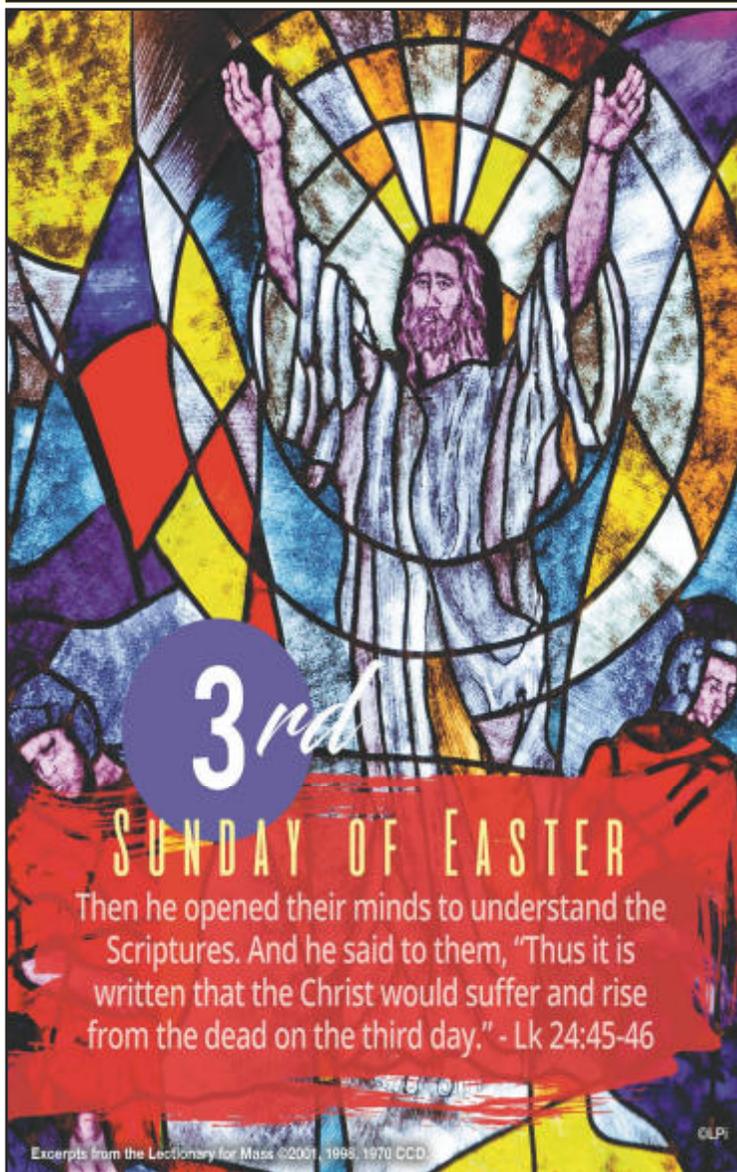


St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

South Glens Falls, New York



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

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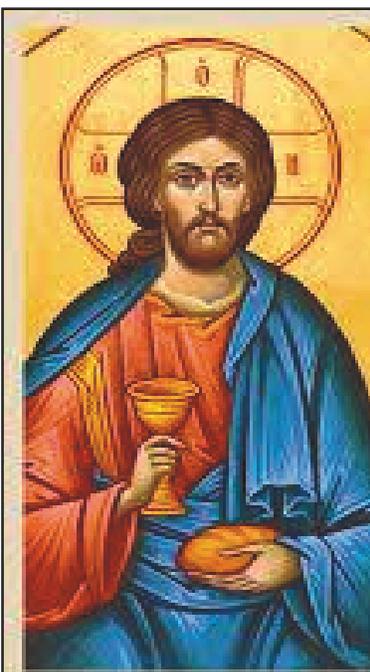
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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm (*Reconciliation* 3:00-3:45 pm)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM
Weekdays: Tuesday - Saturday 8:30 AM
Holy Days of Obligation ~ *as announced in bulletin*

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Parish Finance Committee Chair: Mark Johnson

Prayer to St. Michael
Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

APRIL 18, 2021 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Please keep all those in the military in your prayers, especially those from our parish and area deployed far away for their safety and swift return home: Tim Smith, Erik Greco, GySg Sean Smith, John Thomas, Kendall Fillings, SPC Raymond R. Harris, Maj Alexander Bedard III, A1C Charles Addison Maxwell, Cpl Nathan Lawrence, Army Sp Jason Bradway, Sr., SSgt Derek J. Lloyd, TSgt Timothy G. Whittemore, Lt Col Nicole Fish, Sgt Dallion Richards, SSgt Britney Rosati, CPO Robert Tyrseck, Capt Patrick Kelly, SSgt Cody J. McNorton USAF, NDI Michael Dean, NDI Mario Nicoletti, Sgt C.J. Perkett, Eric J. Johnson, PFC Dawson Cook, SPC Zackery Stewart, PVT Daniel Newell, SGT Timothy Gordon.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAY FOR THEM!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Anyone who



would like to receive a prayer shawl, or, if you know of someone that has lost a loved one or who is ill or infirm, and would like to receive one please call the rectory at (518) 792-5859 for more information.

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MY FIRST RECONCILIATION



FIRST RECONCILIATION:

The children who are preparing to receive their First Communion this May celebrated their First Reconciliation on Saturday. They will celebrate their First Communion on May 29. May God bless them at this important milestone in their Faith journey. Please keep them in your prayers.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

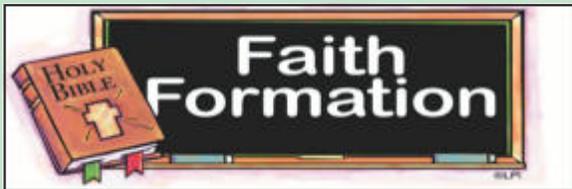
Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have recently died:



JEANETTE NOLAN
JANE STEWART

May they rest in peace.





FAITH FORMATION NOTES:

Jesus again says to his disciples, “Peace be with you.” This startles and terrifies them, but Jesus shows them his hands and his feet, and they know that he is indeed who he says he is. He opens their minds to understand the Scriptures, and tells them that they have been witnesses to all the things the prophets foretold.

Think back over the years since your children were born. As you have watched them change and grow, where have you witnessed the power of God in their lives? How have you come to know, through watching them, that God is who he says he is—Creator, love, forgiveness, compassion, and mercy? What works of God have you been a witness to?

Gather around your family prayer table. Place upon it a globe or a map of the world. Point out the countries that are served through your parish’s missionary efforts or through the missionary efforts of the Church (see crs.org, the official Web site of Catholic Relief services, for information on the Church’s worldwide outreach ministry). Explain that many people in such countries are witnesses to the power of God because of the support, prayers, and generosity of families just like your family. Think of ways your family can support the outreach efforts of your parish or of the worldwide Catholic Church. Pray together for missionaries throughout the world.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

In place of discussion starter questions, remain gathered around the globe or map of the world. Choose one country you have mentioned in your family discussion today. Work together to learn more about that country. What is its capital city? How many people live in that country? What is the major religion in that country? Try a food from that country. Draw a picture of that country’s flag. Find out what the Catholic Church is doing to make a difference there. Make a commitment to pray for the people in that country who are in need and, if possible, donate to a missionary outreach that serves that country.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

Are you, or someone you know thinking about becoming Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) process is an journey into learning about the greatest and most important life ever lived. Come join our RCIA sessions and enjoy the process of joining our Roman Catholic-Christian faith. Call Mary Stearns, Parish RCIA Coordinator, at 518-792-5859, extension 16.



Dear Friends in Christ,

The children who are preparing to receive their First Communion took a big step forward toward this by celebrating their First Reconciliation on Saturday. I ask everyone to please pray for them. In addition, I suggest that everyone also consider celebrating their First Reconciliation, again. To that point, I thought it might be a good time for a word about this vital Sacrament. As the saying goes, “*confession is good for the soul...*” and as such, I, like many pastors, have the concern that Reconciliation has fallen out of favor for many people. I have to believe that one or another cause is the reason. Either people are no longer sinning, or, the benefits of Reconciliation, aka confession, need to be reiterated. A couple of experiences suggest to me that the latter is the case. First, the week before Holy Week, I was asked to help with confessions at another parish. I was amazed when I arrived, approximately 20 minutes early, to find that there was a line of people waiting to go to confession that snaked around the inside of the church and out into the connecting school building. There had to be over 200, yes, 200 people waiting to be directed to one of the classrooms where myself and four or five other priests were hearing confessions. I thought I had the wrong time, but, in fact, that many people had all arrived very early. I went into the room I was assigned and stayed there for nearly three hours! I lost count of how many people—of all ages—whose confessions I heard that night. I kept thinking to myself that every sinner in the entire city had shown up! The other experience was what we did here in the parish in the month of March. As you may recall, in lieu of a communal penance service, I was in the confessional in church every Tuesday evening. Again, to my amazement, I heard confessions for well over two hours every week. These two experiences prove the point that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an awesome, if not underrated Sacrament that everyone should experience, rather, celebrate more frequently. I share these stories not to ‘guilt’ anyone into going to confession, especially if no sin has been committed, but to emphasize the beauty and power which Reconciliation offers. Jesus even directly speaks of this Sacrament as we heard in last Sunday’s Gospel! So, I’ll keep on sitting in the confessional, and I hope to see you sitting in there once in a while too!

Have a great week!

Father Tony Childs



St. Michael's parishioners who are unable to attend Mass in person, but wish to receive Holy Communion are welcome to contact the parish office and either Father Tony or Gayle Bush, Pastoral Care Associate, will bring Holy Communion to you. All Covid-19 safety measures will be followed during the visit. Please call the rectory at 518-792-5859 or email smichael@nycap.rr.com.

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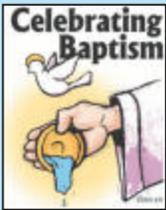


The clothing donation shed is open again! St. Pauly Textile works with organizations to distribute the items where they're given to people who need them. For providing space for the shed, St. Michael's receives a small stipend. Please **ONLY** place clothing, shoes, blankets, sheets, towels, and other household textiles in the shed.

REMINDER: The only items that are accepted are clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, towels, curtains, pillowcases and stuffed animals. Please **NOT** put or leave any other items, including trash, garbage or junk inside or outside of the shed. Such items will be discarded in the dumpster.

~CELEBRATING BAPTISM~

We joyfully welcome to our Faith Family:



ELLY ALEXIS SCHACH

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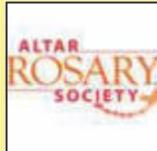


If you or someone you know plays a musical instrument, you are invited to join our music ministry! We are asking for anyone who plays an instrument to share their talent during Masses, especially for Christmas and other special celebrations. Please contact Linda Raville, Director of Music. It would be awesome if we could get several more musicians involved in our music ministry program and to have more musical instruments at Mass.

For more information, please call Linda at 518-792-5859 or email her at saintmichaelmusic@nycap.rr.com. This is a great chance to share your musical talent with the parish during Mass. Thank you!

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS CALENDAR

NOTE: MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Rosary Altar Society co-presidents — Loretta Lemmo and Ann Ryan invite all women of the parish to join in this exciting ministry. You can contact

Loretta at (518) 791-7502 and Ann at (518) 745-0973 for more information.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Your Parish Knights of Columbus are looking for YOU. Catholic gentlemen age 18+ are invited to join our council and support our Parish and community

through the many works the Lord calls us to do. We offer faith-building opportunities for you and your family. We would enjoy speaking to you about the Knights and how you can help our Parish and Community. Please contact Grand Knight Bob Rugar at (518) 260-3025 for more information. *Vivat Jesu!*

ONGOING FOOD DRIVE:



The Covid crisis has caused many families to experience 'food insecurity' due to loss of job and income and children or parents home all day.

Our parish has been very supportive of the food pantries in our area—the Moreau Community Center and St. Mary's Church—and we have helped countless people and families.

Please continue to bring in non perishable food items as often as you are able to. Remember the less fortunate and poor and help us to keep the food pantry shelves stocked during this Pandemic. When shopping, please pick up a few non perishable food items, personal hygiene, cleaning items; baby food, diapers, formula, etc. too. Donation containers are outside the main school doors and inside the main church doors. May God bless you.



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WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$6,300.00	TOTAL THE WEEK OF: APRIL 11, 2021
REGULAR WEEKLY OFFERTORY AMOUNT RECEIVED:	\$7,698.00
BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:	\$6,300.00
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GRAND TOTAL RECEIVED:	\$7,698.00
<p>Please be as generous as you can to support our parish. Thank you. Are you using online giving? Even if you are unable to be at Mass, you ensure that your offertory gift is received. Thank you!</p>	



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The annual Diocesan Appeal is ongoing. The name of the appeal was changed to better reflect the mission and purpose of this yearly appeal. Other changes include: no in-pew collection of pledges; all processing is done at the Diocesan Appeal office in Albany, not in the parish. The Appeal runs until June 30, 2021, not March as was the case previously. The Diocesan Appeal office will send statements for all who make pledges. One time gifts, pledges and payments may be made safely online at the Appeal website: www.diocesanappeal.org or you may send your gift or payments to the Diocesan Appeal Office—40 North Main Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. For payment or pledge or statement assistance, call the Diocesan Office of Stewardship & Development at 518-453-6680 or email stewardship@rcda.org.

In the midst of our challenging times, your gift is all the more necessary to ensure that the Diocese is able to continue Jesus' ministry today. No matter what amount you gift, please make a gift and join with those throughout the Diocese to carry on the important programs, services, ministries and offices & personnel that we all benefit from. Thank you to all who have already made their gift to the Diocesan Appeal.



MASS READINGS WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

- Sunday:** Acts 3:12-15,17-19; Ps 4:2-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:25-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69



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SUNDAY (4/18/21) THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 PM MARYLOUISE KING by Mary Ellen Stevens
Vigil ARTHUR NOKES by Liz Naylor & Loretta Landry
PEG BREEN by Mary Ellen Stevens

8:00 AM ABE & DOROTHY ABBOTT & BARBARA WOOD
by Cathy Hanna
JOE VERRIGNI, 50th Wedding Anniv., by Mary

10:00AM GALE CONROY by Mark & Maria Polidore
HEALING PRAYERS FOR RUTHANNE DUNCAN by Marty &
Loretta Lemmo

5:30 PM THE PEOPLE OF ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH
THE SOULS IN PURGATORY by E. Hume

Tuesday (4/20/21) Easter Weekday
8:30AM REV. THOMAS BIRMINGHAM SJ by Dorothy Michon

Wednesday (4/21/21) Saint Anselm; Easter Weekday
8:30AM JAKE LOUGHRAN by Dorothy Michon

Thursday (4/22/21) Easter Weekday
8:30AM

Friday (4/23/21) Saint George; Saint Adalbert; Easter Weekday
8:00AM

Saturday (4/17/21) Saint Fedelis; Easter Weekday
8:30AM by

SUNDAY (4/25/21) FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00PM JIM NEWELL by Mary Ellen Stevens
DONNA SCHEMPP by Mary Ellen Stevens
GENEVA PHILION by The Phillion Family
PEGGY BREEN by Amy & Matt LaPoint
MURRY O'NEIL, 1st Anniv., by Dorine Farry

8:00 AM MEMBERS OF THE SOMMO FAMILY by Anne

10:00AM PAULA BOYER by Cindy & Doug Murphy
BEVERLY SPIZZO by Debbie & Family
PEG BREEN by Sharon Granger
BERNIE & MAV MOSES by Marty & Loretta Lemmo

5:30PM THE PEOPLE OF ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

Note: The requested offering per Mass intention is \$10.00. This is the common offering amount given for the priest celebrant of a particular Mass. Thank you!

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY: Gayle Bush is our Pastoral Care Associate. She is delighted to call and visit elderly, infirm and homebound parishioners or those in hospital or nursing facilities. Call the parish at (518)792-5859 to let us know about someone to be visited or if you have any questions.



NEW PERPETUAL MASS OPTION:



We have begun a Perpetual Mass Society with premium hard-cover Mass intention cards — in **scarlet** and **blue**. The Perpetual Mass Enrollment intentions will be offered on the first Sunday of the month at the 10:00 am Mass.

A binder with the names of those enrolled in our Perpetual Enrollment Society is kept by the Blessed Mother statue in the Gathering Space in church. This option is intended to give everyone a chance to attend this monthly Mass for the intentions of loved ones enrolled in the Perpetual Mass Society.

Enrollment intentions are \$20.00 for an entire year of Masses, celebrated monthly. Call the rectory at 518-792-5859 if you have any questions.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you have been reading the bulletin, you have noticed that every so often, there are Masses without any intention for that Mass. If you would like to have a Mass offered for any intention for someone—either living or deceased—call the office and we will be happy to schedule Masses.



An announced Mass intention is a wonderful gift that anyone may give to honor and celebrate the life of loved ones. Usually a Mass intention is for someone who has died, but, a Mass may also be celebrated for anyone. If you have any questions, call the parish office 518-792-5859.

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