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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:

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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4-5, 2021

Be Opened!

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

“Ephphatha!”— that is, “Be opened!” Mark 7:34b

These are powerful words. Why are they powerful? They are powerful because they are more than words. They are words that actually accomplish what they say. These words are spoken by Jesus after the deaf man is brought to Him with the request for healing. By saying the command “Be opened!”, the deaf man’s ears are opened and his speech impediment is removed.

When Jesus speaks, His word changes things. This is true in this story, but it is also true in our lives. We all are deaf and struggle with a speech impediment in the sense that we do not always hear the voice of God and we do not always speak His word and words of charity. For that reason, these words of Jesus must be spoken to us. We must let Him take us off to a quiet place alone and speak to us. We must let Him say those words to us. “*Ephphatha!*—Be opened!”

What is it that you are not hearing properly? What is it God has been saying to you for a long time that you refuse to hear? What is it you have allowed yourself to become deaf to? Let our Lord open the “ears” of your heart so that you can hear all that He wishes to say to you. Once that happens, Jesus will also help you speak His words of truth and love.

Reflect, today, upon how open you are to hearing the voice of God. We all struggle at times with listening, and we especially may struggle listening to God. Spend some time alone with our Lord and let Him heal you so that you can hear and understand all that He is saying to you.

Lord, I do not always listen to You. Please speak Your words of healing to me so that I can hear You more clearly. In hearing You, may I listen to all that You have to say. 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 new-borns/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!!



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



Reminder, the Parish Offices will resume the regular office hours of 9 am to 3 pm starting after the Labor Day Holiday.



Adoration Schedule
(no Confessions)

Tuesday, September 7 @ 5:30-6:30 pm
St. Michael the Archangel (Deacon)
Tuesday, September 14 @ 5:30-6:30 pm
Friday, September 10 @ 5:30 -6:30 pm-
St. Jude the Apostle (Deacon)
Friday, September 17 @ 5:30-6:30 pm-
St. Jude the Apostle (Deacon)

Money Counters for
Tuesday, September 7 at
9 am—group #1.



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 Tuesday, 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 8/29/21-
\$4,439.99
Offertory Support of our Community Parish

Our Beloved Pastor Emeritus, Fr. James Mackey, is celebrating 60 years of service as a priest. Please mark Sunday, October 3 on your calendars when we will join together as a parish to celebrate with him. A luncheon in his honor is being planned at the Franklin Terrace. More details to follow.



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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

**St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming
Masses for September 5-12, 2021**

**Streaming & Public Mass Saturday, September 4 @ 5:15
pm**

*Philomenia & Joseph Donato-Daughter, Louise
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 –Labor Day Holiday

NO 12:10 pm Mass

TUESDAY, September 7 @ 12:10 pm

Maureen "Mo" Sleasman-John & Marilyn

WEDNESDAY, September 8 @ 12:10 pm

Eileen Hughes-Peg & Pat Hughes

THURSDAY, September 9 @ 12:10 pm

Bob Giordano-John & Marilyn

FRIDAY, September 10, 2021

Office Closed/NO Mass

**St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming
Masses for September 11-12, 2021**

Streaming Mass-Saturday, September 11 @ 5:15 pm

*Frances Celeste-Son, Joseph
Mary & Art Brearton-Jim & Judy Brearton
Paul Yonkers, Sr.-Marie Barhold
Paul Carroll-Cheryl Seymour
All those who perished in the 911 tragedy*

Public Mass-Sunday, September 12 @ 7:30 am

*Bill Kiley-Wife, Claire & Family
Harold & Eleanor Tiffany-Kowalczyk Family*

Streaming Mass-Sunday, September 12 @ 10:15 am

*James O'Hare-Wife
Naomi St. Onge-JoAnn O'Connell & Family
Matthew Riordan (Birthday)-Family
Joseph Vece-Mary L. Genevieve*

**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 September 5-11
SANCTUARY (IN CHURCH)**

*Joseph Comitale
From Wife, Elearnor*

(IN CHAPEL)
*The Roberts Family
From Rose Kostek*



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



Life Long Faith Formation

packets were mailed out via snail mail to all families to register for Faith Formation classes. JoAnn Taylor will be emailing registration forms this week too.

We encourage all families to respond as soon as possible. The Taylors will be ordering materials beginning next week in preparation for October 3rd opening.

Please help them make this a smooth transition!!!

As we re-open 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.

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

Please call JoAnn at 518-283-5393, or JATaylor8537@gmail.com if you can volunteer or assist.

We hope to have news for you soon about the **meal ministry**, which provides meals to parish families in need.

Project DAWN, reaching out to our neighbors who are homeless or in need of clothing and meals, is being revised. Watch the bulletin for announcements.

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

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.....

My last bulletin page, but not my last communications with all of you!!!!

Symbols continue to remind me of the guidance of the Holy Spirit as I transition into a new chapter of my life.

Two weeks ago as I arrived at church, ready to begin packing up, as I lifted the switch for the light, I noticed the lights over my desk were bright, but the lights over the entry area into the office were dim. Only a soft pink cast could be seen. I recognized this as the fading of the light on my time here. Soft and beautiful, a gentle reminder that the bright light over my desk is there for the next coordinators to bring their brightness and light to you, as mine light fades here. But my light it is not out!!!!

This Sunday as I sat at my desk, continuing my sorting, I noticed the clock was stopped at 8:48. Hmm, I replaced the battery on that clock only a couple of months ago. I had to take note of this as a sign that my time here will stop. With a new battery, new people taking charge, it will again keep ticking and marking new moments.

Today my time here stops, the light fades but doesn't go out! I continue my ministry with the church in a new direction in pastoral care. I am convinced our paths will cross again as the Holy Spirit continues to connect us through our lives.

I leave you with my every morning inspirational quote;

Morning is God's way of saying,

**“One more time,
go make a difference,
touch a heart,
encourage a mind,
inspire a soul,
and enjoy the day.”**

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