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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 Deaf 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-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 12, 2021

### Suffering from the Divine Perspective

#### *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B*

Jesus began to teach the Apostles that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” **Mark 8:31–33**

This was most likely not the reply that Peter was expecting from Jesus. Peter was struggling with fear as Jesus explained that He would be entering into much suffering and death at the hands of the religious leaders of the time. Peter loved Jesus and was fearful and anxious about the thought of his Master suffering and being killed. So Peter, motivated by fear and confusion, tried to “talk some sense” into Jesus.

The result? Peter was rebuked in the presence of the other Apostles by Jesus. Jesus went so far as to say, “Get behind me, Satan.” That must have hurt.

To understand this properly, we must start with the obvious conclusion that Jesus’ words were words of great love. Jesus is not capable of anything other than love. Therefore, we must seek to understand how these strong words from Jesus were loving and holy.

The key to understanding this is the second thing Jesus said. “You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” Jesus had just revealed to the Apostles the deepest mystery of His life’s mission. Namely, He just revealed that His mission was to accept unjust persecution and death at the hands of the religious leaders. But in revealing this, it is also clear that He intended to bring good out of this suffering. He would not have allowed this suffering if it were not for some greater good. The hard part is that, in order to understand this great mystery of suffering, one needs a deep faith. The Apostles were being challenged to see this situation from the divine perspective. Peter was having a hard time doing so, and that is why Jesus had to challenge him so directly.

Jesus’ rebuke was a rebuke of love, helping Peter break free of his fear and limited vision so as to enter into this profound mystery of Jesus’ loving sacrifice.

Reflect, today, upon your own struggle with the Cross of Christ. His sufferings continue to be made present in our world through the love and sacrifices of His sons and daughters. When Christians suffer on account of their faith, we must see this from the eyes of God, not the eyes of men. We must see the divine blessings that accompany such sufferings and we must accept them in accord with the great mystery of God’s plan.

*Lord, I too lack the necessary faith to see the blessings that accompany Your Cross, as well as the many crosses I am given in life. Help me to be purified in my faith so that I can see Your hand at work in all things, even suffering, injustice and persecution. May I see life from Your perspective alone. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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!!



**The Parish Offices are open Monday thru Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm.**

**Our mass schedule for the weekdays have changed- NO Mass on Mondays. There will be mass at 12:10 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Michael the Archangel AND Wednesday and Fridays at 8 am at St. Jude the Apostle. If we have a funeral during the week, there will NOT be a 12:10 pm Mass. If you have intentions for a mass for during the week on a Monday, or Wednesday, please call the office to re-schedule these masses—518-283-6110, ext. 201.**



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

***Tuesday, September 14 @ 5:30-6:30 pm***  
***St. Michael the Archangel (Deacon)***  
***Tuesday, September 21 @ 5:30-6:30 pm***  
***St. Michael the Archangel (Deacon)***  
***Friday, September 17 @ 5:30 -6:30 pm-***  
***St. Jude the Apostle (Deacon)***  
***Friday, September 24 @ 5:30-6:30 pm-***  
***St. Jude the Apostle (Deacon)***

***Money Counters for***  
***Tuesday, September 13 at***  
***9 am—group #3.***



**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). The Women’s Guild will meet on Monday, September 13 with pizza. All are welcome!



**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 9/5/21-**  
**\$5,348.61**  
**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&fbclid=IwAR1fd0PTPid\\_mOhBkJBkWrQJehP4W9ADYS0F4MRuSoUj-JlJcMQD7iWcmA8](https://www.amazon.com/wishlist/is/311QMLKC11V60/?ref=lol_ov_le&fbclid=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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

**St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming  
Masses for 11-19, 2021**

**Streaming & Public 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 13, 2021**

**NO 12:10 pm Mass**

**TUESDAY, September 14 @ 12:10 pm**

*Evelyn & William O'Connor-Son, Timothy*

**WEDNESDAY, September 15**

**NO 12:10 pm Mass**

**THURSDAY, September 16 @ 12:10 pm**

*Philomena & Joseph Donato-Daughter, Louise Finelli  
Gerrie Richards-Husband, Joseph*

**FRIDAY, September 17, 2021**

**Office Closed/NO Mass**

**St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming  
Masses for September 18-19, 2021**

**Streaming Mass-Saturday, September 18 @ 5:15 pm**

*Ronald Hovey-Brother, Harry & Esther Hovey  
Mary Alive VanAuken-Daughter, MaryAnn  
Joseph Verrastro (Birthday)-Children*

**Public Mass-Sunday, September 19 @ 7:30 am**

*John & Anna Mary McMahan-Family  
Regina Octavia Lombardo-Ellen Tolan & Family*

**Streaming Mass-Sunday, September 19 @ 10:15 am**

*The Conroy Family-Mary Rose Ryan  
Gerald Dunson (7th Anniversary)-Loving Wife, Vickie  
Tony Sorriento-Yolanda & Ransen Caola  
Eileen Hughes-Peg & Pat Hughes*

**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 12-18, 2021  
SANCTUARY (IN CHURCH)**

*Joseph Comitale  
From Wife, Elearnor*

**(IN CHAPEL)**

*George T. VanDerHyden  
Anne & William Keegan  
From Maryanne VanDerHyden*



**Schedule of Live Streamed Masses:**

**St. Michael the Archangel-**

**Saturday @ 5:15 pm**

**Sunday @ 10:15 am**

**Daily Masses—Tuesdays & Thursdays @  
12:10 pm**

**St. Jude the Apostle-**

**Saturday @ 4:00 pm**

**Sunday @ 9:00 am**

**Daily Masses-Wednesdays & Fridays @ 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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