



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

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 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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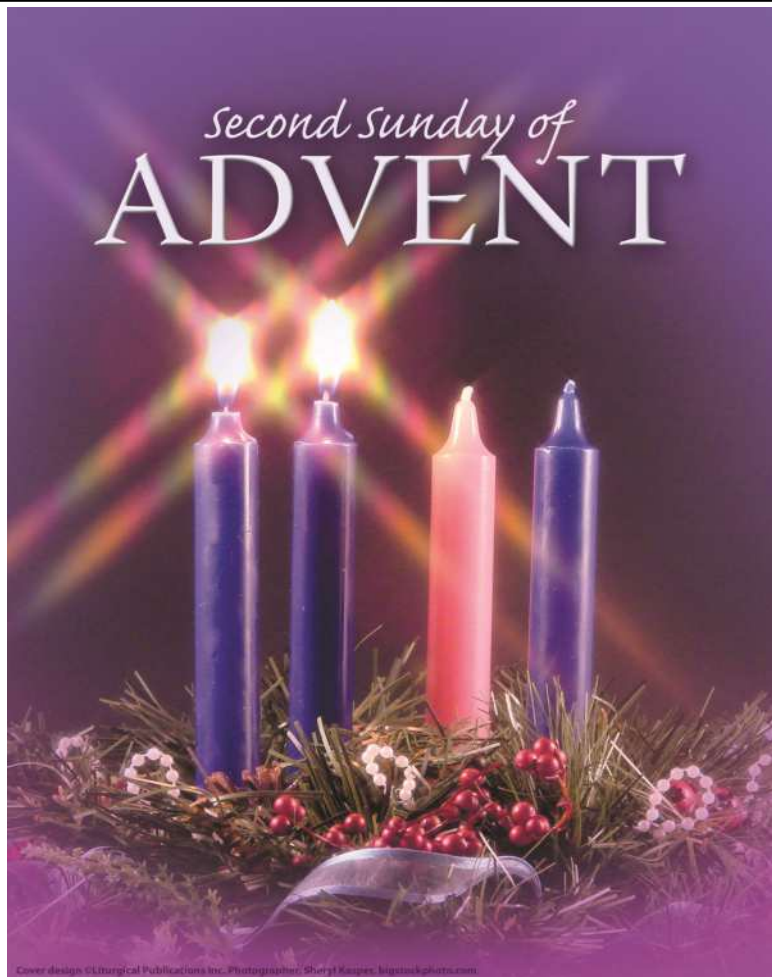
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St. Michael the Archangel
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9:00AM – 2:00PM

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



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<p>PARISH CALENDARS Monday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12:10 pm Mass (SM) 9:00 am Money Counting—Team 4 (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 6:00 pm Mass (SJ)</p> <p>Tuesday, December 9 11:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:10 pm Mass (SM) 1:00 pm Dominos (SM) 6:00 pm Remade for Mission @ Sacred Heart, Troy</p> <p>Wednesday, December 10 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)</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 10 (continued) 10:30 am Food for Soul, Team 3 (SM) Kitchen 11:00 am Reconciliation Service (SM) 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (SM) 7:00 pm Carmelite Meeting (SM) (Hall, Church & Chapel)</p> <p>Thursday, December 11 12:10pm Mass (SM) 9:00 am Walking Club at SM Hall (SM & SJ) 9:00 am outdoor track at LSI (SM & SJ)</p> <p>Friday, December 12 Offices Closed (SM & SJ)</p> <p>Saturday, December 13 4:00pm Mass (SM) & (SJ) 3:00pm-3:40pm Reconciliation (SM)</p> <p>Sunday, December 14 8:30 am Mass (SM) 10:00 am Mass (SJ) 10:00 am Baptism (SM) 9:00 am Faith Formation Classes: K-6 (SM,SJ) Kitchen, Hall ,Annex 12:30pm Bible Study (Annex)</p>	<p>2026 CALENDARS & ADVENT BOOKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OUR CHURCH 2026 CALENDARS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN A COUPLE WEEKS. • ADDITIONAL ADVENT MEDITATION/ PRAYER BOOKS HAVE BEEN ORDERED. <p>Advent Reconciliation Services</p> <p>St. Michael's Wednesday, December 10th at 11am</p> <p>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, 12/06/2025-4:00pm-St. Michael</u> Shirley & Don McLaughlin, Sister, Barbara</p> <p><u>Sunday, 12/07/2025-8:30am-St. Michael</u> William Schnellbaecher, Amy Marie L. Reihs, The Miles Family</p> <p><u>Monday, 12/08/2025-12:10pm-St. Michael</u> Milos & DiRienzo Families, The Family</p> <p><u>Tuesday, 12/09/2025- 12:10pm St. Michael</u> David Wimmert, Riley Barker</p> <p><u>Thursday, 12/11/25- 12:10pm St. Michael</u> James Beddow (Birthday), The Family</p> <p><u>Saturday, 12/13/2025-4:00pm-St. Michael</u> Jane Verrastro (7th Anniversary), The Family Bill Leahy, Mary E. Purcell, & Thomas Moran, The Leahy Family Jack & Virginia Berry (Birthday Remembrance) Daughter, Denise & Family</p> <p><u>Sunday, 12/14/2025-8:30am-St. Michael</u> Bill & Claire Kiley, The Family Elizabeth & Bill Schlutow, Ed & Sharon Simonik Raymond Morrill, Wife, Barbara & Daughters, Dawn and Tami</p>	<p><u>Sanctuary Lamp (Church)</u> World Peace</p> <p><u>Sanctuary Lamp (Chapel)</u> The Mamone Family By Ralph & Kathy Dinardo</p> <p>Anointing of the Sick will be available at St. Michael's and St. Jude's on the weekend of December 6th and 7th. The Anointing of the Sick will take place at St. Michael's immediately after the 4 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday and at St. Michael's after the 8:30 am Mass and at St. Jude's immediately after the 10 am Mass on Sunday. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to share in the sacraments as we enter into the winter months. Please invite folks who would need a ride.</p>	<p><u>Saturday, 12/06/2025— 4:00pm</u> John Hardie, Ann & David Cannon John Greaves, Carol & Bill Dedrick Kenneth McKeon, (10th Anniversary), The Family</p> <p><u>Sunday, 12/07/2025--10:00am</u> Joseph Frost, Mom & Dad; Matt & Taye John T & Frances Perkinson, Children Shirley Catone, The Family Robert Pasinella, Flora Pasinella</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 12/10/2025-8:00am –St. Jude</u> For our homebound that they have the joy of visitors.</p> <p><u>Saturday, 12/13/2025— 4:00pm</u> James McDade, Mary McDade Harold Jacobs, Sr. Daughter, Mary Joseph & Pauline Ienco, Anne & David Cannon Mary Finelli, The Family</p> <p><u>Sunday, 12/14/2025 — 10:00 am</u> Jack Miorin, The Famil John T & Frances Perkinson, Their Children John Greaves, Martha & Joe Miller Jason Cupp, Joe & Marie Krucznicki</p> <p><u>Sanctuary Lamp</u> For Bishop Mark O'Connell</p>

SACRAMENTS

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



MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND PASTORAL CARE:
 Please call the office: 518.283.6110



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. Jude's on Sunday afternoon. We wish them peace as they receive this sacrament!

After our 8:30 Family Mass this Sunday, we will be joined by former Parish Life Director, Sr. Kate Arseneau, to speak about the Advent Season. All are welcome to stay after mass to hear Sr. Kate's words, and then join us in the hall for a "donations only" pancake breakfast.



We will be making snowmen gifts for the children at the Troy Boys/Girls Club, and are collecting new childrens' gloves and movie size boxes of candy at St. Michael's. We made these last year, and they were very appreciated by the children. I received a call from the club this week, asking us to consider doing this again this year. (The gloves that work best are the small stretchable pairs.) Please leave all donations in the basket in the Gathering Area prior to December 14th. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to County Executive Steve McLaughlin, North Greenbush Councilman Jim Gordon, and the staff at Splash Carwash on Route 4 for their Thanksgiving turkeys. They delivered over 25 turkeys, which were picked up by the Troy Boys/Girls Club to distribute to their families.



Do you know someone who would like to be initiated into the Catholic Church? We will be starting a new OCIA program for any adults seeking sacraments and full membership. For more information, please email ffstmichaels@gmail.com.

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

Many thanks to Moscatiello's Restaurant for generously donating the blessed bread to add to our Thanksgiving meals. We are truly grateful for your generosity!

Many thanks to all who prepared our worship spaces for Advent.

It takes many generous hands and hearts to ready our churches so that we can enter this season of hope--coming together to pray, reflect, and prepare for the birth of Christ. We are deeply grateful for your time, care and dedication

A heartfelt thank-you to Mr. Charlie, Mrs. Jackson, and the SJ students for their wonderful help in replacing all our hymnals throughout the church. They generously dedicated class time to assist with this parish project, carefully placing each hymnal and making sure our worship space was ready for the season.

We are truly grateful for their time, teamwork, and joyful spirit.

Thank you all for your help and dedication!

WINTER WEATHER NOTICE

With the winter months approaching, please note that weekday Mass and parish activities may be cancelled for everyone's safety and to allow our building and grounds staff, along with our snow removal team, time to clear and prepare the lots, sidewalks, and walkways. Please be safe.

REMADE FOR MISSION GATHERING

Tuesday, December 9, 2025
6:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church

Remade for Mission and all previously issued parish guidance are now on hold.

To keep the conversation alive among our parish communities, the Diocese is encouraging parishes and networks to gather. This removes any discussion of major structural changes and instead focuses entirely on evangelization, spiritual growth, and outreach.

Please join us on December 9th at 6pm at Sacred Heart Church to join in these prayerful discussions.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

THANK YOU to everyone who made the Women's Guild Christmas party so special by attending!

A heartfelt thank you to Caroline Martin and Marilyn Murdoch who chaired the event and made it an outstanding evening for all!

Please consider supporting the Women's Guild Christmas basket raffle in the Gathering Area!

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Baked Lasagna Dinner is Back
Saturday, December 6, 2025
4:15pm to 5:30pm

Menu includes a generous portion of lasagna, salad, bread and dessert

Tickets \$17.00

Dinner with Scratch Off Raffle Chance -- \$20.00

TAKE OUT ONLY

For anyone interested in purchasing a dinner who has not preordered, we have a limited number of extra dinners available.



Christmas Giving Tree



The Christmas Giving tree is set up in the gathering area. Please take a paper ornament or two, and make Christmas a little happier for our neighbors in need. Jesus especially teaches us to always care for those who need help, and there are many ways we can answer His call.

This year, we are providing gifts for children served by our two local Catholic Charities agencies, CoNSERNS U in East Greenbush and Roarke Center in Troy. The paper ornaments are labelled with a child's age, gender and a gift category; books or puzzles, toys or games, makeup, art supplies, science kits or a gift certificate. You can take an ornament and purchase a gift noted on the ornament label. If you prefer to donate money to purchase gifts, please put your donation into an envelope marked "Christmas Tree Giving". You may drop it off at the office or in the offering basket on the weekend.

We are also providing gift cards for female inmates at the Rensselaer County Prison to help them make Christmas for their children.

Thank you sincerely for your always wonderful generosity, particularly during the Christmas Season.

From the Gospel of Luke 2:10 "And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be for all the people.'" (Deadline for dropping off gifts is Sunday, December 14th.)

(Gifts should not be wrapped and paper ornament attached. Thank you)

JUBILEE OF CHOIRS

On the Jubilee of Choirs weekend (Nov. 22-23), Pope Leo XIV celebrated Mass, urging choristers to live their ministry as a sign of ecclesial unity, singing "in unison" as a people walking together in faith. He noted that liturgical music must foster communion, helping the whole Church journey forward.

A special thank you to the Parish Council and Carol Bentley, chair, for acknowledging our beautiful St Michael's choir and Joe Rizzo for all they do for us on our journey of faith!



ST. MICHAEL'S DIOCESAN APPEAL 2025-2026

The 2025 calendar year is quickly coming to a close. Now is the perfect time to increase your charitable contributions by making a donation to the Diocesan Appeal. You can also reduce your tax liability by directing all, or a portion of your Required Minimum Distribution to the Diocesan Appeal.

As of November 23, the information posted by the Diocesan Stewardship Office for the July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 year follows:

Number of gifts: 40

Diocesan Assessment: \$46,007

Amount Raised: \$14,357

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

12/7 -- Outreach Program

12/14 -- Parish Improvements

Knights of Columbus



St Jude's Knights of Columbus is hosting a 'Keep Christ in Christmas' poster contest. It is open to all children in Grades 1 through 6. One winner will be selected in each grade and will receive a \$20 gift card. More info is on the poster in the church lobby. Poster must be received by Dec 10. Please email SJS.KOC@gmail.com if any questions.

As the holiday season is upon us, here are some good tips to remember to stay healthy. Wash your hands as much as possible. There will be lots of hugging and kissing- hand washing becomes so important to stay well. If you feel ill, stay home. Don't get others sick-they will understand. Get plenty of sleep. Sleep helps our immune system, and we need keep our immune system strong. Consider getting the flu vaccine if you haven't already. Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.

Rosary Altar Society



Our December Meeting will be held on Sunday December 7, 2025 at 8:45 AM in the Parish Center. Annual donations for St. Joseph's House in Troy are needed of hats, mittens, scarfs for both men and women.

Thank you for your generosity!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations & Welcome, Bishop Mark O'Connell who was installed as our 11th Bishop of Albany on Friday, December 5th.

Please join us in praying for him as he begins his ministry in our Diocese.

We look forward to supporting him and walking together in faith as he leads us in service, hope, and renewal.

Happiest One-Year Anniversary

Of our "shared parish bulletin".....
One Community. One Faithful Resource.

Many thanks to Kathy Dinardo, who has created this bulletin every single week with such dedication, care, and heart. Kathy's time, effort, and commitment truly deserve to be celebrated.

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.



St. Jude's 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.

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!



NON-PERISHIBLE FOOD COLLECTION

During this time that so many are experiencing food insecurity, a reminder that we continually collect non-perishable food items in our large wooden food collection bin in the entrance to the church. Your donations help many people in need. We thank you!



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