



The Catholic Community of ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL and ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays:	St. Michael the Archangel	4:00pm
	St. Jude the Apostle	4:00pm
Sundays:	St. Michael the Archangel	8:30am
	St. Jude the Apostle	10:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Michael the Archangel	M, T & Th @ 12:10pm
St. Jude the Apostle	Wednesday @ 8:00am

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

St. Michael the Archangel Exposition, 11:30 am Tuesdays

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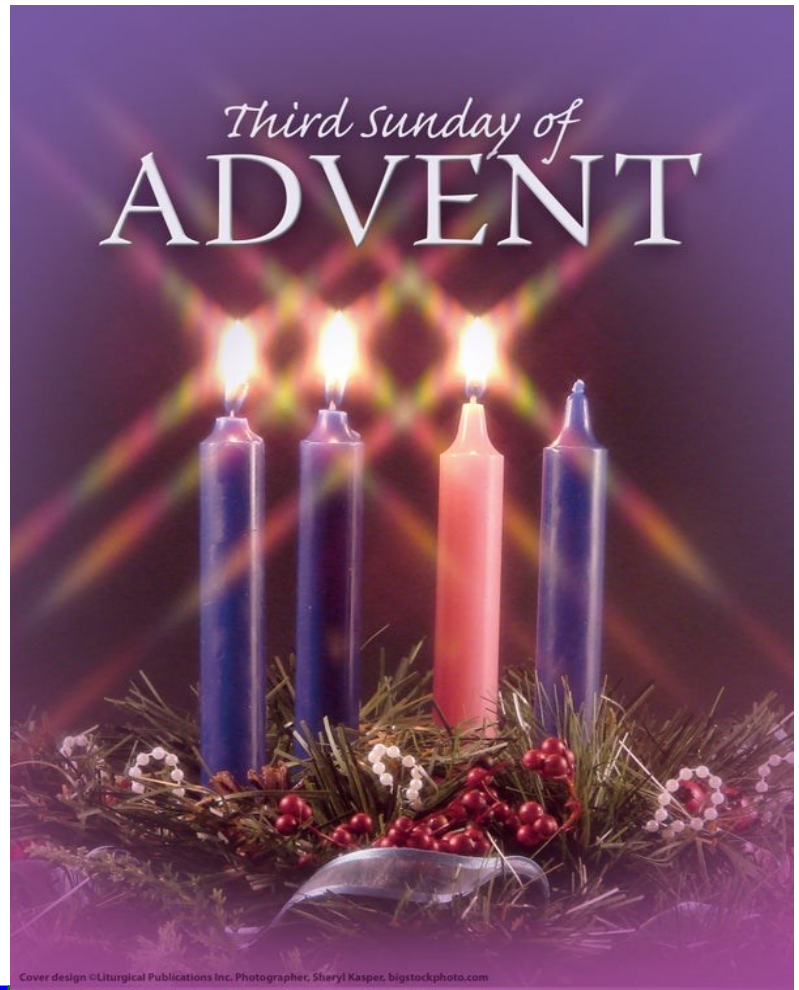
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St. Michael the Archangel
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St. Jude the Apostle
Monday-Thursday
9:00AM – 1:00PM



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<p>PARISH CALENDARS Monday, December 15 12:10 pm Mass (SM) 9:00 am Money Counting—Team 1 (SM) 9:00 am Walking Club at SM Hall or outdoor track at LSI (SM & SJ) 10:30am Walking Club at LSI (SM & SJ) indoor lower gym 7:00pm Reconciliation Service (Sacred Heart, Troy) Tuesday, December 16 11:30 am Exposition of the (SM) Blessed Sacrament 12:10 pm Mass (SM) 1:00 pm Dominos (SM) Wednesday, December 17 7:30 am Rosary (SJ) 8:00 am Mass (SJ) 9:00 am Walking Club at SM Hall or outdoor track at LSI (SM&SJ) 9:30 am Crafty Ladies at (SM) 10:30 am Food for Soul, Team 4(SM) Kitchen 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (SM)</p>	<p>Thursday, December 18 12:10pm Mass (SM) 9:00 am Walking Club at SM Hall (SM & SJ) 9:00 am Outdoor track at LSI (SM & SJ) 10:30am Walking Club at LSI (SM & SJ) indoor lower gym Friday, December 19 Offices Closed (SM & SJ) Saturday, December 20 4:00pm Mass (SM) & (SJ) 3:00pm-3:40pm Reconciliation (SM) Food Collection Weekend-kitchen (SM) Sunday, December 21 8:30 am Mass (SM) 10:00 am Mass (SJ) 9:30 am Faith Formation Classes: K-10 (SM,SJ) Kitchen, Hall ,Annex Food Collection Weekend-kitchen (SM) 2026 CALENDARS OUR CHURCH 2026 CALENDARS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN A COUPLE WEEKS.</p>	<p><u>Christmas Caroling at the Manor</u> Please Join Us Saturday, December 14th from 1:30–3:00 PM as we spread Christmas cheer through song at Van Rensselaer Manor All are welcome Bring your voice, your joy, wear festive colors and a warm heart!</p> <p>Advent Reconciliation Services Sacred Heart is offering an evening Advent Reconciliation Service on Monday, December 15th at 7pm</p>
<p>St. Michael the Archangel</p>	<p>MASS INTENTIONS</p>	<p>St. Jude the Apostle</p>
<p><u>Saturday, 12/13/2025-4:00pm-St. Michael</u> Jane Verrastro (7th Anniversary), <i>The Family</i> Bill Leahy, Mary E. Purcell, & Thomas Moran, The Leahy Family Jack & Virginia Berry (Birthday Remembrance) <i>Daughter, Denise & Family</i> Alfred Anderson, Kathy & John Meyer <u>Sunday, 12/14/2025-8:30am-St. Michael</u> Bill & Claire Kiley, The Family Elizabeth & Bill Schlutow, Ed & Sharon <i>Simonik</i> Raymond Morrill, Wife, Barbara & Daughters, Dawn and Tami <u>Monday, 12/15/2025-12:10pm-St. Michael</u> Elizabeth Parisi (21st Anniversary), <i>Teresa Murphy</i> <u>Tuesday, 12/16/2025- 12:10pm St. Michael</u> World Peace <u>Thursday, 12/18/25- 12:10pm St. Michael</u> Lisa Provera, The Family <u>Saturday, 12/20/2025-4:00pm-St. Michael</u> Jim Brearton, Mary & John Gerger, <i>The Brearton Family</i> Teodosio Verrastro (62 Anniversary), <i>The Family</i> Alfred Anderson, Margaret & Barry Willard</p>	<p><u>Sunday, 12/21/2025-8:30am-St. Michael</u> Daniel J. Conway, (14th Anniversary), <i>The Conway Family</i> Eddie & Betty Jane Simonik, <i>Ed & Sharon Simonik</i> Joanne Casserly, A Friend <u>Sanctuary Lamp (Church)</u> For All Mourning the Loss of a Loved One <u>Sanctuary Lamp (Chapel)</u> Bishop Mark O'Connell <p>Christmas Mass Schedule Christmas Eve: St. Michael, 2:00 PM* and 6:00 PM *2:00PM Mass - Translator for the hearing impaired with American Sign Language (ASL)interpreter St. Jude, 4 PM; Mass with Children's Christmas Pageant Christmas Day: St. Michael, 8:30 AM St. Jude, 10:00 AM Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God December 31: St. Michael, 4 PM January 1: St. Jude, 10 AM</p> <p>Please note: there will be no daily Mass December 29, 30th and 31st to allow Father and the Staff some much deserved time off.</p> </p>	<p><u>Saturday, 12/13/2025— 4:00pm-St. Jude</u> James McDade, Mary McDade Harold Jacobs, Sr. Daughter, Mary Joseph & Pauline Ienco, Anne & David Cannon Mary Finelli, The Family <u>Sunday, 12/14/2025 — 10:00 am - St. Jude</u> Jack Miorin, The Family John T & Frances Perkinson, Their Children John Greaves, Martha & Joe Miller Jason Cupp, Joe & Marie Krucznicki <u>Wednesday, 12/17/2025-8:00am –St. Jude</u> 7:30 am Rosary For the safe travel of all parishioners of St. Jude's and St. Michael's who will be traveling during this Christmas season. <u>Saturday, 12/20/2025— 4:00pm</u> Harold Cannon, Anne & David Cannon Tony Carnavale, The Family Pat Harley, Nadine & Family Gaetano & Maria Tedesco, <i>Son and Daughter-in-law</i> <u>Sunday, 12/21/2025--10:00am</u> David & Dorothy Castle, The Castle Kids John & Frances Perkinson, Perkinson Children John Greaves, Phyllis Devery Mary Ann Grace, Carol Brown Sanctuary Lamp: World Peace</p>

SACRAMENTS

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RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:
 Saturday 3:00-3:40pm
 December at St. Michael's
 January at St. Jude's
 Or arranged by calling the Parish Office.



FAITH FORMATION, BAPTISM, FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION AND OCIA:
 Please call JoAnn and Steve Taylor at 518-283-6110 ext: 204

Faith Formation

(SM & SJ)

Congratulations to our second graders who will make their First Reconciliation at St. Michael's on Sunday afternoon. We wish them peace as they receive this sacrament! Our first group of second graders received their First Reconciliation last week at St. Jude's.



Thank you, Father Joe, for inviting our children to the Table of the Lord during our Family Mass last week! Also, many thanks to Sr. Kate Arseneau for her wonderful talk on Advent last week. Her words reminded us to always be a good person, and always do the right thing!

We will be making snowmen gifts for the children at the Troy Boys/Girls Club this weekend, using the new childrens' gloves and movie size boxes of candy that were so graciously donated. We made these last year, and they were very appreciated by the children. Thank you for your support of this annual project!

Would you like to be a Faith Formation substitute or a member of the OCIA team? If you are interested, please email JoAnn Taylor at ffstmichaels@gmail.com.

St. Jude's and St. Michael's

If you are in the hospital or homebound, please let us know **by calling the office.**

St. Jude's 518.283.1162

St. Michael's 518.283.6110

Father would be honored to visit, pray with you, and offer the sacraments.

Welcome, Bishop Mark!

This week, we join the entire Diocese of Albany in joyfully welcoming Bishop Mark as our new shepherd. His installation was a beautiful reminder that the Holy Spirit continues to guide, renew, and strengthen our Church.

We are blessed by his joyful spirit, his hope for the future, and his deep desire to walk with us as we grow in faith and mission.

As we begin this new chapter together, let us surround Bishop Mark with our prayers, support, and encouragement, especially in these early days of his ministry.

May the Lord give him wisdom, strength, and peace as he leads our diocesan family.

Welcome, Bishop Mark!



ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

ST. NICHOLAS DAY



WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

The Women's Guild 50/50 raffle winner for December was Carol Hodecker! Thanks Carol for supporting our work!

The Christmas Basket raffle tickets continues to be available until December 21 after the 8:30 mass. Tickets are available in the office as well! The Guild will use the money raised toward our Christmas donations to 5 not for profits organizations in Rensselaer County for our neighbors in need. One of those organizations is Christopher House in South Troy which is a home for women veterans transitioning back to the community after their service.

Food for Soul this week is Team 4. Women from the WG Committee, along with other volunteers, make 60 sandwiches and donate 2 cases of water weekly for delivery to the homeless in Troy and Albany by the Joseph House van. The Guild will also be purchasing and delivering an additional 16 cases of water this month.

The altar committee would like to remind you that there are two ways to donate flowers to decorate our church for the Christmas Season. Please feel free to use the envelope you received CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING or you may purchase a red, white or a red and white poinsettia plant and drop it off December 20 and 21 before or after Masses in the church hall where you will find cards to put the name of your loved one on each memorial plant to be placed in church for Christmas. A sign in sheet will also be available for you to leave your name!

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Christmas Giving Tree

Thank you everyone!

All of the tags have been taken off of our Christmas Giving Tree.

A reminder in order for us to deliver the gifts on time, we need all gifts returned by Sunday, December 14th.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Thank you to all who helped make the Men's Club Lasagna Dinner sale a success! The Scratch Off ticket raffle was won by Sheila Kerns. **Congratulations** and good luck, Sheila. Merry Christmas to all from the Men's Club. Our next meeting is Monday, January 5 at 6pm.

Christmas and Flower Envelopes

There are Christmas and flower envelopes on the table in the Gathering Area and on the counter in the hallway for those who did not receive them in the mail.

ST. MICHAEL'S DIOCESAN APPEAL 2025-2026

Catholic Charities is one of the organizations that receives funds through the Diocesan Appeal. It continues to have a presence in all 14 counties of the Diocese, serving neighbors in a number of ways including through shelters, apartments, food pantries, soup kitchens, services for seniors, mediation, and helping people navigate systems to get the help that they need. Won't you please help to support this very worthwhile organization?

As of December 6, the information posted by the Diocesan Stewardship Office for the July 1, 2025 -June 30, 2026 year as follows:

Number of gifts: 40

Diocesan Assessment: \$46,007

Amount Raised: \$14,357

Thank you to those who have so generously given to the Appeal.

It's easy to donate to St. Michael the Archangel by simply scanning the QR code to support St. Michael's securely and conveniently. Every donation, big or small, helps and is greatly appreciated. We are grateful for your continued generosity and support!



St. Michael-December Second Collections
12/14 -- Parish Improvements
& Building Maintenance

**Bishop Mark's installation Mass on 12/5.
A beautiful, memorable and joyful occasion.**



So, the most wonderful time of the year is here! Hustle, bustle, preparation, planning-the list goes on! Take time this year to reach out to someone you know that has lost a loved one since last Christmas. The first Christmas after a loss can be very difficult for many. It is hard to know what to say-sometimes saying something as simple as " I am thinking of you and want you to know I am here for you. Let's have a cup of coffee or just take a drive, if you are up to it." Knowing that they can call you sometimes is all they need to get through this year. Don't force them to celebrate this year-it is ok if they want to "just be".

OUR ROSARIANS

The Rosarians gathered last Sunday before Mass for their December meeting. Our Rosarians collected 212 hats, gloves and mittens for St. Joseph's Center.

We are so blessed by the support, dedication, and quiet generosity of these and so many other wonderful women in our parish family.

Thank you for all you do!



Donate a Poinsettia

Help us prepare the church for Christmas by donating a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special.

Decorating will begin after the last week of Advent, and poinsettia donations may be dropped off on Sunday 12/21 after Mass and before 11:30 am.

It's easy to donate to St. Jude the Apostle by simply scanning the QR code to support Saint Jude's securely and conveniently.

Every donation, big or small, helps and is greatly appreciated. We are grateful for your continued generosity and support!



Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Tree is now set up near the ambo. Please consider taking an ornament and helping make Christmas a little brighter for those in need.

This year, we are providing gifts for several local families, our neighbors at SJ Apartments, and our dedicated teachers by helping them fulfill classroom wish lists.

If you prefer to donate financially, please place your contribution in an envelope marked "SJ Christmas Tree Giving" and drop it off at the parish office or in the weekend collection. Please return all gifts by December 14th.

Thank you, as always, for your generous and thoughtful support.



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