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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](http://www.facebook.com/StMichaelTroyNY)  
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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!*

*Palm Sunday the Lord's Passion*

*March 27-28, 2021*

*From Fr. Anthony Ligato*

*Are you ready to sing the song of the Suffering Servant?*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What song shall we sing for the Lord? Shall we sing the song of the Suffering Servant? We have been suffering over this long and difficult year, so our song of the Suffering Servant would be genuine. But before we start singing, what song does a Suffering Servant sing? The song we should be singing is not a dirge or one where we utter the words that describe our mourning and grieving and all that we have endured in lives. No, the song of the Suffering Servant comfort the desolated and heal the broken hearted. "The Lord has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them." (Isaiah 50:4) These are the words the Suffering Servant speaks. Who is that Suffering Servant? The Suffering Servant is Our Lord Jesus Christ, and we are his disciples, and we are to sing his song, not our own.

This is the decision the people who greeted Jesus on his triumphal entry into Jerusalem had to make, whose song were they going to sing. They decided to sing the song of the Suffering Servant, "those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Mark 11:1-10) The song the crowds sang that day as they gathered around Jesus as he entered through the gates of Jerusalem and showed his path with palm branches was Psalm 118:25-26. It is a song of homage, proclaiming Jesus as their Messiah. The Hebrew word Hosanna from Psalm 118, translates in English to mean, save us! They sang this song to the Suffering Servant in homage, for he would save them from their afflictions

.From the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we come to Jesus' passion and the song we will sing is one of the Suffering Servant on the cross. "I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pluck my beard: my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting." (Isaiah 50:4-7) This passage from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah is the third of four Suffering Servant Songs. This Suffering Servant suffers on our behalf, so that we do not have to suffer any longer ourselves. The early Christian Community recognized that the Suffering Servant Isaiah was singing of, was Jesus Christ. And so, they sang their own song of the Suffering Servant. This song was our second reading known as the Philippians Hymn. This hymn is one of the earliest Creeds of the

Church. This profession of faith is a song of belief, "every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil.2:6-11)

The crowds that gathered together to greet Jesus with shouts of joy as they sang Hosanna in the Highest, sung as Servants of the Lord. Isaiah the Prophet sang his song of the Suffering Servant in service of God's great plan of salvation. The early Christian Community witnessed to their faith by singing the song of the Suffering Servant of God who was obedient unto death on the cross. What song shall we sing?

The witness of these people of faith from the scriptures can help us in these difficult times to know the song we are called to sing. The crowds in Jerusalem did not know where Jesus was being lead nor did they know where they were being lead, nor do we know where we are being lead these days. But they had to trust as Jesus trusted in the Fathers plan. And we too must trust in Jesus. We have an opportunity to trust in the Lord's plan for ourselves, our families, our nation, and the world. We may not know where we are being lead, but we do know if we are willing to trust as our Lord trusts, we will give glory to God by our faithful witness. And just as Isaiah sang a song of suffering Israel, it was not a song of suffering but rather a song of joy. This is also our song, one that gives hope to the desolate, healing to the broken hearted and joy to those who are in despair. Now we know the song we are called to sing, the song of the Suffering Servant.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony

**Holy Week Mass Reservations—Please sign up in the Gathering Area for Easter Masses. You may also call the office at 518-283-6110 or visit the office. The deadline is Wednesday, March 31 for Easter.**





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

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

**Money Counters for**  
**Monday, March 29 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 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.**

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



**Circles of Mercy—Thank You, dear**  
**Parishioners for your amazing generosity!!**  
**We delivered 61 beautiful**  
**Easter Baskets to Circles of Mer-**  
**cy, for the children they serve in**  
**the City of Rensselaer, These chil-**  
**dren will be delighted with all they**  
**receive this year from “The Easter**  
**Bunny.” Special thanks to Anele**  
**Dzekciorius and her for**  
**organizing and delivery to Circles.**



**Weekly Collection for the week of 3/21/21-**  
**Offertory support of our Parish Community -**  
**\$5,718.52**

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

**Prayer Chain: This Lent would you con-**  
**sider joining the St. Michael’s prayer**  
**Chain? All you need to do is contact Dea-**  
**con 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)**



**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. All women of the**  
**Parish are invited. Please contact Nicole at 518-270-**  
**9223 for more information on how to be connected for**  
**the meeting. The Women’s Guild will be holding elec-**  
**tions in May and are looking for President, Vice Presi-**  
**dent, Secretary and Treasurer.**

**Doors of Hope Food Pantry —Are you in need of food?**  
**Rensselaer County residents are**  
**eligible to receive food assistance**  
**monthly from the Doors of Hope**  
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**West Sand Lake. Hours of food**  
**distribution are 9 am to Noon,**  
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**to schedule your food order—518-674-4048. We look**  
**forward to helping you!**



## **PALM SUNDAY**

### **MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

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

**4 pm Mass Livestreamed (St. Jude the Apostle)**  
**Public Mass Saturday, March 27 @ 5:15 pm**  
**Frank Parisi (32nd Anniversary)-Daughter, Teresa**  
**Malinda Kerwin-Frank Carlino & Family**  
**Frederick Case, Jr.-St. Michael's Women's Guild**  
**Carmela Petrocofsky-Eileen MacKay**

**Public Mass Sunday, March 28 @ 7:30 am**  
**Ed McMahon (Birthday)- Wife & Daughter**  
**Mary Bulmer-Family**  
**William Schlutow-Ed & Sharon Simonik**  
**Marilyn & Louis Valenti-Nephew**  
**William A. O'Neil-Daughter, Ellen Tolan**

**Streaming Mass Sunday, March 28 @ 10:15 am**  
**Paula Ligato-Brother Ron Davis, FSD**  
**Constance Ligato-Margaret & Barry Willard**

**MONDAY, March 29 @ 12:10 pm**  
**Intentions of Pope Francis**

**TUESDAY, March 30 @ 12:10 pm**  
**Poor Souls in Purgatory**

**WEDNESDAY, March 31 @ 12:10 pm**  
**John Sandstrom-Mary & Brian Hennigan**  
**Jack Hennigan-Mary & Brian Hennigan**

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 1 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Liturgy of the Lord's Supper-**  
**St. Michael's Parish Family –Living and Deceased**

**GOOD FRIDAY, March 26–5:30 pm**  
**Passion of the Lord-**  
**St. Michael's Parish Family –Living and Deceased**

#### **St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming Masses for April 3-4, 2021**

**Public Mass-Saturday, April 3 @ 8:00 pm**  
**Easter Vigil-**  
**St. Michael's Parish Family—Living and Deceased**

**Public Mass-Easter Sunday, April 4 @ 7:30 am**  
**St. Michael's Parish Family-Living and Deceased**

**Streaming Mass-Easter Sunday, April 4 @ 10:15 am**  
**St. Michael's Parish Family-Living and Deceased**

### **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 28, 2021**

**SANCTUARY (IN CHURCH)**  
**All Parishioners of St. Michael's Parish**  
**Living and Deceased**

**(IN CHAPEL)**  
**Brother Ron Davis, FSD**  
**A Friend**



### **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 27-28, 2021**

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

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

MARCH 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY

Opening Hymn:

Hosanna to the Son of David  
Dan Schutte

Refrain  
Hosanna to the Son of David!  
O blest is he, O blest is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord

Rejoice, daughter of Zion,  
in the One who brings great joy!  
Sing praise, children of Judah,  
for the Lord is close at hand!

Rejoice, all who are thirsting  
for the streams of living joy!  
Sing praise, children of Judah,  
for the Lord is close at hand!

Refrain text based on Matthew 21:9. Text and music c 1995,  
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Offertory:

O Sacred Head, Surrounded  
PASSION CHORALE

O Sacred Head, surrounded  
By cross of piercing thorn!  
O bleeding head, so wounded,  
Reviled and put to scorn!  
The pow'r of death comes o'er you,  
The glow of life decays,  
Yet angel hosts adore you,  
And tremble as they gaze

In this, your bitter passion,  
Good Shepherd, think of me  
With your most kind compassion,  
Unworthy though I be:  
Beneath your cross abiding,  
Forever would I rest,  
In your deal love confiding,  
And with your presence blest.

Text: 7676D; Salve caput cruentatum; ascr.to Bernard  
of Clairvaux, 1091-1153,  
Verses 1,2 tr. By Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877, alt.; verse  
3 tr. By James W. kAlexander, 1908-1859, alt. Alternate  
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en Alstott; verse 3, Owen Alstott, composite, Alternate  
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Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; adapt. By Johann Sebastian  
Bach, 1685-1750

Communion:

I have fixed my eyes on your hills,  
Jerusalem, my destiny!

Though I cannot see the end for me,  
I cannot turn away.  
We have set our hearts for the way;  
this journey is our destiny.  
Let no one walk alone.  
The journey makes us one.

1.Other spirits, lesser gods, have courted me with lies. Here among  
you I have found a truth which bids me rise.

2.See, I leave the past behind; a new land calls to me. Here among you  
now I find a glimpse of what might be.

Text: Rory Cooney, b.1952, © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

Closing:

WERE YOU THERE

WERE YOU THERE

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
4. Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
6. Were you there when he rose up from the grave?

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1-6. Oh! Some - times it caus - es

1-6. me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble,

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