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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/>

Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/StMichaelTroyNY

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Parish **Instagram page:** https://www.instagram.com/saint_michaels_troy

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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!

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 13-14, 2021

From Fr. Anthony Ligato

A Rejoicing in being restored even as we suffer loss

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, which is known as Laetare Sunday from the Latin meaning rejoice, we are presented with contradictions in the Liturgy, mourning and rejoicing, darkness and light, ignorance and knowledge, ugliness and beauty, destruction and restoration. All these realities are present in the scriptures and in the liturgy, as well as in our own lives.

These same contradictions exist in each of us, we can mourn and rejoice at the same time. Our lives can be immersed in darkness even when there is light all around us. We can have all the degrees in the world and be seen by others as knowledgeable and still be ignorant of truth. We know from life experience that from the destruction and loss in our lives comes restoration and new life. During this past year as we have suffered and struggled with the pandemic and as we have all suffered losses of loved ones, jobs, businesses, security, physical and emotional health we have also had moments of rejoicing such as births and marriages, new jobs, and new homes. These are the contradictions we live with in our lives but are they contradictions or is it the way the Lord rebuilds our lives and restores through hope and faith. “St. Paul tells us in the second reading from his letter to the Ephesians, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” (Eph. 5:14)

In the cycle B readings for this Fourth Sunday of Lent from Second Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23, God must allow the destruction of Judah in hopes the people and the Land will one day be restored. “Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects.” God allowed the people of Judah to plot their own course and the results of that wrong course which led to their destruction and exile to Babylon. God allowed this to unfold with the plan to restore Judah, “All this was to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah: Until the land has retrieved its lost Sabbath, during all the time it lies waste shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled.” It would be by the streams of Babylon that the people of Judah were being restored to the Sabbath, “How could we sing a song of the Lord in a foreign land? If I forget you Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten.” (Psalm 137) But they were able to sing a song of the Lord and as t

they mourned for Zion, they began to rejoice because they saw that their God was with them. They began their journey of restoration back to the Promised Land by moving from darkness to light, by no longer living in ignorance of God’s ways but rather by living in the knowledge of God. Their behavior was no longer ugly is the sight of God, now they were beautiful. Their song of sorrow was now a song of rejoicing.

The restoration Jesus would bring about is revealed in His exchange with Nicodemus who comes to Jesus in the dark of night seeking knowledge and light. “God so loved the world that he gave his only son.” (John 3:14-21) Jesus’ conversation with Nicodemus is the promise of restoration, the promise of being born from above. For this to happen Jesus would have to die to bring about new life. From suffering, loss and destruction will come new life through recreations and restoration which is brought about through Christ suffering and dying on the cross. We will move from mourning to rejoicing from darkness to light, from ignorance to knowledge, from ugliness to beauty, from sorrow to joy in the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. For this reason, we rejoice!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony



Reminder . . .

Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, March 16 at 11 am at St. Michael the Archangel Church and 7 pm at St. Jude the Apostle Church.

Reconciliation Service on Thursday, March 25 at 7 pm at Sacred Heart Church.



**Weekly Collection for the week of 3/1/21-
Offertory support of our Parish Community -
\$6,024.60**

Card Ministry: Deacon Bob would like to thank everyone for the very generous support shown for the call to support the Easter card collection. Your generosity allows our ministries to continue to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank You!!

March Adoration Schedule (with Confessions)

**Tuesday, March 16 @ 5:30 -6:30 pm-
St. Michael the Archangel**
**Friday, March 19 @ 5:30-6:30 pm-
St. Jude the Apostle**

**Money Counters for
Monday, March 15 at
9 am—group #5.**



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.

Easter Baskets for Circles of Mercy!! We are in the process of collecting Easter Baskets for Circles of Mercy, an outreach center for poor and low income families in Rensselaer, NY. Choose boy or girl, 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. Please be sure to mark the baskets boy or girl and the age. You can pick up a flyer at Church or check out our Facebook page for more details.



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 deaconbobs@comcast.net



Stations of the Cross every Tuesday during Lent at St. Michael the Archangel beginning at 11:15 am followed by 12:10 pm Mass. The Stations of the Cross and Mass will be Live-Stream for those who would like to attend while at home.



Women's Guild— There will be a ZOOM meeting of the Women's Guild on Monday, April 5. The 50/50 drawing has been suspended at this time. The Women's Guild will be holding elections in May and are looking for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

St. Jude the Apostle School Irish Raffle Winners!!! "Congrats" to all—Thank you for your support!!

**3/1-Branden Hill
3/2-Eileen Mardon
3/3-Carol Schrom
3/4-Jill Brimmer
3/5-Roseanne Fitzgerald
3/6-Karla Jones
3/7-Colleen Halse**

Nurses Way of the Cross—Nurses from St. Jude the Apostle, St. Michael the Archangel, Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Victory and Christ Sun of Justice will be presenting the Nurses' Way of the Cross at 7 pm on Friday, March 26 at St. Jude the Apostle. This moving presentation describes the Stations of the Cross in the eyes of a nurse. Please plan on attending and let your nurse friends know that all are invited. This presentation will also be on the Live-Stream. Thank You!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

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

4 pm Mass Livestreamed (St. Jude the Apostle)
Public Mass Saturday, March 13 @ 5:15 pm
John D. Smith (53rd Anniversary)-Children
John Detterick-Arthur & Joann Kazanjian
Marie & Thomas Bulman-Sue
Joan Raymond & Daughter, Ann-Sue
William Schlutow (6th Anniv.)-Ed & Sharon Simonik

Public Mass Sunday, March 14 @ 7:30 am
Constance Ligato-Bob & Ann Kowalczyk
Richard Murray-Cathleen Carney
Ed Tolan (18th Anniv.)-Wife, Ellen & Family

Streaming Mass Sunday, March 14 @ 10:15 am
Evelyn O'Connor (Birthday)-Son, Timothy
Phyllis McGrath-St. Michael's Woman's Guild
Frederick Case, Jr.-Brother Ron
Malinda Kerwin-Faith Formation Families
of St. Michael's

MONDAY, March 15 @ 12:10 pm
First Responders & Their Families

TUESDAY, March 16 @ 12:10 pm
Elma Bottillo-George & Mary Agars

WEDNESDAY, March 17 @ 12:10 pm
Don Burns-Wife, Tess & Family
Eileen & John Olejnik-Sue
Marie & Thomas Bulman-Sue
Joan Raymond & Daughter, Ann-Sue

THURSDAY, March 18 @ 12:10 pm
Phyllis McGrath-Niece, Marie Mackey Murphy
Joseph Verrastro-Your Loving Family

FRIDAY, March 19-No 12:10 pm Mass

St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming
Masses for March 20-21, 2021

Public Mass-Saturday, March 20 @ 5:15 pm
St. Michael's Parish Family-Living & Deceased

Public Mass-Sunday, March 21 @ 7:30 am
Susan McKeon-Karve (9th Anniversary)-Family
Mike & Rhea Zenzen-Paula Zenzen
Mary Bartkowski (5th Anniversary)-Michele & Dave
Milos & DiRienza Families-Family

Streaming Mass-Sunday, March 21 @ 10:15 am
Malinda Kerwin-Mary Rose Ryan
Constance Ligato-Marilyn Murdock & Mary Bowers
Walter & Bertila Reilly-Daughter

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 March 14, 2021

SANCTUARY (IN CHURCH)
All First Responders & Their Families

(IN CHAPEL)
Special Intentions to St. Joseph



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

March 13-14, 2021

March 13-4:00 PM Vigil Mass at St. Jude the Apostle

March 14-10:15 AM Mass at St. Michael the Archangel

MARCH 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Opening Hymn:

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Arr. by Edward Eicker/LOCH LOMOND/Henry W.
Baker

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he's leading,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feeding.

Text: 87 87; based on Psalm 23; Matthew 18; John 10;
Henry Williams Baker, 1821–1877, alt. Music: Trad.
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Offertory:

Christ Be beside Me
ST. ROSE/Laura Wasson

1. Christ be beside me,
Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart.
Christ be within me,
Christ be below me,
Christ be above me,
never to part.

2. Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me
shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising,
light of my life.

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Communion:

There Is a Longing
Anne Quigley

Refrain

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts
for love we only find in you, our God.

1. For justice, for freedom,
for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

2. For wisdom, for courage,
for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

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Closing:

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God, We Praise You!

1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we name you sovereign Lord!
2. True ap - pos - tles, faith-ful proph - ects, saints who set the world a - blaze,
3. Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, ev - er - last - ing Son of God,
4. Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - ries, you will judge the world you made;

Might y King whom an gels wor ship, Fa - ther, by your church a - dor ed;
mar - tyrs, since un-known, un - heed-ed, join one grow - ing song of praise,
harm - less was your vir - gin moth - er, hold the lone - ly pain you brod.
Lord, in mer - cy help your ser - vants for whose free - dom you have paid.

all cre - a - tion shows your glo - ry, heaven and earth draw near your throne
while your church on earth con - fess es one ma - jestic Tri - ty.
By your cross is sin - ful, fear - ful, hell con - front - ed face to face,
Raise us up from dust to glo - ry, guard us from all sin to day!

sing - ing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts, and God a - lone!"
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly,
heav - en o - pened to be - liev - ers, sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace,
King enthroned a - bove all prais - es, save your peo - ple, God, we pray.

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