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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

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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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28-29, 2021

That Which is Within

> He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." Mark 7:14-15

Jesus speaks this passage after calling the Pharisees "hypocrites." He rebukes them for being obsessively concerned about the externals and failing to be attentive to the internals. Jesus makes it clear that evil comes from within and that the heart should be our true concern.

The thing that sparked Jesus' strong rebuke of the Pharisees was the fact that they criticized the disciples for not washing their hands and, thus, they ate their meal with "unclean hands." What's sad is that the Pharisees seem to make a huge deal about this fact. What this reveals is that the Pharisees seemed to think that holiness is something that you obtain by scrupulous external observance of the laws and customs of the times. But they failed to see the importance of what was within.

St. Teresa of Ávila has a couple of beautiful quotes that speak of the importance of that which is within. "Within you dwells your God. Enter within, look at Him, talk to Him, listen to Him and stay with Him in your heart." And, "Indeed, we have heaven within ourselves for the Lord of Heaven is there."

Jesus also points out the types of evil that come from within. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile" Mark 7: 21-23.

So what's in your heart? When you spend time alone and quietly look at your life, what do you see? What is it that makes up your interior life?

Reflect, today, upon that which is within. Know that any sin in your heart must be acknowledged, confessed and purged. Only when that is done can you meet God who dwells within. Only then can you allow God to transform your exterior from His presence in your soul.

Lord, please do come into my heart. Set my heart on fire with love for You. Purge my heart of all sin and allow Your divine presence to shine forth for all to see. Jesus, I trust in You.

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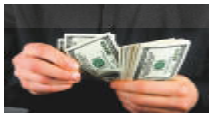
Bishop Scharenberger invites you to a "Diocesan Day of Prayer and Celebration" for ALL the people of the Albany Diocese. Come Holy Spirit! Renew our Strength, Reaffirm Our Hope! Saturday, September 25 from 9 am to 2 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park. The Bishop's letter and registration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

Over the Coming Winter months, we will be making receiving blankets for newborns/ Moms at risk. If you have nursery print or pastel colored flannel in your fabric stash and are not going to use it , we would very much appreciate the donation! You can drop off your donation in the Church Office or call Phyllis Flynn-Mescia at 518-244-3412. Together we can make a difference!!

Adoration Schedule
(no Confessions)

Friday, September 3 @ 5:30 -6:30 pm-
St. Jude the Apostle (Deacon)
Friday, September 10 @ 5:30-6:30 pm-
St. Jude the Apostle (Deacon)
Tuesday, September 7 @ 5:30-6:30 pm
St. Michael the Archangel (Deacon)
Tuesday, September 14 @ 5:30-6:30 pm
St. Michael the Archangel (Deacon)

Money Counters for Monday, August 30 at 9 am—group #5.



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 all the weekend masses. 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).

Blood Drive-In co-ordination with the American Red Cross, St. Michael's will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, September 21 from 1 pm to 6 pm. We are looking for volunteers to register people the day of the drive and to manage a table for the drinks and light snacks. If you can help, please sign up in the Gathering Area or See Deacon Bob. If you would like to register to give blood, please sign up in the Gathering Area.

Weekly Collection for the week of 8/22/21- $4,308.22

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.

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 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 gallons of milk, 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=lol ov le&f bclid=IwAR1fD0PTPid 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.**

Free Dentistry -Kate Roser, a dental hygienist student at HVCC has offered her services free to anyone who meets the criteria of the program. You will need to make an appointment through HVCC by e-mailing or calling Ms. Rosner. There is a flyer in the Gathering Area that will be available for the next month. This opportunity is open to children and a great way to start a new school year. Please call today to see you or your family member qualifies.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming Masses for August 28-September 5, 2021

Streaming & Public Mass Saturday, August 28 @ 5:15 pm
Art Brearton-Jim & Judy Brearton
Robert Ouellette-The Clemente Family
Dominic Ali-Aldo & Carmela Tedesco

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, Eleanor
Kathleen Reid-Your Loving Children

MONDAY, August 30 @ 12:10 pm
All Deacons of the Albany Diocese

TUESDAY, August 31 @ 12:10 pm
Racial Harmony

WEDNESDAY, September 1 @ 12:10 pm
Takako Roy (Birthday)-Anonymous
Deirere Mestoik (5th Anniversary)-Mommy, Sissy, John, Jayde & Lily

THURSDAY, September 2 @ 12:10 pm
Intentions of Pope Francis

FRIDAY, September 3 2021
Office Closed/NO Mass

St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming Masses for September 4-5, 2021

Streaming Mass-Saturday, September 4, @ 5:15 pm
Philomenia & Joseph Donato-Daughter, Loluise
Gloria T. Smith (28th Anniversary)-Children
Phyllis Razzano-Aunt Louise Finelli
Michael DelGiacco-Sister, Philomena DeVoe

Public Mass-Sunday, September 5, @ 7:30 am
Milos & DiRiendo Families-Family
Eleanor Tiffany-the Kowalczyk Family

Streaming Mass-Sunday, September 5, @ 10:15 am
Elaine Pendell-Jeanne Pendell
Joseph Vece-Judy Pinto

Monday, September 6, 2021 the Parish office will be closed and there will be No 12:10 pm Mass for the Labor Day Holiday.

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 29 to September 4
SANCTUARY (IN CHURCH)

All Deacons in the Albany Diocese

(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

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,

JoAnn & Steve Taylor
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JoAnn: JATaylor8537@gmaiil.com
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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, 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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