



The Parishes of ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL and ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE



† 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 16, 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
St. Jude 8:50am Monday School Mass NO MASS FEB 17TH	

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

St. Michael the Archangel **Tuesday @ 11:30am**

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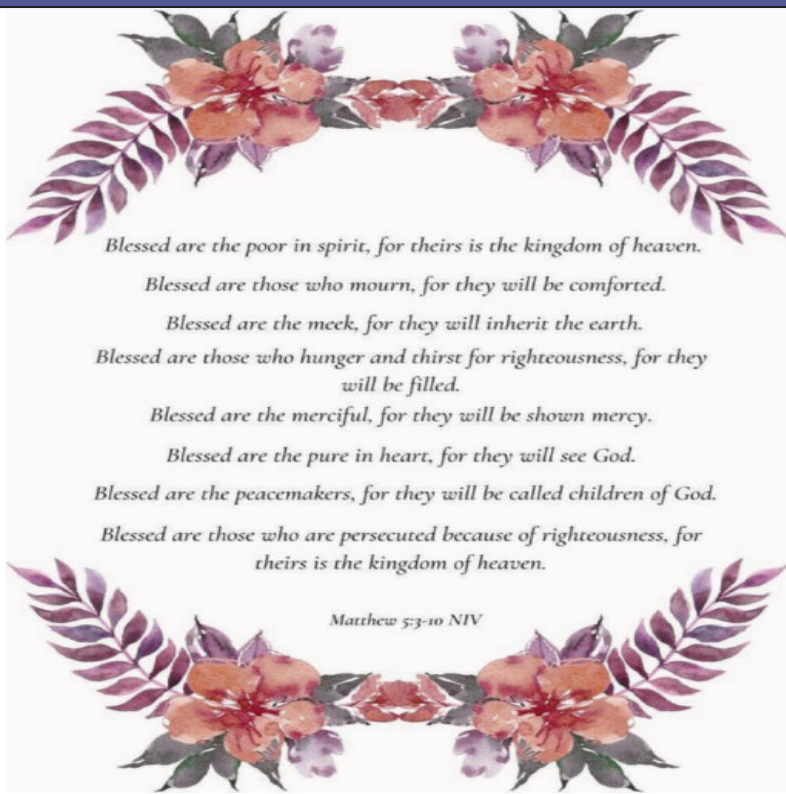
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St. Michael the Archangel Monday-Thursday 9:00AM – 3:00PM	St. Jude the Apostle Monday-Thursday 9:00AM – 2:30PM
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We will be collecting last year's palms for the Burning of the Palms ceremony on March 2nd. Please leave your palms in the baskets in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

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PARISH CALENDARS

Monday, Feb. 17

Office Closed—(SM & SJ)

8:50am NO SJ School Mass (SJ)
12:10 pm Mass (SM)
9:00 am Walking Club at SM Hall (SM & SJ)
10:30 am Walking Club at LSI (SM & SJ)

Tuesday, Feb. 18

12:10 pm Mass (SM)
9:00am Money Counting Team 2 (SM)

9:00am Food Delivery, Food Ministry (SM)
11:30 am Exposition (SM)
1:00 pm Dominos, Hall (SM)
6:30 pm Parish Council (SM), Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 19

8:00 am Mass (SJ)
Food for the Soul, 10:00am Team 3 (Kitchen)(SM)
9:00 am Walking Club at SM Hall (SM & SJ)
9:30 am Crafty Ladies, Conf Room (SM&SJ)
10:30 am Walking Club at LSI (SM & SJ)
6:30 pm Choir, Church (SM)

Thursday, Feb. 20

12:10 pm Mass (SM)
9:00 am Walking Club at SM Hall (SM & SJ)
10:30 am Walking Club at LSI (SM & SJ)
3:00pm Living with Loss Group (SM & SJ)
Held at St. Jude's Parish Center

Friday, Feb. 21

Office Closed (SM & SJ)

Saturday, Feb. 22

4:00 pm Mass (SM & SJ)

Sunday, Feb. 23

8:30 am Mass (SM)
10:00 am Mass (SJ)
NO FAITH FORMATION



DIOCESAN APPEAL (SM)

With support from the parish and your annual gift, the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office works to advance the mission of our schools, providing professional development programs for faculty and staff and expertise in complying with local, state, and national guidelines and standards. Your support ensures that Catholic Education is vibrant and affordable for those who wish to enroll. As of February 8, the information posted by the Diocesan Stewardship Office follows:

Number of gifts: 63
Diocesan Assessment: \$43,310
Amount Raised: \$19,497
Shortfall: \$23,813

The Diocesan Appeal is an assessment. Therefore, St. Michael's is responsible for the full amount of the assessment. Therefore, the amount of the shortfall is the responsibility of St. Michael's. Thank you to those who have so generously given to the Appeal.

MASS INTENTIONS

 St. Michael the Archangel (SM)  St. Jude the Apostle (SJ)

Saturday, 2/15/2025-St. Michael

Joseph Comitale (Birthday), Wife, Eleanor
Pat & Harold Christian, Children
Carl Smyers, Helen Marro, Joan Dames
& Edward Cassino

Sunday, 2/16/2025-St. Michael

Edwin Kunkel, (23rd Anniversary),
Maureen & Joe Fogarty
Daniel Koenig, *Bob & Ann Kowalczyk*

Monday: 2/17/2025-12:10 pm-St. Michael

Office is Closed for Presidents' Day
For all the Presidents of the United States

Tuesday, 2/18/2025-12:10 St. Michael

For Religious Vocations

Thursday, 2/20/2025-St. Michael

Edward Carey, III, *The Carey Family*

Saturday, 2/22/2025-St. Michael

Larry Joyce (6th Anniversary),
(6th Anniversary), *The Family*
Mary Sandstrom Hennigan, *Margaret & Barry Willard*
Mary Ellen Agars, *AnneMarie Bielawa*
Carl Smyers, *St. Michael's Men's Club*

Sunday, 2/23/2025-St. Michael

For All Caretakers

Sanctuary Light (SJ)

Deceased Members of St. Jude Parish

Sanctuary light in Church: (SM)

For parishioners and friends of St. Michael's facing medical challenges

Sanctuary light in Chapel: (SM)

For all who are mourning the loss of a family member or friend

Sunday: 2/23/2025-10:00 am-St. Jude

George Geiger, *Mary Ellen & Pat*
Mark Voellm, *Victoria Childrose*
Sarah Grogan Healing, *Family*

Saturday: 2/15/2025- 4:00 pm- St. Jude

Colleen Bornhorst, *Father*
Dennis Carl, *St. Jude's KOC*
Harold Jacobs, Jr., *Mary McDade*
Assunta Petruzzelli, *Ada & Paul Zelenke*

Sunday: 2/16/2025-10:00 am-St. Jude

Harriet Spain, *Daughter, Nancy*
Daniel Karkotsky, *The Keating Family*
David & Dorothy Castle, *Castle Kids*
Mary Phibbs, *Joe & Marie Kruczynicki*
Shirley Catone, *Jean Condon*

Monday: 2/17/2025-8:50 am-St. Jude

No school Mass on February 17th

Wednesday: 2/18/2025-8:00 am-St. Jude

Deceased Members of the Carey Family,
Family

Saturday: 2/22/2025-4:00 pm-St. Jude

John Hardie, *Anne & David Cannon*
Assunta Petruzzelli, *Nick & Fran Casale*
Mary Phibbs, *Bob & Doris Moak*
Ann Marie Walker Burke, *Carol & Bill Dedrick*

SACRAMENTS

PARISH OFFICE (518) 283-6110 (SM) OR (518) 283-1162 (SJ)



BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF THE SICK, OCIA AND PASTORAL CARE:
Please call Deacon Bob Sweeney at 518-283-6110 ext: 203



RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:
Saturday 3:00-3:40pm
For February at St. Michael the Archangel
For March at St. Jude the Apostle
Or arranged by calling the Parish Office.



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

Faith Formation

(SM & SJ)

There will be no classes this weekend or next weekend while the children are on school break. Faith Formation will resume on Sunday, March 2nd. On that Sunday, we will welcome the sponsors of our Confirmation candidates.

Our Confirmation candidates will be going to the Troy Boys' & Girls' Club this week to serve ice cream sundaes and play bingo with the children. This is part of the service requirement to do God's work in our community.

We will be collecting last year's palms for the Burning of the Palms ceremony on March 2nd. Please leave your palms in the baskets in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

We will be holding a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 9th at St. Jude's School. Our plans are to begin serving at 9:30 so that St. Michael's parishioners can drive over after the 8:30 mass. We will serve until 12:00 pm so that St. Jude's mass attendees can come after the 10:00 mass. Please plan to join us to support our bed building project this summer.

Our Confirmation class will be leading the Stations of the Cross on Friday April 4th (6:30 pm) at St. Jude's Parish. We wish our students a restful week full of God's good graces!

St. Jude the Apostle School News

Although the weather outside is cold our pre-k students are enjoying cold weather activities indoors. They froze vehicles in ice cubes and learned how polar bears blubber keeps them warm using shortening and rubber gloves!

Thank you to all your support with our Super Bowl Raffle, our big \$1,000 winner last Sunday was Sam O'Neil!



ST. MICHAEL'S WOMEN'S GUILD

Our next meeting is Monday, March 03rd at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All women of St. Michael's Parish are welcome to attend.

Thank you for supporting the Women's Guild of St. Michael's Church!



ST. MICHAEL'S MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club is a group of male parishioners who plan and carry out opportunities for bonding parishioners together socially and in ministry. They meet once a month to socialize and exchange ideas on projects, etc. The Men's Club organizes a scholarship to a graduating High School Senior going to college, dinners for the public and trips to sports games. They collaborate with the Women's Guild on joint projects including the Easter Egg Hunt and Communion breakfast. The Men's Club also supports the Vocation Awareness Ministry and provide parking assistance on the Christmas Vigil, as well as Easter Sunday.

The Men's Club meets the first Monday of every month with the exception of the summer months.

The next meeting is Monday, March 3rd in the Annex of St. Michael's.

Please consider joining us!



PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who participated in last weekend's Jubilee of Hope mass for the parishioners who were part of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel Parole Officers and Guards. We continue to be thankful for all serve us and the wider community. May God continue to be your strength and shield.



'Hope Does Not Disappoint'

Winter Retreat Day

[for any parish ministry staff, vol's, etc.]

Thursday, February 27th

with Deacon Gary Riggi

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

[9-9:30 check-in & refreshments]

at St. Matthew's Parish

25 Mountain View St., Voorheesville NY

Register at the link below or via QR - by Feb 20th (for lunch+)

<https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation/>

email Erin Muir - erin.muir@rcda.org

or call 518-453-6670

if any special dietary needs for lunch

send payment to [OR bring day of]

Office for Discipleship Formation; Winter Retreat

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POPE FRANCIS FEBRUARY PRAY INTENTION



In February, we pray with Pope Francis that the Church will always welcome the hopes and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission through the Priesthood and Religious life.

'I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power, nor height, nor depth,

LIVING WITH LOSS (SJ)

Our next Living with Loss Grief Group will be meeting Thursday, Feb. 20 at 3 pm in the Parish Office at St. Jude the Apostle.



WHO WAS ST. VALENTINE?

St. Valentine is the patron saint of lovers, people with epilepsy, and beekeepers, among other things, but the real-life history of the man is unknown. There are various legends about a Christian figure named Valentine or Valentinus who was martyred on February 14 in the 3rd century AD.

In one story, St. Valentine was a Roman priest and physician who refused to convert to paganism and was executed by Emperor Claudius II in about 270 AD. Prior to his execution, he miraculously healed the daughter of his jailer.

In another story, St. Valentine was executed because he secretly performed weddings for soldiers, who were forbidden to marry according to an edict from Claudius II.



It is customary in the month of February to concentrate on a healthy heart. Heart disease remains the number one cause of death in both men and women. It is important to keep track of our numbers: Blood pressure, heart rate, weight, cholesterol levels-all contribute to our heart health. Heart disease is also genetic-if our parents had heart disease, it increases our risk. Annual physical exams are a good way to start knowing your numbers. Don't hesitate to see your primary at least once a year.



St. Jude's Knights of Columbus

Next KOC meeting is March 3rd at 6pm in the Parish Office.

Spaghetti Dinner

St Jude's Knights of Columbus will be hosting a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Saturday March 22 from 4:30 to 7pm in the gym. We are partnering with St Henry's KOC who will be sharing their secret recipe for sauce and meatballs. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 for a family and includes salad, bread, a drink (coffee/juice/water), desert, and of course spaghetti and meatballs. Eat in or take out. There will be a children's activity table. Tickets are limited so please order early by calling Joe at 286-1132 or via email at SJC.KOC@Gmail.com. Tickets will be available after mass in March. All proceeds will benefit the annual Coats for Kids program.

Bottle Drive

Donate your empty bottles and cans at the 6 Cent Redemption Center on Main Ave just east of Stewarts. Please just say they are for St Jude's Knights of Columbus men's group. This has become a major source of funds for the annual Coats for Kids project. Your support is much appreciated.



Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany
Office of the Bishop

January 24, 2025

My dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

May I take this opportunity to address concerns shared over the change of administration in Washington, D.C., particularly regarding immigration. As the Diocese develops guidelines for parishes to follow, I want to encourage all to remain firm in our Catholic faith, sharing the love of Christ by building hope, rather than perpetuating fear.

Though some words and actions reported thus far may have been intemperate, provocative, and even cruel in their import, our words and behavior as Christians must always bear witness to a loving, merciful, and life-affirming God, who is Father of us all. That can be challenging, but Christ did not back down when faced with a challenge. He moved forward, lovingly, and He calls us to do the same.

We will continue to provide humanitarian services to anyone who is in trouble. The Catholic Health Association, US Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Charities released a joint statement this week, pointing to the many ministries of our church, including our diocese. Catholics are working daily to feed, house, heal, educate, and meet people's needs, affirming that our church recognizes that all people are conceived with inherent dignity, reflecting the image of God, and that dignity is not dependent on a person's citizenship or immigration status.

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops which speaks on behalf of myself and all U.S. Bishops, makes an important point on the politics involved. Archbishop Timothy Broglio, USCCB president, said, *"the Catholic Church is not aligned with any political party, and neither is the bishops' conference. No matter who occupies the White House or holds the majority on Capitol Hill, the Church's teachings remain unchanged. It is our hope that the leadership of our Country will reconsider those actions which disregard not only the human dignity of a few, but of us all."*

And Bishop Mark Seitz, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Migration, said, *"Church teaching recognizes a country's right and responsibility to promote public order, safety, and security through well-regulated borders and just limits on immigration. However, as shepherds, we cannot abide injustice, and we stress that national self-interest does not justify policies with consequences that are contrary to the moral law."*

Please know that my prayers are with us all and our diocese as we move forward together. I pray that each of us can remain a pilgrim of hope, remembering as Romans 5:5 says, *"hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts."* May we find the strength, as a church, to let His love pour out of us in all that we say and do.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+Edward B. Scharfenberger

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February 7, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

The **US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)**, established in 1911, is a nongovernmental, **not-for-profit** international organization dedicated to addressing the needs of refugees and immigrants. USCRI, working through 8 field offices, (including a field office in Albany), provides legal, social, and health services to refugees, unaccompanied migrating children, trafficking survivors, and other immigrants in all 50 states.

The USCRI Albany field office has been welcoming refugees to Albany, New York since 2005. All refugees are legally vetted and approved for resettlement; they come primarily from Afghanistan, Burma, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, and Syria. Newly arrived refugees receive services including housing placement, cultural orientation, school enrollment, coordination of initial health appointments, referrals to ESL classes, employment preparation and placement.

The President's Executive Order, (EO 14169), Reevaluating and Realigning USA Foreign Aid, suspended all refugee resettlement programs as of January 24, 2025, and effected staff from all field offices are laid off.

To provide immediate relief to the 48 families (146 individuals) already in the resettlement program, the Albany USCRI field office is urgently seeking donations of gift cards (VISA, Walmart, Hannaford, Price Chopper etc.), which will be distributed to those in greatest need. Among the most at-risk individuals are:

- single mother with five children from Burma/Myanmar
- A single mother with a disabled child from Afghanistan
- An elderly couple from Iraq
- A single woman from Nicaragua
- Multiple families from Afghanistan who are here on special immigrant visas (SIV) which means that they were particularly helpful to the US government in Afghanistan.
- As well as families from Sudan, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Burma/Myanmar, the Democratic Republic of Congo, all places plagued by unending wars and violence.

Please pray that the government completes assessment of our country's foreign aid programs, and restores funding where needed and effective.

Thank you for considering helping the USCRI Field office with resettling those 146 recently arrived legal immigrants, following the teachings and example of Jesus, to love and care for our neighbors. Please place gift cards in an envelope marked "USCRI Refugees" and leave with the office, or place in collection basket at Mass, we will bring these to the local USCRI office.

Thank you sincerely for your prayers and support,

St Michael the Archangel Parish, Troy
Social Justice Ministry



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