

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Page Avenue ~ Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

May 25, 2025

MASSES IN COHOES:

Monday, 9:00am at St. Michael's Church
Tuesday, 5:30pm at Church of the Holy Trinity
Wednesday, 9:00am at St. Michael's Church
Thursday, 9:00am at Church of the Holy Trinity
Friday, 9:00am at Church of the Holy Trinity
Saturday, 4:00pm at Church of the Holy Trinity
Sunday, 9:00am at St. Michael's Church
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month—some Polish
Sunday, 10:30am at Church of the Holy Trinity

CONFSSION IN COHOES:

Tuesday, 4:15pm – 5:15pm at Church of the Holy Trinity
Thursday, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at St. Michael's Church
Saturday, 2:45pm – 3:45pm at Church of the Holy Trinity
By appointment anytime – call the Parish Office.

ADORATION IN COHOES:

Tuesday, 4:15pm – 5:15pm at Church of the Holy Trinity
Thursday, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at St. Michael's Church

ANointing of the Sick in COHOES:

After all weekend Masses on the second weekend of the month.
By appointment anytime - please call the Parish Office.

For Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation, to join the Parish, register for Faith Formation, become Catholic, or any other questions or concerns please call the Parish Office.

Please check inside the bulletin or on our website for any schedule changes or additions due to Holy Days, Holidays, etc.



St. Michael's Church is Handicapped Accessible.

PARISH STAFF:

Very Rev. Brian Kelly	Pastor
Rev. Kyle Gorenski	Parochial Vicar
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CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parish Office: (518) 237-5151
Office Hours: Mon., Wed., & Thurs. 9:30am-12:00pm; Tues. 9:30am-2:00pm.
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Website: www.stmichaelscohoes.org
Bulletin: bulletin@stmichaelscohoes.org
Cemetery: cemetery@stmichaelscohoes.org
Parish trustees:
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CHURCH OPEN HOURS:

Monday & Wednesday 8:30am-10:00am
Thursday 5:00pm-7:00pm
Sunday 8:00am-10:30am
(closed Tuesday, Friday, & Saturday)

May 25, 2025



THANK YOU... TO ALL WHO
SHARED THEIR TIME, TALENT
AND TREASURE FOR THE GOOD
OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY LAST WEEK.

Reflection for May 25th

The 6th Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks words meant to console hearts that are about to be broken. The Last Supper is ending, and Judas has already gone out. Jesus knows the cross is near. And yet, what does He do? He speaks peace. He makes promises. He reminds the disciples that even in His absence, they will not be alone. He says: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." This is astonishing. Not only does Jesus promise us His love, but He says that the Father and the Son will come to us—not just visit, but dwell with us. Live in us. Remain with us. He's speaking about the indwelling presence of God through grace. A soul in a state of grace becomes a living temple of the Most Holy Trinity. Think about that: we don't have to climb to heaven to find God—He desires to make His home in us. But there's a condition: "Whoever loves me will keep my word." Love and obedience go together. Love without obedience is sentiment. Obedience without love is slavery. But when the two are united, that's the life of a disciple. Then Jesus speaks of another gift: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." This is how the Church lives and grows—through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit doesn't give us new truths, but reminds us of what Jesus already taught. He deepens our understanding. He guides the Church through her struggles, her councils, her saints, and even her sinners. Without the Holy Spirit, we would be orphans. But with the Spirit, we are sons and daughters. Finally, Jesus says: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." The world's peace is fragile. It depends on things going well: health, finances, relationships. But Jesus offers a peace that remains even when everything else collapses. A peace that stood firm in Gethsemane. A peace that forgave from the Cross. A peace rooted in the Father's will. So, if your heart is troubled today—if you're facing loss, uncertainty, fear—hear Jesus say again: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." He's not saying, "Ignore the pain."

Your Brother in Christ, Fr. Kyle

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE:

May 18, 2025: Sunday, 9am

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BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH: We warmly welcome new members to St. Michael's Church! Registration forms are available in the back of the church, in the Parish Office, or can be downloaded from our parish website, www.stmichaelsofcohoe.org. Completed forms may be placed in the offertory collection basket, dropped off at or mailed to the Parish Office, or emailed to info@stmichaelsofcohoe.org.

Weekly Contributions

May 11, 2025 (TOTAL)	\$3,797.38
May 12, 2024 (Total)	\$4,158.00
May 12, 2024 (Regular Offertory only)	\$2,586.00
Regular Offertory*	\$2,291.69
Mother's Day	\$1,310.00
Parish Building Improvements	\$156.69
Parish Maintenance & Grounds	\$30.00
Evangelist	\$9.00
*Regular Offertory:	
9:00am Mass & Mail	\$1,851.00
E-giving	\$440.69
Weekly operating expenses (minimum needed):	\$3,723.98
◦ For the week above, we met our weekly budget!	
◦ Goal for increased offertory is \$1,500 - \$2,000 per week in order to cover operating expenses plus outstanding debt payments.	

COUNTING TEAM FOR TUESDAY, MAY 27TH (9:30am):
Michelle Trainier, Teresa Barlik, Maria Swieton.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Our special collection supports the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now grappling with the war in Ukraine. Funds support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity. You can find more information at www.usccb.org/ccee.

SECOND COLLECTION: The **Catholic Communication** collection will be **June 1st**. Thank you for your anticipated support.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of May 26 – June 1

CHURCH:

Main Altar (tabernacle):

In memory of †Very Reverend Father Joseph Anselment
by Janet Gorsky.

Sacred Heart (side altar):

People of the Parish.

Blessed Mother (side altar):

In memory of Noreen Twiss & Irene Dudek
by Kathy & Ed Twiss.

Liturgical Roles⁺

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristans
June 1 9:00AM	J. Trainier	E. Kosek (H) J. Trainier (W) N. Signoracci (W)	M. Swieton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Prayer Service at St. Michael's Cemetery	May 26, 10:30am
The Ascension of the Lord Mass	May 29, 7pm
Anointing of the Sick - after 9am Sunday Mass	June 8
Prayers to Our Lady of Fatima	June 13, 6pm
Rosary Society Meeting - Church Hall	June 18, 6pm

May 26th, Memorial Day

Holy Trinity - there will be a special Mass at St. Joseph's Cemetery at 9am, honoring the deceased families, friends, and parishioners. If you plan on attending, please bring your own chairs. If it is raining, Mass will be at St. Michael's.

St. Michael's Cemetery - there will be a prayer service at 10am honoring our deceased families, friends, and parishioners of St. Michael's.

Father's Day - June 14-15

Fathers will receive a special blessing at all Masses on Father's Day.

OFFICE
CLOSED

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish office will be closed on Monday, **May 26th** in observance of Memorial Day.



PRAYERS TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The Rosary Society is hosting prayers to Our Lady of Fatima on the 13th of the month. A handout of the prayers is provided. All are invited at 6pm on Friday, **June 13th**.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING: The next Rosary Meeting and the year end pizza party is Wednesday, **June 18th** at 6pm.



Dear Parish Family,

By God's grace, I have spent the past six months discerning a call to the diocesan priesthood with the Diocese of Albany and am excited to enter seminary this fall. Before I can begin, I must first resolve my student loans. To help, I am partnering with the Labouré Society, a nonprofit that assists aspiring priests and religious with educational debt. My goal is to raise \$60,000 by June, and I humbly ask for your prayers and support.



To donate, please scan the QR code below or mail a check to: 1365 Corporate Center Curve, Suite #104, Eagan, MN 55121 (Please put "In Honor of Justin Hollingshead" in the Memo line)

For more information, feel free to contact me at (518) 949-5690 or justin@rescuevocations.org. Thank you, and may God bless you!

DIOCESAN APPEAL:
Assessment \$20,400.00
As of May 6, 2025: \$21,759.00
66 Gifts
107% of goal
Average gift: \$330
Still needed: \$0.00



Diocesan
Appeal

The Appeal runs from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Please make every effort to support our Diocesan Appeal. Envelopes are available in the pews, in the back of the Church, and in the Parish Office. **Thank you for your support!**

SANCTUARY CANDLES CALENDAR: We have three sanctuary candles that can be sponsored in memory or in honor of loved ones: the **Main Altar** sanctuary candle, the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** side altar candle, and the **Blessed Mother** side altar candle. The donation is **\$12** per week.

MISCARRIAGE MINISTRY

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Catechism beautifully reminds us that "Every human life, from conception until death, is sacred, and willed by God in His image". From the moment of conception, each child is cherished by God and deserving of dignity. In this light, the Diocese recognizes that many families may not know a baby lost to miscarriage is entitled to a funeral. By offering funerals for these precious souls, we affirm the sanctity of life at every stage. We are here to support families through their grief, providing comfort and peace as they honor the life lost. If you have experienced a miscarriage and wish to arrange a funeral or remembrance on All Souls' Day, please contact Father Kyle. We hold you in our hearts and pray for your healing. May God's peace be with you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Kyle
Kyle.Gorenski@rcda.org

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

HOLY TRINITY: Join us for Stations of the Resurrection on Friday, **June 6th** at 7pm, sponsored by the Prayer and Worship team and led by Father Kyle.

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE MEETING: Polish National Alliance Group 1684 will meet on Sunday, **June 8th** at 10:30am in the Church Hall. Any questions please contact Marian Wiercioch at (518) 235-5549 or marijanpna1684@aol.com.

MEET AND GREET THE SEMINARIANS: Please join us on **June 22nd** at noon at St. Ambrose Parish Center to meet the Seminarians who are preparing for the Priesthood. This will give you the opportunity to get to know these young men and show them that they are supported along their journey.

DIOCESAN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Save the Date! The Step Up Men's Conference 2025 will be held on **August 9th** and the Unleashing Love Women's Conference 2025 will be held on **October 18th**. Both conferences will be at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 569 Clifton Park Center Road, Clifton Park, NY. For more information, please contact Tom Cronin, Director of Evangelization & Strategic Planning, at (518) 453-6625 or Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org



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St. Michael the Archangel R. C. Church
20 Page Ave., Cohoes, NY 12047

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 24 – June 1, 2025

Sat., May 24	
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., May 25	Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00 a.m. (some Polish)	† PAUL JAFFARIAN by beloved wife Marion † JANINA WIERCIOCH by Danuta Olkusnik † JOHN & HELEN SLOBODA by Family † STASIA BURZYNSKI by PNA - Group 1684 - Maria † WIESLAWA ZACHARIASZ by Family † SERAFINA CARANGELO by Antonia Cappabianca † KENNETH & HELEN ANATRIELLO by Family
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Mon., May 26	Memorial Day Prayer Service at St. Michael's Cemetery
10:30 a.m.	FR. DON BOURGEOIS (40 th Anniv.) by Doris Vojnar
Tues., May 27	
5:30 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Wed., May 28	
9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners
5:30 p.m.	(Vigil Mass at Holy Trinity)
Th., May 29	The Ascension of the Lord
7:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
5:00 p.m. to	HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION
7:00 p.m.	
7:00 p.m.	† IRENE DUDEK by Kathy & Ed Twiss
Fri., May 30	
9:00 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sat., May 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 p.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)
Sun., June 1	Seventh Sunday of Easter
9:00 a.m.	† JANINA WIERCIOCH by M/M Eugene Leoniak † SERAFINA CARANGELO by Caroline Martuccio & Family † EVELYN RODCRICK by Donna
10:30 a.m.	(Mass at Holy Trinity)

Please note: Masses listed above are at St. Michael's Church unless noted otherwise.

May 25, 2025

St. Michael's

Faith Formation News

Director: Kathy Burns - FFsmCohoes@rcda.org

(518) 428-6353

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- Saturday, May 24: 5:30pm – Confirmation rehearsal at St. Ambrose
- Sunday, May 25: 5:30pm – Confirmation at St. Ambrose

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Confirmation class. They will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today, **May 25th** at 5:30pm at St. Ambrose Church.

Our Confirmation students are:

Liam Burns
Kaelyn Green (missing from photo)
Aiden Lis-Marcil
Isabella Riberdy
Lillian Robinson
Carmen Tarlo
Braiden Zadlock



THANK YOU

For Faith Formation to succeed, the cooperation of a great many people is needed. This cooperation is provided by those who devote themselves to catechesis. I would like to thank all volunteers who gave so much of their time, talent and treasure to our Faith Formation program. Without these individuals our program would not succeed and I am truly grateful to work with them.

Thank You to Father Kyle Gorenski for always supporting our Faith Formation Program.

Thank you to the Parents, Grandparents, and families.

Grade 1: Valerie Cappabianca / Amelia Cappabianca

Grade 2: Julia Clairmont

Grade 3: Sodelys Hilario / Lillian Sutliff

Grade 4/5: Toni Wowk

Grade 6/7/8: Don Clairmont / Kathleen Burns

Grade 9/10: Julia Clairmont / Kathleen Burns

Gatekeeper / Chapel: John Harrington

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I wish you all a safe and blessed summer!

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