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**Parish Office Hours:** Mon-Thurs 9 am-3 pm...we are closed on Fridays, unless there is a funeral.

### 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:

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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!*

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*August 14-15, 2021*

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name.” Luke 1:46-49**

Today we celebrate one of seventeen different memorials, feasts and solemnities in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary that are found on the Roman Liturgical Calendar. Today’s celebration is one of the four great Solemnities by which our Blessed Mother is honored. Obviously, no other person other than our Lord is honored and celebrated with as much solemnity as the Mother of God.

The Solemnity of the Assumption honors the fact that when the Blessed Virgin Mary completed her life on earth, she never experienced death. Instead, at that glorious moment, she was singly privileged to be taken body and soul into Heaven to be with her resurrected Son so as to adore the Most Holy Trinity forever. It’s an amazing fact to consider that she is the only person, other than Jesus, who retains her body and soul, united as one in Heaven, in anticipation of that glorious day when the new Heavens and Earth will be created and when all the faithful will rise so as to live in a new bodily form forever with God.

Though this dogma of our faith had been held and believed by the faithful from the earliest times of our Church, especially since it was witnessed by those closest to our Blessed Mother at the time of her glorious Assumption, it wasn’t until November 1, 1950, that Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaimed it to be so, raising this teaching of our faith to the level of a dogma, meaning, it must be held and believed by all. In part, the Holy Father declared, “...we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

This Dogma of the Assumption reveals to us many things worth prayerfully pondering. First and foremost, Mary’s Assumption was a result of her Immaculate Conception and the fact that she remained sinless throughout her life. That Dogma was also believed throughout the centuries and was solemnly defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854. The Assumption follows from the Immaculate Conception because death follows from sin. It was not the original plan of God that we experience the death of our bodies and the separation of our bodies and souls. Again, this is a consequence of sin. But since the Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from all sin from the moment of her conception by the future grace

won by her Son on the Cross, and because she freely remained free from sin throughout her life by her ongoing cooperation with that grace, then she not only did not experience death, she could not. Death had no power over one who was without sin. The Gospel passage quoted above comes from the beginning of Mary’s song of praise, her *Magnificat*, by which she not only gives the greatest glory to God but also reveals who she is. She is the one whom “all generations” will call “blessed.” She is the one for whom “the Almighty has done great things.” She is the one who will eternally proclaim “the greatness of the Lord” and whose spirit will forever rejoice in God her Savior. And she is that lowliest of servants whom God has raised up to the greatest glory.

Reflect, today, with the whole Church, upon the Most Glorious Ever-Virgin Mary who was conceived without sin, remained sinless throughout her life, never experienced death, and was taken body and soul into Heaven where she now adores the Most Holy Trinity and intercedes for you and for the whole Church. This is a Solemnity of great rejoicing! Share in this joy with the whole Church and with all the saints in Heaven!

***Most glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, I rejoice today with you and with the whole Church for the most glorious things that God has done for you. You are beauty beyond beauty, Immaculate in every way, and worthy of our deepest love. As you now share body and soul in the glories of Heaven, please pray for me and for all your dear children on earth. Cover us with your mantle of love and pour forth the mercy of God upon us always. Mother Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Jesus, I trust in You.***

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**Adoration Schedule**  
**(no Confessions)**

**Friday, August 27 @ 5:30 -6:30 pm-**  
**St. Jude the Apostle (Deacon)**

**Friday, September 3 @ 5:30-6:30 pm-**  
**St. Jude the Apostle (Deacon)**

**Money Counters for**  
**Monday, August 16 at**  
**9 am—group #3.**



**Women's Guild—**  
**Our Annual Chicken**  
**Barbeque will be held on**  
**September 17, 2021. More**  
**information on ticket sales**  
**will be available shortly.**



***There are many ways to express your***  
***Stewardship of our***  
***parish of St. Mi-***  
***chael the Archangel,***  
***including a gift***  
***in your will or es-***  
***tate plan. Inform-***  
***ing us of your in-***  
***tentions allows us***  
***to plan for the fu-***  
***ture and ensures***  
***that your gift will***  
***be used as you wish. Thank You!!***



***Oh Jesus, I surrender myself***  
***to you, take care of***  
***Everything!!***

**Weekly Collection for the week of 8/15/21-**

**\$6,469.33**

**Offertory Support of our Community Parish**

**Men's Club— The Winner of the Men's Club Lottery Raffle**  
**from 8/8/21 is Marianne VanDerHyden. "Congrats" to**  
**Marianne and good luck!! Thanks to all for supporting this**  
**Raffle.**

**From the Suggestion Box –Suggestion-**

**The Evangelist has the incorrect times for the screening of**  
**Masses for St. Michael's. Please have this corrected.**

**Response— Thank you for wanting to assure the information**  
**for St. Michael's is correct in the Evangelist. The times**  
**listed in the Evangelist for the livestreaming of mass from**  
**St. Michaels have been corrected and should properly re-**  
**fect our live-stream services going forward.**

**Suggestion— My suggestion is that we reduce the amount of**  
**decorations in the Church. I find it easier to concentrate on**  
**the liturgy when there are less decorations around.**

**Response— There are as many personal preferences for dec-**  
**orating as there are people. In decorating our church,**  
**Brother Ron develops the plan for the**  
**decorations which is then approved by**  
**our pastor and implemented by a group**  
**of generous parish volunteers. Brother**  
**Ron invites you to discuss your ideas**  
**with him and welcomes parishioners'**  
**help in decorating the Church.**



**Stipends for Masses and Mass Cards-**

**The Bishop alone sets the rate for the**  
**suggested offering for stipends in the**  
**Diocese of Albany. The new suggested**  
**offering for a mass or mass card has**  
**increased from \$10.00 to \$15.00.**



**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

**St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming  
Masses for August 14-21, 2021**

**Streaming & Public Mass Saturday, August 14 @ 5:15 pm**

**Joseph Roberts (Birthday)-Daughter, Rose  
Kelly Grady-Burke-Marie Barhold**

**Public Mass Sunday, August 15 @ 7:30 am**

**All Veterans-Living and Deceased of St. Michael's Parish**

**Streaming Mass Sunday, August 15 @ 10:15 am**

**Robert Fuller-Barbara Berger  
Agnes Mooney-Barbara Berger  
Ruth Fatato-Judy DiLorenzo  
Hank Roberts-Wife, Kathy**

**MONDAY, August 16 @ 12:10 pm**

**Jane Connair (3rd Anniversary)-Family  
Patty Juliano -(Aunt Sissy)-Virginia Morrocco**

**TUESDAY, August 17 @ 12:10 pm**

**Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life**

**WEDNESDAY, August 18 @ 12:10 pm**

**Poor Souls in Purgatory**

**THURSDAY, August 19 @ 12:10 pm**

**Eleanor J. Fields-Son, Michael J. Fields  
Kathleem M. Reid-Daughter, Theresa  
Brittany L. Boivin-Theresa Reid**

**FRIDAY, August 20, 2021**

**Office Closed/NO Mass**

**St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming  
Masses for August 21-22, 2021**

**Streaming Mass-Saturday, August 21 @ 5:15 pm**

**Sharee Seyffer (Birthday)-Mom  
Mary Gallagher-Daughter, Esther & Harry Hovey  
Kathleem M. Reid-Your Loving Children**

**Public Mass-Sunday, August 22 @ 7:30 am**

**Edwin & Mary Alice Kunkel-(Birthday)-  
Maureen & Joe Fogarty**

**Milos & DiRienzo & Decatur Families-Family  
Caroline Fogarty-Birthday-Maureen & Joe Fogarty**

**Streaming Mass-Sunday, August 22 @ 10:15 am**

**Jack Ryan (Birthday)-Wife, Mary Rose  
Karen M. Upton Wrobel-Linda Culihan**

**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 August -14-21, 2021  
SANCTUARY (IN CHURCH)**

**Kathleen M. Reid  
From Your Loving Family**

**(IN CHAPEL)  
Patty Juliano  
From Virginia Morocco**



**Schedule of Live Streamed Masses:**

**St. Michael the Archangel-**

**Saturday @ 5:15 pm**

**Sunday @ 10:15 am**

**Daily Masses—Monday-Thursday @**

**12:10 pm**

**St. Jude the Apostle-**

**Saturday @ 4:00 pm**

**Sunday @ 9:00 am**

**Daily Masses-Monday-Friday @ 8:00 am**



*AUGUST 14-15, 2021*

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## **LIFE LONG FAITH FORMATION**

### **TIME FOR RETIREMENT** **Barbara Berger**

As I turn 65 years old soon, retirement has been on my list of things I am considering at this point in my life.

I have spent many hours in prayer weighing my love of my present ministry and my need for rest, and growth. After 30 years in Faith Formation ministry, and a challenging year, as many have faced, I know a change is needed. A year ago, just a few days after Craig died, I was out walking and crying through the streets in my village. As I was becoming overwhelmed with sadness, I looked down to find a rock with an inspiration quote on it. It said, "Everything Changes." It had a little white heart after the words. It was a message meant for me. I keep this rock on my prayer table and look at it every day. I've pondered, "Was it a sign from the Holy Spirit? A message from an angel?"

Last month as the pastors left for their new assignments, I really questioned my role in ministry, and what was to come. Financial worries have kept me from making changes over the past year as well. So, I prayed harder each day asking the Holy Spirit for guidance. Just a simple answer, or a sign.

A few days later I walked into my office to find an envelope on my desk from the Albany Diocese. In it contained a Retirement Incentive Plan with Enhanced benefits.

I had to throw my hands up in the air and exclaim aloud, "OK God, I hear you!! I know you have always had my back, and always will! In your time, not mine."

They say God works in mysterious ways. I believe His Holy Spirit is guiding me in a new direction, and I will follow.

***It's not goodbye, just a "Until we meet again,  
I will keep you all in my thoughts and  
prayers, for health, happiness and strength".***

As of August 31<sup>st</sup> I will be leaving my position at St. Michael's as Life Long Faith Formation Director.

### **BUT DON'T WORRY!!!!**

Our Church is a strong community, a family who take care of each other.

My position will be filled on an interim basis by Steve and JoAnn Taylor overseeing all of Faith Formation. We have worked together as a team over the past 10 years. I am excited, joy filled, confident, and relieved! This wonderful couple who live every minute of their lives serving and educating others, and sharing the work of God through their actions and words are the perfect leaders!

Tara Laurange (5<sup>th</sup> grade catechist for many years too) and Michelle Hegener (Meal Ministry coordinator, and Project DAWN team member) will be joining the Taylors overseeing Junior High, and Youth Ministry!!!

Our team of elementary catechists are in a strong place to teach our younger children. I think you will find organization and increased offering of Faith formation programs, and Social Justice activities for families..

They have asked that I come back to help with the Christmas Pageant, and Vacation Bible School, and any time they need help! I am happy to be welcomed back as needed! I could never walk away from this church family of mine! So don't be surprised to see me around sometimes!

I believe that God puts people where He needs them to be. And that the Holy Spirit, who guides us all, will guide them as they lead Faith Formation in our parish.

For the upcoming year, (with the approval of the new pastor – when he comes), the plan is to keep the program with the same schedule and format as in the past. They will access, with your help, what changes might be needed for Faith Formation in the future.

Wishing all of you many blessings,  
Barbara

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mid August, with an evaluation, overview of  
the program and registration forms.***

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