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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!*

*Second Sunday of Lent*

*February 27-28, 2021*

*From Fr. Anthony Ligato*

*Despair must be transformed into Resolve*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There are transformative moments in all our lives which forever change us and how we view the world around us. These transformative moments are milestones in our lives by which we measure the periods of time. This time we live in is a universal transformative period which will be known as the Pandemic period. This and other transformative events mark times of joy and moments of great sadness. When we graduate from High School, we know that we are truly seen as an adult, a great transformative moment in our lives. When we enter into Christian marriage, we commit ourselves fully to our husband or wife; no longer living only for ourselves but also for our spouse. The same can be said when we celebrate the birth of our children, we are called to love as God loves; unconditionally. These moments of joy transform our lives and the focus of our lives is transformed as well. No longer do we think only of ourselves and our own needs now we are concerned with the needs of others who are a part of ourselves. The experience of having a child is so transformative, we come to understand how it is that our God loves us unconditionally. It is when we have children that we come to genuinely love unconditionally. We now understand how our Lord could give his life for our salvation, because we would give our life for our child. This love is so great it knows no limits.

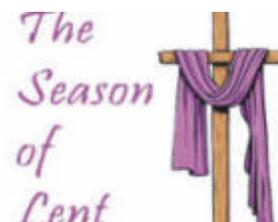
There are also transformative moments in our lives that change our perspective on life and how we relate to the world around us. These moments even effect our relationships with the people we love. The crisis moments such as the pandemic we are living through can leave us fearful and numb. We feel empty wondering if we will ever know joy and happiness again. These moments of sorrow and pain are overwhelmingly transformative because our lives are so fundamentally changed. The losing a loved one, especially the loss of a child. This kind of loss does not just transform our lives it fundamentally changes our lives beyond all recognition. We cannot even put into words depth of despair and how that despair causes us to feel we also have died. How do we overcome such despair? Despair must be transformed into a resolve. This resolve comes from a deeper transformation which is eternal. We find hope in this resolve and it brings us to a place that transfigures our pain and suffering into walking with the Lord in the Land of the living. (Psalm 116 10-19) The Psalmist goes on to say, "I believe, even when I said, I am greatly afflicted, precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones." We die to self and rise to new life in these transformative moments, we are truly transfigured in the glory of God. Abraham himself had to come to terms with the unconditional love of his son and the unconditional love he was to have for God and God for him. "Take your son Isaac, your only, whom you love, and go to the Land of

Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust." (Genesis 22: 1-2) God's own love is unconditional, that rather than Abraham sacrificing his son Isaac, he would give his own son on the cross as a once and for all sacrifice.

This glory of the Transfiguration is a foreshadowing sign of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The transfiguration of our Lord was about filling the Apostles Peter, James, and John with an eternal resolve. When Jesus takes Peter, James, and John to the top of that high mountain, he does so too give them hope and strength for the future. They will need that hope and strength to be filled with an unshakeable resolve in their faith in Jesus Christ during his passion and death on the cross. "He was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white." (Mark 9:2-10) When Jesus is transfigured with Moses and Elijah, they are given a glimpse of the promise of the resurrection. The reason being, so they would have the knowledge of knowing that after the crucifixion when they are filled with such profound sorrow and pain, they will have the resolve to withstand the doubt and the fear of the death of Jesus Christ. Their joy would return in three days with the empty tomb. But just like the Apostles we all must live through Calvary, so we can experience the resurrection. The transformative moments of our lives are punctuated by the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, which helps us to celebrate more joyfully the milestones of great happiness and helps us endure the times of great sorrow and pain. Peter, James, and John were transformed by the event of the transfiguration and they were transformed by Christ's death on the cross. We make that same journey from being on the top of the mountain to those joyous transformative moments of our lives to the deep valleys of despair where grief and suffering overwhelm us. As St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans 8:31b-34, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him." We have been given the glory of the transfiguration to sustain us for the moments of Calvary in our lives to enable us to have the resolve to hold onto the promise of the resurrection.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony





**March Adoration Schedule**  
**(with Confessions)**

**Tuesday, March 2 @ 5:30 -6:30 pm-**  
**St. Michael the Archangel**  
**Friday, March 5 @ 5:30-6:30 pm-**  
**St. Jude the Apostle**

**Money Counters for**  
**Monday, March 1 at**  
**9 am—group #3.**



**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](http://www.40daysforlife.com/troy) or 581-443-9935.**

**Easter Baskets for Circles of Mercy!! As in prior years, we are reaching out to Parishioners to make up an Easter Basket for children in the city of Rensselaer, through Circles of Mercy, an outreach center for poor and low income families. Choose a gender, an age group, fill the baskets with items such as sippy cups, infant crackers, toothpaste & brushes, small stuffed animals, toys, games, and of course traditional Easter candies. Wrap the baskets in clear cellophane and return to church by the weekend of March 20-21. The children will be delighted with your generosity! You can pick up a flyer at Church or check out our Facebook page for more details.**



**Weekly Collection for the week of 2/21/21-  
Offertory support of our Parish Community -  
\$5,948.66**

**Card Ministry: The card ministry has sent over 800 cards and will be sending another 140 this Easter to our homebound and nursing home residents. If you are able, we are looking for donations of Easter cards from now until March 27. If you would like to make a cash donation to the card ministry, please see Deacon Bob.**

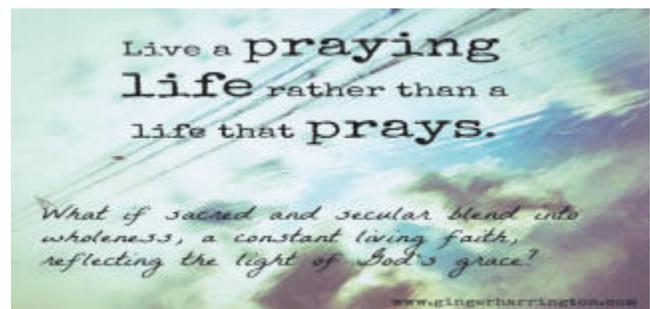
**Prayer Chain: We certainly hear a lot about the power of prayer and the peace and comfort it brings to people who reach out to us to be added to the “prayer chain.” This Lent would you consider joining the St. Michael’s prayer Chain? All you need to do is contact Deacon Bob with your e-mail address or your phone number to be added to the chain. When someone asks for us to pray for them, you will receive an email or phone call. It’s that simple, but very powerful! Call Deacon Bob today (518) 283-6110, ext. 203, and leave your info. or email the Deacon at [deaconbobsw@aol.com](mailto:deaconbobsw@aol.com)**



**Luck of the Irish!! Raffle for the Month of March 2021 to benefit St. Jude the Apostle School. Information can be found in the Gathering Area with information on how to obtain a “lucky” ticket. May God bless you for your abundant generosity!!!**



**Blessing of Holy Water—Please bring your small bottles of water to be blessed at Mass on Easter Sunday, April 3-4.**



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming  
Masses for February 27-28, 2021

4 pm Mass Livestreamed (St. Jude the Apostle)  
Public Mass Saturday, February 27 @ 5:15 pm  
Doreen Murphy (Birthday)-Regan & Teresa Murphy  
Malinda Kerwin-Frank Carlino & Family  
Clifford H. Clark, Jr.-Gene & Phil DeVoe

Public Mass Sunday, February 28 @ 7:30 am  
Constance Ligato-Faith Formation Families of  
St. Michael's Parish

Streaming Mass Sunday, February 28 @ 10:15 am  
Cliff Raymond (Wedding Anniversary)-Wife, Marie  
Malinda Kerwin-Margaret & Barry Willard  
Stephen Krill, Sr.-Family  
Stephen Krill, Jr.-Family  
Joanne Vuyick-Jeanne Pendell

MONDAY, March 1 @ 12:10 pm  
All Deacons in Our Diocese  
Winnie Johnson (1st Anniv.)-Marion & Bill Petanian

TUESDAY, March 2 @ 12:10 pm  
Paula Ligato-Joan Phillips  
Jack Mesley (7th Anniversary)- Wife, Bee & Family

WEDNESDAY, March 3 @ 12:10 pm  
Frederick Case, Jr.-Joan Phillips  
Intentions of Deacon Bob & Pat Sweeney-Mesley Family

THURSDAY, March 4 @ 12:10 pm  
Phyllis McGrath-Sister-in-Law, Eileen Mackay

FRIDAY, March 5 -No 12:10 pm Mass

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

Public Mass-Saturday, March 6 @ 5:15 pm  
George VanDerhyden (Birthday)-Wife, Marianne  
Catherine Clemente-the Clemente Family  
Patrick Brearton-  
Nephews, Andrew & Nieces, Adrianna &  
Alessandra Denio

Public Mass-Sunday, March 7 @ 7:30 am  
Bill Kiley (Birthday)-Wife, Claire & Family  
Vincent Galluzzo-Barbara Donnelly

Streaming Mass-Sunday, March 7 @ 10:15 am  
Mary Hipwell-Daughter, Marilyn  
Stephen Bowers-Sister, Mary  
Phyllis McGrath-Pat & George Durivage & Family  
Constance Ligato-Helen Krill

### 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.

*Week of February 28, 2021*

*SANCTUARY (IN CHURCH)  
St. Michael's Parish Family*

*(IN CHAPEL)  
Susan McKeon-Karve  
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### 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 27-28, 2021

February 27-4:00 PM Vigil Mass at St. Jude the Apostle

February 28-10:15 AM Mass at St. Michael the Archangel

**FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Opening Hymn:**

Ricky Manalo, CSP  
Refrain

Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry  
we see a light of faith renewed,  
and in our longing we thirst for guidance  
to walk with you day by day.

1. Forty days and nights,  
you guide the steps of our journey.  
May your presence be felt  
in the whisper of your voice.

2. Not on bread alone  
are we to walk on this journey.  
Speak the words that give life  
to the yearnings of our hearts.

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**Offertory:**

Transfiguration  
Ricky Manalo, CSP

1. Jesus, on the mountain peak, stands alone in glory  
blazing.  
Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels  
praising.  
Praise and glory, praise and glory, praise and glory to  
our Lord!  
Outside Lent: (Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!)  
Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels  
praising.

2. Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speak-  
ing.  
All the prophets and the law shout through them their  
joyful greeting:  
Praise and glory, praise and glory, praise and glory to  
our Lord!

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**Communion:**

Christ, Be Our Light (Original and Easter Vigil Verses)

Bernadette Farrell

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

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**Closing:**

Blessed by Your Sacrifice  
ST. ELIZABETH

1. Blessed by your sacrifice,  
Strong in your love, O Christ,  
Our grateful voices to you we raise.  
True adoration  
Throughout creation  
Rings out in joyful songs of praise.

2. O Splendor, Glory bright,  
Brought forth as Light from Light!  
O Day, all days enlightening!  
Angels with one accord

Cry "Holy, Holy Lord!"

To you, our everlasting King.

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