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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!*

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*August 21-22, 2021*

*We Have Come to Believe*

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." **John 6:66-69**

As a result of what? As a result of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist "many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." The Eucharist was the deepest and most beautiful teaching Jesus had given, but for some it was more than they could handle. So many left Him. But this passage also reveals the beautiful faith of the Apostles, especially Peter.

First of all, Jesus does not back down in any way from His beautiful and very deep teaching on the Holy Eucharist. What He said He stands behind, namely, that "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (John 6:53). He goes on to say, "For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink" (John 6:55).

From there, Jesus turns to His disciples and gives them the freedom to accept or reject what He just taught. This freedom He gives to them is essential to them entering into authentic faith. If Jesus would have pressured or manipulated the disciples, it would have been hard for them to freely choose to accept Him and all He taught.

The same is true with us. Jesus does not require us to follow Him. He will not force or manipulate us into believing. He will not pressure us. Rather, Jesus offers Himself and His teachings and invites us to believe.

Within this context, Peter makes a profound statement of faith. "Master, to whom shall we go?" In other words, Peter was saying, "Lord, even if the teaching is hard, and even if it is unpopular to follow you, and even if we must suffer, be rejected, be misunderstood...you are the best option." Think about it. What other option even comes close to the option of accepting the full and deep teachings of Jesus? Is it better to only take part of what He says? Doing that is a form of rejection of Him.

Peter gives us the witness of one who has come to believe that there is only one good option in life. That option is the choice to follow Jesus no matter what. Nothing in life is worth choosing over Christ. We should strive to discover this truth that He is the only one worth choosing.

Reflect, today, upon these words of Peter. "Lord, to whom shall we go?" Jesus is God, the Messiah and Savior. He has the words of everlasting life. He is the best "option" to choose. Say those words of Peter and, in saying them, make the choice to choose Him no matter how popular that choice is and no matter if others are making it. Going with the flow leads us down the wrong river. Making the right choice sets us on solid ground

*Lord, there is no place for me to go other than You and Your way. You are the Lord of all and You are the Messiah. I choose You and accept all that You have taught. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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Bishop Scharenberger invites you to a "Diocesan Day of Prayer and Celebration" for ALL the people of the Albany Diocese. Come Holy Spirit! Renew our Strength, Reaffirm Our Hope! Saturday, September 25 from 9 am to 2 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park. The Bishop's letter and registration forms are in the Gathering Area and in the Hallway leading to the Hall. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 15.





**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)**

**Please note that adoration at St. Michael the Archangel will RESUME on**

**Tuesday, August 24 @ 5:30-6:30 pm**

**AND August 31 @ 5:30-6:30 pm.**

**Money Counters for**  
**Monday, August 23 at**  
**9 am—group 4.**



**Women's Guild BBQ-Our Annual Chicken**

**BBQ will be held on Friday, September 17, 2021 from 4-6 pm. We will be selling tickets before and after masses starting this weekend, August 21-22.**



**BBQ is again being prepared by Guiliano's. The cost is \$12.00 per meal. Please pre-order—take out only/drive thru. Tickets can also be purchased by contacting Ann (515)283-8714 Annmarie.kowalczyk@verizon.net) OR Teresa (518)283-3604 (teagarden4@verizon.com).**

***OH JESUS, I SURRENDER MYSELF TO YOU, TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING!!***

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

**\$5,161.34**

**Offertory Support of our Community Parish**

**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.**



"Thank you Parishioners of St Michael the Archangel for your very generous support of school children who need supplies. School supplies are expensive, and a difficult burden for many families in our communities. Your donations to CoNSERNS U and Circles of Mercy greatly help families obtain the new supplies their children need to feel prepared and thus succeed in school. And, a brand new backpack to hold those supplies surely makes for many happy smiles. Thank you especially to the **St Michael's Social Justice Youth Ministry** for their huge support of this annual drive. Pounds and Pounds of supplies were delivered August 8th to these two agencies, in time to set up their distribution process. Special thanks to the Hegener family of CoNSERNS-U.

**Harvest Time is now!!** - Through the rest of August, and into early October, home gardens are producing an abundance of fresh product. Please consider donating excess produce from your home gardens to St. Michael's, we will have a basket or two in the gathering area. Just drop off your donations anytime during church hours or before weekend masses and volunteers from the Social Justice, Youth ministries or the Food Pantry delivery team will bring these to Roarke Center. Thank you for always responding with great generosity to the needs in our community.

**Street Soldiers of Rensselaer** -The Street Soldiers is a grass roots humanitarian movement that provides food, supplies, and care to those in need. They gather every third Saturday of the month 9:30 am to 10:30 am to serve those in need in the Rensselaer Community. Upcoming dates are August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20 and December 18. Volunteers are welcome to join them at River Front Park in Rensselaer, directly across from the Dunkin Donuts. Donations needed include hot or cold breakfast foods, half gallon milks, hard boiled eggs, cheese sticks, yogurt, pantry items and hygiene items. Any cooked food must be individually wrapped. They also accept donations to their paypal account, streetsoldiers@yahoo.com or their Venmo account @Renee-Fahey-1. Another option to help this movement is to purchase items on their Amazon Wish List, at this link- [https://www.amazon.com/wishlist/is/311QMLKC11V60/?ref=lole&f\\_bclid=IwAR1fd0TPid\\_mOhBKJBkWrQJehP4W9ADYS0F4MRuSoUj-JljcMQD7iWcmA8](https://www.amazon.com/wishlist/is/311QMLKC11V60/?ref=lole&f_bclid=IwAR1fd0TPid_mOhBKJBkWrQJehP4W9ADYS0F4MRuSoUj-JljcMQD7iWcmA8). Any questions, e-mail at street.soldiers.albany@gmail.com. You can phone them at 518-366-0066. **Food donations should not be left at church for street soldiers.**

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

#### St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming Masses for August 21-28, 2021

#### Streaming & Public 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

#### MONDAY, August 23 @ 12:10 pm

All College Students returning to Campus  
Jessee Toomajian-Peg & Pat Hughes

#### TUESDAY, August 24 @ 12:10 pm

Homeless of our Area

#### WEDNESDAY, August 25 @ 12:10 pm

Lilliam M. Davis (Brithday)-Son

#### THURSDAY, August 26 @ 12:10 pm

John S. McMahon (Birthday)- Mom & Sister

#### FRIDAY, August 27, 2021

Office Closed/NO Mass

#### St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming Masses for 28-29, 2021

#### Streaming Mass-Saturday, August 28 @ 5:15 pm

Art Brearton-Jim & Judy Brearton  
Robert Ouellette-The Clemente Family

#### Public Mass-Sunday, August 29 @ 7:30 am

Joseph Elizabeth Malek-(Wedding Anniversary)-Family

#### Streaming Mass-Sunday, August 29 @ 10:15 am

Genevieve Stefanowicz (1 mos. Anniversary)-  
Granddaughter, Eileen

William Hipwell-Daughter, Marilyn  
Estelle Bowers-Daughter, Mary  
Jack Ryan (Wedding Anniversary)-Wife, Mary Rose  
Joseph Comitale (Wedding Anniversary)-Wife, Elearno  
Kathleen Reid-Your Loving Children

### 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 -21-28, 2021 SANCTUARY (IN CHURCH)

John S. McMahon  
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 21-22, 2021

## LIFE LONG FAITH FORMATION

Hello Faith Formation families,

We are JoAnn and Steve Taylor, and we are writing this letter to introduce ourselves as the Interim Directors of Faith Formation for St. Michael's Parish. We will assume this ministry when Barbara Berger retires from her current post in late August. We will serve as interim directors until the new parish pastor arrives and assumes his role as the decision maker of the parish.

We have been parishioners of St. Michael's for the last 20 years. We have been a part of the Faith Formation team since our children attended classes and received their sacraments. JoAnn previously served as the third grade catechist for several years. Together since 2013, we have been a part of the Confirmation team with Barbara Berger. Working with these children as they prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit has been a rewarding and religiously satisfying experience.

We have also been a part of the core team for "Project:DAWN" since its inception. "Project:DAWN" has been a Faith Formation ministry where we collected clothing and made food for our less fortunate neighbors in downtown Troy. Prior to COVID, we would deliver these goods to the streets of Troy where people grew to know us. Unfortunately, COVID has put a halt to these distributions, but we are working on plans to revive our mission in a different form. When we do this, we are most hopeful that our youth and families will join us in doing God's will of serving your neighbor.

We are also discussing ideas to create a Youth Ministry of St. Michael's Church. It is our hope that we link this group with the Social Justice Ministry so that our children can be a part of all of the service efforts in our church.

We are excited and very enthused about starting in our positions. We understand that we may have to progress differently due to COVID caused limitations, but we are committed to teaching your children about the life and works of God and how they can best model the Lord.

We look forward to meeting you when classes begin in October. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to email us at the addresses below.

Best regards,

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**Life Long Faith Formation packets** for registration are being mailed out via snail mail and email to all families, and are available in the Gathering Space.

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 are in need of help to make the transition for the Taylors a smooth one.

Catechists, snack helpers, bakers, project leader are needed.

Please call JoAnn at 518-283-5393, or [JATaylor8537@gmail.com](mailto:JATaylor8537@gmail.com), if you can volunteer to assist.

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 who are homeless or in need of clothing and meals.

If you would like to volunteer for these ministries, contact JoAnn at 518-283-5393 or 518-283-6110 x 204.

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