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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!

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24-25, 2021

Facing the “Impossible?”

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people recline.” John 6:9–10a

Have you ever been faced with what seems to be an “impossible situation?” Jesus was, but He proved He could overcome any apparent obstacle He wanted to. Sure, He is God, but the fact remains that He can do all things He wills. And He can do so in our lives, too!

This passage above reveals His confidence in His ability to feed many thousands with only five loaves and two fish. Humanly speaking, this is not possible, but divinely speaking, it’s easy.

Jesus’ miracle speaks to His commitment to “feed us” in every way. Yes, this was a feeding with food, but it’s symbolic of Him being able and willing to feed our souls with His grace to face whatever hardship or challenge life throws at us. His grace is enough!

The problem is often twofold. First, we face some challenge in our lives, and we see it as something we do not know how to overcome. This can lead to despair and disillusionment. But when this happens, we must reflect upon miracles like this one and realize that all things are possible for God.

The second problem we often face is the ability to distinguish between God’s will and our own limited ideas. Too often we come up with our own ideas of what we think is good and right, and we start praying for that. But what if God’s idea and will is much different and, of course, much greater?! What if God has a plan that we never could have come up with on our own? The truth is that He does have a far more perfect plan for our lives than we could ever dream up. He knows what is best for us, and He can bring that plan to fruition. For our part, we

must seek that plan, surrender to it and have faith in His perfect love, mercy, power and love.

Reflect, today, on your future. What is it that seems to worry you the most? What is it that seems to fill you with anxiety? God has a perfect plan for that situation. Your job is to seek out that plan and trust it will be brought to fruition.

Lord, I know You can do all things and that You will the good in all things. Help me to turn and to surrender to Your perfect divine will. As I surrender to it, help me to have perfect faith that You will bring Your will to fruition. Jesus, I trust in You.

Retrieved from <https://mycatholic.life>



Petition: This USCCB Petition auto composes a strong message of opposition to removing the Hyde Amendment from federal budget thus permitting taxpayer funding of abortion for women who cannot afford it. It’s incredibly sad the government would fund abortions rather than fund support programs for women and children. Please vote at <https://www.votevoice.net/mobile/USCCB/Campaign/83763/Respond>



Adoration Schedule
(no Confessions)

Friday, July 30 @ 5:30 -6:30 pm-

St. Jude the Apostle (Deacon)

Friday, August 6 @ 5:30-6:30 pm-

St. Jude the Apostle (Deacon)

Money Counters for
Monday, July 26 at
9 am—group #4



Women's Guild—

Our Annual Chicken
Barbeque will be held on
September 17, 2021. More
information on ticket sales
will be available shortly. The
next meeting of the Women's
Guild will be on Monday,
September 13, 2021.



This weekend, July 24-25 our second collection
will be for the Holy Father.



Concert for Vocations—Tuesday, August 3,
2021 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Con-
ception, Albany. 6 pm-Holy
Hour and Benediction with
Bishop Scharfenberger. 7 pm-
Concert for Vocations present-
ed by the Priests, Seminarians,
Deacons, Religious, Discerners,
and Laity of the Diocese of Al-
bany.



This is a wonderful event for Vocations, see our
Priests and Seminarians we know perform.
Hope to see you there!! Bill Prendergast –
Director of Vocation Awareness.

Weekly Collection for the week of 7/18/2021-

\$5,877.30

Offertory Support of our Community Parish

Back to School Supplies Drive for CoNSERNS-U and
Circles of Mercy!!

Our local
agencies serving our neighbor-
hoods rely on our parishion-
ers' generosity to help provide
much needed school supplies
to children in the cities of Troy
and Rensselaer. Success in
school is essential to helping
lift children out of poverty, and
possessing new, usable back-
packs and supplies brightens spirits and shores up self-
esteem. Thank you parishioners of St. Michael's for your
historic and continuing generosity, supporting families in
need! Bins will be in the Gathering Area, along with the
“little red wagon.” All donations must be NEW, unused and
be returned to Church by the weekend of August 7-8.



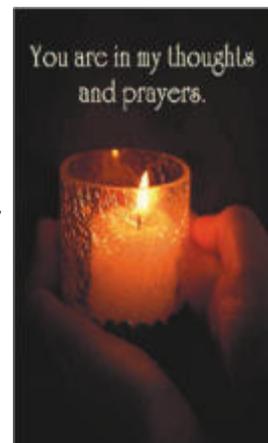
LOST—Lost, one gray with roses sweat-
shirt after Mass on Sunday, July 11,
2021. If you know anything about this
sweatshirt, please call the office at 518-
283-6110, ext. 212. Thank You!!



Bloomingrove Entrance—It would be helpful and make
things safer if you would open the Bloomingrove entrance.
Response: The gate at the Bloomingrove Drive entrance to
the Church will be opened for the weekend liturgies going
forward. This entrance was closed during Covid as we at-
tempted to direct parishioners to the main entrance. Since
the Covid restrictions have been lifted and the attendance at
Mass is increasing, it is time to open this entrance again.
Thank you for this suggestion and bringing this back to our
attention.

Evening Prayer On line—2nd Monthly Meeting—St.

Michael's will add a second evening
each month for the recitation of
Evening Prayer. Liturgy of the
Hours, through Facebook Live. We
will gather at 7 pm on the 1st
Wednesday and the 3rd Thursday of
each month to pray together. The Lit-
urgy of the Hours is the official pray-
er of the Church, prayed by Chris-
tians throughout the world. The
online prayer meeting is only about
20 minutes long and a great way to
transition from a hectic day. Please
consider joining us when you have
time. Questions? Contact John Bullough,
jbulloug@gmail.com, 518-368-5418.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

**St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming
Masses for July 24-25, 2021**

Streaming & Public Mass Saturday, July 24 @ 5:15 pm
Dorothy Thibodeau-Marianne VanDerhyden

Public Mass Sunday, July 24 @ 7:30 am
St. Michael's Parishioners-Living and Deceased

Streaming Mass Sunday, July 25 @ 10:15 am
*Josephine DiDomenicantonio (14th Anniversary)-
Mario & Family*

MONDAY, July 26 @ 12:10 pm
*In Thanksgiving to St. Anne- Barbara McMahon
Patty Juliano-Aunt Sissy (Virginia Morocco)*

TUESDAY, July 27 @ 12:10 pm
*Elizabeth Parisi (Birthday)-Daughter, Teresa
Special Intention-Virginia Morocco*

WEDNESDAY, July 28 @ 12:10 pm
Gerrie Richards-Husband, Joseph

THURSDAY, July 29 @ 12:10 pm
Safe travels for all those traveling this summer

FRIDAY, July 30, 2021
Office Closed/NO Mass

**St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming
Masses for July 31-August 1, 2021**

Streaming Mass-Saturday, July 31 @ 5:15 pm
St. Michael's Parishioners-Living and Deceased

Public Mass-Sunday, August 1 @ 7:30 am
For the Newly Ordained Priests of our Diocese

Streaming Mass-Sunday, August 1 @ 10:15 am
Cliff Raymond (Birthday)-Wife, Marie & Family



**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 July 25, 2021
SANCTUARY (IN CHURCH)

*All Professional Medical
Personal in our Area*

(IN CHAPEL)
*All Newly Ordained Priests
In Our Diocese*



Schedule of Live Streamed Masses:

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

- Saturday 4:00 PM Vigil Mass Live Streamed
- Sunday 9:00 AM Mass Live Streamed
- Saturday 5:15 PM 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**



JULY 24-25, 2021

LIFE LONG FAITH FORMATION

FUN THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER!

Lifeway

One of the greatest joys of my life has been being a grandmother. Being a single mother when my daughter was young could be such a struggle to find time to do the fun things after all the chores were done. Don't get me wrong—we had loads of fun, but now that I have grandkids, I can really pour my extra time into doing things with them while their parents are busy. Being a hands-on grandmother has brought us much closer to each other, and it gives me such joy to know that they look forward to my visits. When I travel to see them, I usually think ahead to come up with some fun things we can go see together or stay at home and make with each other. Let me share some of the things we have done over the years at different ages to bring some joy to our visits!

Here are some examples of the outdoor things we've done in our yard:

*One summer we took some old two-by-fours and laid them around in the grass to make a Putt-Putt golf course. We would use the two-by-fours to create channels for the golf balls to travel through to a plastic cup at the end to catch the ball. We didn't even have a golf club, so we made our own out of small tree limbs.

*Building an obstacle course in the yard kept us busy for days at a time, and it could get more and more elaborate every time we would make one. We usually scavenged around for lumber pieces for ramps or balancing boards, old hula-hoops to crawl through, buckets that they could use to jump from one to another, ropes to swing on, and so forth. I let them use their imagination to come up with ideas for the course.

*I've spent many days making lists of things to look for on a scavenger hunt. Locust shells, a leaf from an oak tree, a pink flower, mushrooms, bark from a pine tree, blackberries, and the list could go on. I usually took a walk and looked around to see what was blooming, what trees we had, or anything that caught my eye to write down on my scavenger list. This is a great educational tool to help them learn about the names and types of plants or trees in the yard.

*Sometimes, after we gathered up lots of these items, we put them in the middle of a table and would make a picture on a piece of paper just by laying the items on the paper. Flower petals turned into butterfly wings; sticks-became houses. Again, I let them use the objects to make their own piece of art.

*Driveway bowling is one of our favorites. We would take all the plastic cups we could find, stack them up at the end of the driveway, and then use a ball to roll down the driveway and knock them over.

On cold or wet days, we brought the fun indoors:

*I know pulling out the paint can be daunting and messy, but it makes for some special memories. We love to buy those kits found at the store that have an unfinished birdhouse or a pot with a set of paints so they could paint their own. You can use some old glass jars, rocks, or even pieces of wood that the kids can paint on.

PARTNERS IN FAITH CALENDARS

for July and August are being mailed to our families.

The summer Faith Fun calendar offers faith based activities for EVERY day of the summer!



Life Long Faith Formation packets for registration are available in the Gathering Space.

Packets will be mailed to family homes at the end of August.

The preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** begins during the summer months when days are slower and less busy.

Students in grade 9 and above should register for Faith Formation classes by contacting the Faith Formation Office at 518-283-6110, ext. 204.

As we reopen from our long period of separation, our volunteers are busy brainstorming ways to get back to our ministry of helping others outside the parish walls.

We hope to have news for you soon about the **meal ministry**, which provides meals to parish families in need, and **Project DAWN**, reaching out to our neighbors in downtown Troy who are homeless and in need of clothing and meals.

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