

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

† 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 9, 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 10TH

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

St. Michael the Archangel Tuesday @ 11:30am

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OFFICE HOURS

St. Michael the Archangel
Monday-Thursday
9:00AM -3:00PM

St. Jude the Apostle
Monday-Thursday
9:00AM -2:30PM

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PARISH CALENDARS

All are Welcome

Monday, Feb. 10

8:50am SJ School Mass (SJ) 12:10 pm Mass (SM)

9:00 am Money Counting Team 1 (SM) 9:00 am Walking Club at SM Hall (SM & SJ) 10:30 am Walking Club at LSI (SM & SJ) 6:00 pm-7:30pm, LSI Faith Formation (Annex)

Tuesday, Feb. 11 12:10 pm Mass (SM) 11:30 am Exposition (SM) 1:00 pm Dominos, Hall (SM)

Wednesday, Feb. 12 8:00 am Mass (SJ)

Food for the Soul, 10:00 am, Team 2 (Kitchen) 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) 7:00 pm Carmelite Meeting, Hall, Church

Thursday, Feb. 13

12:10 pm Mass (SM)

9:00 am Walking Club at SM Hall (SM & SJ) 10:30 am Walking Club at LSI (SM & SJ)

Friday, Feb. 14 Office Closed (SM)

Saturday, Feb. 15 4:00 pm Mass (SM & SJ)

Food Collection Weekend (please drop off in the kitchen)

Sunday, Feb. 16 8:30 am Mass (SM) 10:00 am Mass (SJ) NO FAITH FORMATION Food Collection Weekend (please drop off in the kitchen)

DIOCESAN APPEAL (SM) (SJ)

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?

Thank you to those who have already contributed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 2/08/2025-St. Michael Joseph Verrastro (13th Anniversary),

The Family Lourdes (Sis) Kapp (100th Birthday),

The Family

and Chapel (SM)

Mary Sandstrom Hennigan, St. Michael's Money Counting Team 3

Robert Ouellette, *The Clemente Family*

Sunday, 2/09/2025-St. Michael

Bill and Claire Kiley, The Family Peter Whelan, Jr., Caroline & Christine Martin

Mary Sandstrom Hennigan, Maureen & Joe Fogarty

Jack A. Duncan, Nicole Mestoik

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

Mr. & Mrs. George Rogers, Jack and Maureen Rogers

Milos & DiRienzo Families, The Family

Tuesday, 2/11/2025-12:10 St.Michael Anne Patrizio (29th Anniversary),

Daughter, Nicole & Family Carl Smyers, Loving Wife, Rosemary

Thursday, 2/13/2025-St. Michael Alphonse Warakonisi, Jr., His Brother,

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

Edward Kunkel, (23rd Anniversary), *Maureen & Joe Fogarty)*

Daniel Koenig, Bob & Ann Kowalczyk

Sunday: 2/16/2025—10:00 am-St. Jude

Harriet Spain, Daughter, Nancy Daniel Karkotsky, The Keating Family David & Dorothy Castle, Castle Kids

> Sanctuary Light (SJ) Bob Geiger, Mary Ellen Hunt

Sanctuary light in Church: (SM) Ryan Family by Mary Rose Ryan

Sanctuary light in Chapel: (SM) For the Lives Lost in the Horrific Plane Saturday: 2/08/2025– 4:00 pm- St. Jude

Peg Dessinger, Mary Ellen Hunt Edward Long, The Family Thomasine Pisanello, Anne & David

Cannon Tom Weinn, Al Gilooly

Kathleen (Moak) Cusack (Birthday). The Family

Sunday: 2/09/2025—10:00 am-St. Jude Nicholas John Castle, The Family Richard Palasy, Joe & Maire Kruczinicki

Monday: 2/10/2025-8:50 am-St. Jude No school Mass on February 10th

Wednesday: 2/12/2025-8:00 am-St. Jude Maureen Arm, Mike & Nancy Carey

Saturday: 2/15/2025– 4:00 pm- St. Jude Colleen Bornhorst, Father Dennis Carl, St. Jude's KOC Harold Jacobs, Jr., Mary McDade

Assunta Petruzelli, Ada & Paul Zelenke

Accidents and their Loved Ones

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

Dave



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

Last weekend, we celebrated the Rite of Welcome for our Confirmation candidates. The students are preparing for their Sacrament in mid May. We also had 3 young students make the Sacrament of First Reconciliation last Saturday. These children are now preparing for First Holy Communion in May.

We will be holding a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 9th at St. Jude's School. 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.







St. Jude the Apostle School Catholic Schools Week

The students had a great time celebrating Catholic Schools week! They had a bounce house day, they listened to Sr. James-Marie talk about vocations, had a pajama day with a book club and participated in service projects. For the service project each class was asked to bring in items and the class with the most items brought in received a dress down. On Friday each student picked a book from a list of 4 and we had 4 groups talk and do projects pertaining to their story.

Most importantly our 2nd graders received their First Reconciliation with Fr. Ennis on Thursday, please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey to making their First Communion.







ST. MICHAEL'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The first meeting of 2025 was held Monday, Feb. 03rd. We had a nice turnout. The 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.

The 50/50 drawing was held on Monday as well. The 50/50 was won by Mary Ellen Bailey for the amount of \$17.00. Congratulations Mary Ellen!

Thank you for supporting the Women's Guild of

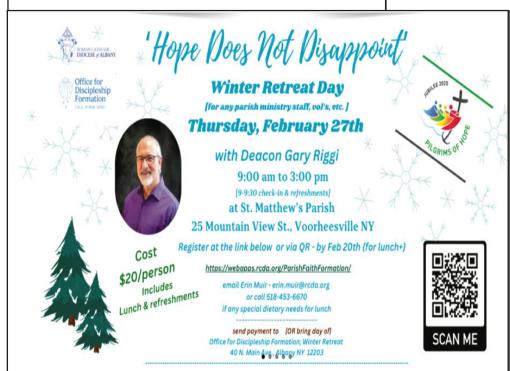
St. Michael's Church!

ST. MICHAEL'S MEN'S CLUB

The St. Michael's Men's Club will be sponsoring their annual Valentine's Dinner on

Thursday, February 13, beginning at 6PM at Paolo Lombardi's. Cost is \$40 per person and includes tax and gratuity. Menu includes choice from 5 entrees, salad, pasta, Italian style potatoes, dessert, coffee and tea. Cash bar. Stop by the Men's Club table for more information and to sign up!





Learn More About St. Michael the Archangel Women's Guild

The Women's Guild works to support the parish by planning projects that contribute to building up the spirit of the parish. This ministry provides meals to homeless in Troy through Food for the Soul, plans the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children, holds bake sales, financially supports the activities department of the Troy Center, sponsors the annual Communion Breakfast and holds the Election Day soup sale. This ministry meets the first Monday of the months of September through June. The Women's Guild has active subcommittees that accomplish good works for the parish and beyond:

- The Altar Society Subcommittee ensures that the Sanctuary is prepared for all liturgies by cleaning the altars, stations of the
- cross and other woodwork, and washing the altar linens. Care of flowers and plants for the altars is under the direction of the

Altar Society.

- The Garden Subcommittee tends to the Memory Garden and other shrubs and flower beds on the parish grounds.
- The Hospitality Subcommittee takes responsibility for providing set-up and refreshments for parish activities.
- The Sick and Vigil Subcommittee sends cards to members of the Guild who have been sick, lost a loved one, etc.

Please Join Us
New Members Welcome
Next Meeting, Monday, March 3th, 6:30 pm, St. Michael's Hall

Part-Time Bookkeeper at St. Michael the Archangel Church

Linda Quant resigned from her position as Bookkeeper at St. Michael's. We are grateful to Linda for her knowledge, expertise and service to our parish. We wish her well, and keep Linda and her family in our prayers.

Functions/Responsibilities:

- Processes invoices, reconcile accounts and supervise the weekly volunteer money counters and cash count.
- Prepares monthly, quarterly, and year-end reports for parish and Diocese as needed.
- Prepares Balance Sheet, Income Statements and distributes, as necessary.
- Prepares checks for signature after processing invoices.
- Processes biweekly payroll for parish staff along with quarterly UI & NY Disability & PFL returns.
- Maintains accurate filing, record keeping and reporting system for parish financial matters, including parish payroll.

Required Skills:

- Ability to honor and maintain confidentiality
- Knowledge of accounting, bookkeeping and budgetary principles and practices
- Proficiency in computer use and data base management: e.g., Microsoft Word, Excel knowledge of, or ability to learn, programs such as Parish Data System (including Ledger) and Paycor System
- Knowledge of payroll administration
- Ability to operate office equipment
- Ability to work collaboratively with coworkers, committees, and volunteers
- Ability to work independently

Additional Information:

This is a part-time position approximately 15-18 hours per week

Send Resumes To:

Theresa Reid at

StmichaeltheArchangel.troy@rcda.org

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,

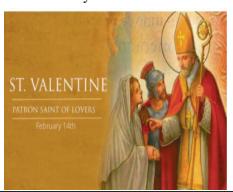
LIVING WITH LOSS (SJ)

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.



Did you Know?

Valentine's Day is believed to have originated from a Christian feast day honoring a martyr named Saint Valentine, likely a priest from ancient Rome who was executed on February 14th for defying the emperor by secretly marrying couples; the day may also be linked to the pagan Roman festival of Lupercalia, which was celebrated around the same time and was later Christianized by the Catholic Church to incorporate the celebration of St. Valentine on February 14th.





Did you know that apples are one of the healthiest fruits you can eat? According to Web MD, a medium apple is only 80 calories and has approximately 19 grams of sugar. The skin of an apple holds a lot of antioxidants which strengthen our cells against disease. Eating an apple without cooking provides more nutrients. How lucky are we that we live in an apple growing region!



St. Jude's Knights of Columbus

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

Spaghetti Dinner

St Judes 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), dessert, 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.



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 +Edward B. Scharfenberger

Bishop of Albany



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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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