, "Thank you" for your generous support of our ongoing works of Christian Service. Please consider supporting our Annual January Collection of New, twin bedding sets (sheets, comforters, pillowcases) to support the Mission of St. Paul's Center in Rensselaer. Our Parish has supported St. Paul's, since 2006, when they converted the Rensselaer church on Third Street to a 12 unit shelter for homeless Moms and their children. Since then, they have also opened supportive housing units in the city. Their goal is to transition these families from homeless to permanent housing in under a year, finding affordable housing, developing employment skills and assisting them with job search and day care. Since 2006 St. Paul's Center has helped more than 2500 single mother families. Twin bedding sets are one of their continuous ongoing needs. If you can help with new bedding sets, they would be very grateful.



Please remember the Roarke Center and CoNSERNS-U for food collection. We bring the food the third week of the month. They are in desperate need of food and with you help, will be able to help others.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming Masses for February 6-7, 2021

4 pm Mass Livestreamed (St. Jude the Apostle)
Public Mass Saturday, February 6 @ 5:15 pm
Joseph Verrastro (9th Anniversary)-Family
Margaret & Pasquale Sepe-Grandson, Joseph
Constance Ligato-Joan Phillips

Public Mass Sunday, February 6 @ 7:30 am
Bill Kiley-Wife, Claire & Family
Bill O'Neil, Jr. (32nd Anniversary)-Sister, Claire
Connie Ligato-Ann & Bob Kowalczyk
Paula Ligato-Joe & Maureen Fogarty

Streaming Mass Sunday, February 7 @ 10:15 am
Malinda Kerwin-Schawn & Becca Murdock
Viola Halayko-Maryann Gibson
Phyllis McGrath-Wynantskill Seniors

MONDAY, February 8 @ 12:10 pm
Constance Ligato-St. Michael's Staff
Paula Ligato-St. Michael's Staff

TUESDAY, February 9 @ 12:10 pm
Frederick Case, Jr.-St. Michael's Staff

WEDNESDAY, February 10 @ 12:10 pm
Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

THURSDAY, February 11 @ 12:10 pm
Right to Life

FRIDAY, February 13 -No 12:10 pm Mass

St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming Masses for February 13-14, 2021

Public Mass-Saturday, February 13 @ 5:15 pm
Jo Anne Carrier & Milos & DeRienzo Families-
Family
Mary Alice VanAuken-Daughter, Mary Ann Laurin

Public Mass-Sunday, February 14 @ 7:30 am
Gerturde & Larry Galarneau-Paula Zenzen
Edwin C. Kunkel (19th Anniversary)-
Maureen & Joe Fogarty
Phyllis McGrath-Niece, Michele MacKay Bartkowski

Streaming Mass-Sunday, February 14 @ 10:15 am
The Ryan Family-Mary Rose
Stephen Finelli-Mom & Brother
Evelyn & William O'Connor-Son, Timothy
Malinda Kerwin-Lynn & Jim Cullen

Tabernacle Votive Candle in Memory of a Loved one

If you would like to have the Tabernacle Votive Candle (either in Church or in the Chapel) lighted for one week in Memory of a loved one or for another intention, please call the parish office or e-mail the parish office. The announced intention will be included each week in the bulletin. The offering for the Tabernacle Votive Candle is \$10.00, you can mail your offering to the parish office.

January 30-February 6, 2021
SANCTUARY (IN CHURCH)

Paula Ligato
Requested by Barbara McMahon

(IN CHAPEL)
Frederick Case, Jr.
Requested by Barbara McMahon



We will have two Sunday Masses Live Streamed:

Live Streaming of Masses at St. Michael the Archangel and St. Jude the Apostle Churches via Facebook pages:

- Saturday 4:00 PM Vigil Mass Lived Streamed
- Sunday 9:00 AM Mass Live Streamed
- Sunday 10:15 AM Mass Live Streamed
- Daily Masses Live Streamed **Monday-Friday at 8:00 AM**
- **Monday-Thursday-** Lived Streamed at **12:10 PM**

Schedule for the Week of February 6-7, 2021

February 6-4:00 PM Vigil Mass at St. Jude the Apostle

February 7-10:15 AM Mass at St. Michael the Archangel

Opening Hymn:

Lift Up Your Hearts
Roc O'Connor SJ

Refrain

Lift up your hearts to the Lord,
praise God's gracious mercy!
Sing out your joy to the Lord,
whose love is enduring.

1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
Praise the name above all names!
Say to God, "How wondrous your works,
how glorious your name!"

2. Let the earth worship, singing your praise.
Praise the glory of your name!
Come and see the deeds of the Lord;
bless God's holy name!

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Offertory:

These Alone Are Enough
Dan Schutte

1. Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and dreams.
Take my mind with all its plans and schemes.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

2. Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my memory.
Take my tears, my joys, my liberty.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

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Communion:

THE EYES AND HANDS OF CHRIST

Tom Kendzia

Refrain

Where two or three are gathered in my name,
love will be found, life will abound.
By name we are called, from water we are sent:
to become the eyes and hands of Christ.

Verses 1, 2

1. One we become, no longer strangers. No longer
2. One in the Spirit, one in the Lord. One in the
1. empty or frail. Filled with the Spirit, every
2. breaking of the bread. Life-giving witness of our

to Refrain

1. hunger satisfied. Christ is the center of our lives.
2. dying and new life. Held by the promise in our hands.

Verses 3

3. Not what we are, but what we become. Not what we
3. say, but what we do. Living the challenge as

to Refrain

3. bearers of light. We are the eyes and hands of Christ.

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Closing:

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
How great thou art, How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,

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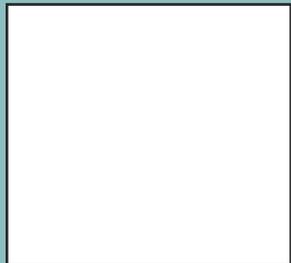
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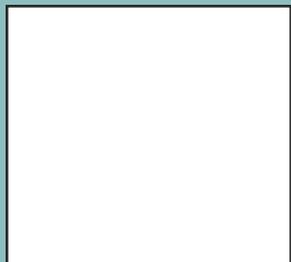
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