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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: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12:10 pm  
Sacred Heart: Mon-Fri: 9:00 am  
St. Jude the Apostle: Wednesdays & Fridays at 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-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, September 26, 2021**

### **A True Friend**

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

**“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire.” Mark 9:42–43**

**Seriously? Does Jesus really mean this literally? Should we really cut off our hand if it causes us to sin? He goes on to say that we should also cut off our foot and pluck out our eye if it causes us to sin.**

**Some of the early Church Fathers see this Scripture as a reference to our intimate friends. The context of this passage is that we ought not lead others into scandal and sin. In fact, it would be better if we had “a great millstone” put around our neck and were thrown into the sea than to cause another to sin.**

**Friends, especially close friends, are a blessing most of the time. But they can also be a cause for sin. If a good friend were to intentionally try to convince another friend to sin, this is a grave issue and is the heart of what Jesus is addressing. What He’s saying is that if we have close friends who are intentionally and maliciously tempting us to turn from God, it’s better that we let go of that “friend” and cut him/her off. The hand, foot or eye is a symbol of those friends who work hard to draw us to sin. It’s better that these friendships end than to be drawn into Hell with them. And if we are the “friend” drawing others to sin, it’s better for us to cut our friendship off with those we are tempting.**

**One thing this passage reveals is the powerful natural bond of friendship. Friendship is a good thing. And when you have a close friend, you find great consolation in knowing your friend is deeply committed to you and will always be there for you. But every friendship must be continually evaluated in the light of faith and truth. Sometimes friendships can get in the way of our faith in God and can be a powerful influence upon us in a negative way. Of course, the opposite is also true.**

**Reflect, today, upon your friendships. If you have a close and intimate friend in your life, reflect upon how you influence that person or how he/she influences**

**you. Make sure that Christ is the center and that faith always prevails in this natural bond.**

***Lord, I thank You for all friendships in my life. I thank You for giving me people who care. Help me to always be a good friend and to always examine my friendships in the light of faith. Jesus, I trust in You***



**Our mass schedule for the weekdays has 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 on a Tuesday or Thursday, the 12:10 Mass scheduled for that day will be cancelled. 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.**

#### **Church Garden Clean-up—The Church**

**Garden clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, October 2 at 10 am. If anyone would like to help, you are welcome to join with us, as many hands make light work! Any questions, please contact Teresa Murphy at teagarden4@verizon.net or 518-283-3604.**



**Women’s Guild—The winner of the 50/50 was Phil DeVoe for \$31.00. Congrats Phil!!**

**Women’s Guild Chicken BBQ- “Thank You” to everyone who supported our annual Chicken BBQ and made it such a huge success! We appreciate everyone who purchased dinners and those who helped work the event. A “special thank you” to Giuliano’s for the delicious food and Hannaford Market in Wynantskill for their donations of rolls.**



### Adoration Schedule (no Confessions)

**Tuesday, September 28 @ 5:30-6:30 pm**  
**St. Michael the Archangel (Deacon)**  
**Friday, October 1 @ 5:30-6:30 pm-**  
**St. Jude the Apostle (Deacon)**

**Money Counters for**  
**Monday, September 27 at**  
**9 am—group #5.**



**BIG THANK YOU!** St. Michael's Women's Guild Garden Group would like to thank the anonymous church member for donating the money to purchase a new wheelbarrow after ours disappeared. We now have a light weight yellow wheelbarrow. It will be locked in the shed. St. Michael's has very generous church members. Teresa Murphy, Head Gardner.



**THE 2022 MASS BOOK will open on Tuesday, October 19 at 9:30 am to 3 pm. The 2022 book will only be open on Mondays and Tuesdays, as the Parish Secretary is only in the office those days. We are only having mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:10 pm and the weekend masses 5:15 pm on Saturdays and 7:30 and 10:15 am on Sundays. Please schedule your masses according to the new mass days and times. Any questions, please call the Parish office at 518-283-6110, ext. 201.**



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. Fr. Mackey will be celebrating the 10:15 am Mass. A luncheon at the Franklin Plaza will be held at Noon. Reservations are due by **September 26**, as we need to contact the Franklin Terrace for the final numbers.



**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 **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=IwAR1fD0PTPIdmOhBKJBkWrQJehP4W9ADYS0F4MRuSoUj-JljcMQD7iWcmA8](https://www.amazon.com/wishlist/is/311QMLKC11V60/?ref=lol_ov_le&fbclid=IwAR1fD0PTPIdmOhBKJBkWrQJehP4W9ADYS0F4MRuSoUj-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 are flyers in the Gathering Area that will be available. This opportunity is open to adults and children and a great way to start a new school year. Please call today to see if you or your family member qualifies.



Over the coming Winter, 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 donations to the Parish office or call Phyllis Flynn-Mescia at 518-244-3412. Together, we can make a difference!!



## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming  
Masses for September 25-October 2, 2021

Streaming & Public Mass Saturday, September 25 @ 5:15 pm

Matthew & Helena O'Shansky-

Daughter, Rosemary & Family

Walter Horton, Sr.-Daughter, Esther & Harry Hovey

Jane Magnone (7th Anniversary)-Family

Mrs. Adrianna Riley-Marie Barhold

Public Mass Sunday, September 26 @ 7:30 am

Mike & Marguerite Zenzen-Paula Zenzen

Virginia Berry (1st Anniversary)-

Daughter, Denise & Family

John Sandstrom-Mary & Brian Hennigan

Streaming Mass Sunday, September 26 @ 10:15 am

Anne Aube-John & Paulette Baniak

Jane Connair (Birthday)-Family

James Mance-Arthur & Joann Kazanjian

MONDAY, September 27

NO 12:10 pm Mass

TUESDAY, September 28 @ 12:10 pm

All Parishioners of St. Michael's Parish-

Living & Deceased

WEDNESDAY, September 29

NO 12:10 pm Mass

THURSDAY, September 30 @ 12:10 pm

Matthew & Helena O'Shensky-

Daughter, Rosemary & Family

Eleanor & Michael Fields-Son, Michael J. Fields

FRIDAY, October 1

Office Closed/NO Mass

St. Michael's Public & Live Streaming  
Masses for October 2-3, 2021

Streaming Mass-Saturday, October 2 @ 5:15 pm

Tina Fitzmaurice (Birthday)-Mom

Ann M. Lombardo-Brenda

Kelly Grady-Burke-Marie Barhold

Thomas J. Manning-Sister, Sally Hogan

Public Mass-Sunday, October 3 @ 7:30 am

Bill Kiley-Wife, Claire & Family

Helen Howe-Barbara Donnelly

Ruth Constantine-Mary Anne Ryan

Streaming Mass-Sunday, October 3 @ 10:15 am

Kenneth Casabonne-Jeanne Pendell

### 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 26-October 2, 2021  
SANCTUARY (IN CHURCH)

John & Anna McMahon  
From your family

(IN CHAPEL)

All Albany Diocesan Seminarians



### 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 for the **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](mailto: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.

#### **Weekly Offering:**

The information provided in the bulletin regarding our weekly offering has been expanded. This will now include the amount of our offertory and the amount needed to cover our parish's weekly expenses.

#### **Weekly Offering for 9/19/21**

Offering \$2,582.30

Electronic Giving \$1,520.56

Total weekly Giving \$4,102.86

Second collection-Maintenance  
(electronic giving) - amount \$682.91

Offering needed to make weekly budget-  
\$5,900.00

Thank You for your continued support of St. Michael's Parish!!

#### **Collection for the Catholic University of America**

**—Our Second**

Collection this weekend, September 25-26, will be for the Catholic University of America and other Catholic higher educational needs.



Grounded in the philosophy of the rich Catholic intellectual tradition, students who attend Catholic colleges and universities are well prepared for success in life and ready to make a difference in today's world.

#### **Monthly Devotional**

#### **September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows**

The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows. This devotion recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary's spiritual martyrdom resulting in her perfect union with the Passion of Christ. This is symbolized by a sword piercing Mary's suffering heart, as foretold in Simeon's prophecy.



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