



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

First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 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

EUCARISTIC EXPOSITION

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

CONTACT US

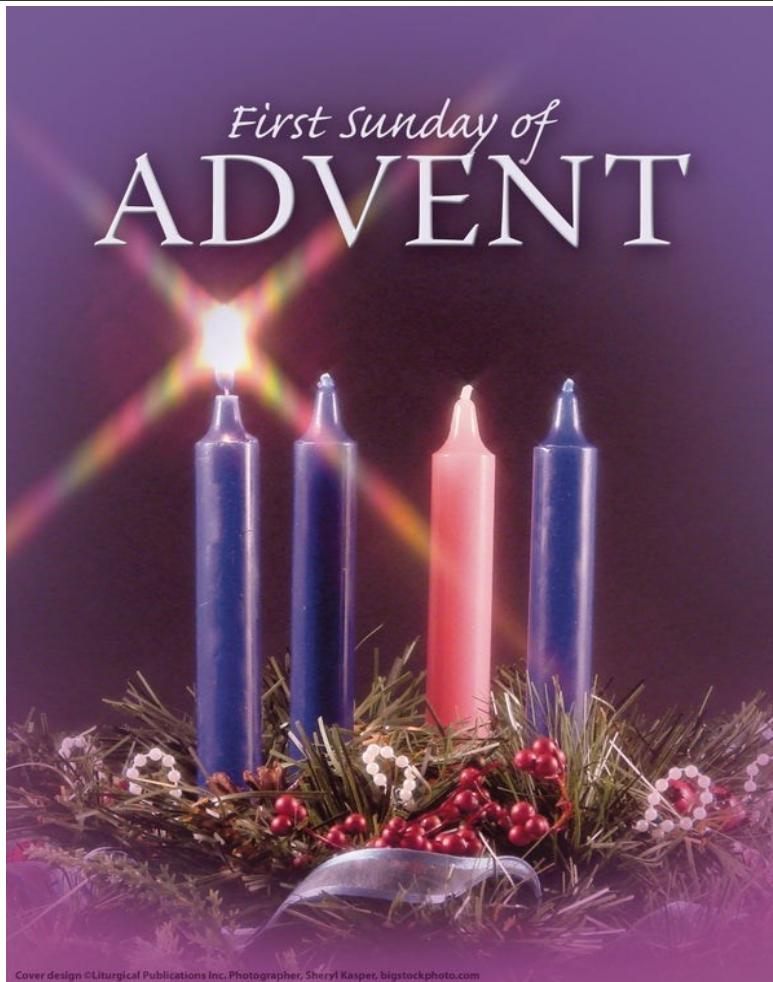
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St. Jude the Apostle
Monday-Thursday
9:00AM –1:00PM



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- CHRISTOPHER HARRIS, Trustee (SJ)
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- ANN KOWALCZYK, Trustee (SM)
- KATHY ROSENBAUM, Trustee (SM)

<p>PARISH CALENDARS</p> <p>Monday, December 1 12:10 pm Mass (SM) 9:00 am Money Counting—Team 3 (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 6:00pm Women's Guild Christmas Party (Hall) (SM) 6:00pm Men's Club Pizza (SM) 6:30 pm Men's Club Meeting (SM)</p> <p>Tuesday, December 2 12:10 pm Mass (SM) 11:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 1:00 pm Dominos (SM)</p> <p>Wednesday, December 3 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) 10:30am Food for the Soul Team 2 (SM)</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 3 (continued) 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (SM)</p> <p>Thursday, December 4 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 5 Offices Closed (SM & SJ)</p> <p>Saturday, December 6 12:00pm First Reconciliation 4:00pm Mass (SM) & (SJ) (Anointing of the Sick after Mass)(SM) 3:00pm-3:40pm Reconciliation (SM) 10:00 am-Baptism Class (SM) 4:15 pm - 5:30pm Men's Club Lasagna Dinner (SM)</p> <p>Women's Guild 50/50 (SM) (Gathering Area)</p> <p>Sunday, December 7 8:30 am Mass (SM) Faith Formation Family Mass @ SM for SM&SJ 9:30 am Faith Formation Recap with Sister Kate Women's Guild 50/50 (Gathering Area) 9:30am Faith Formation Recap of Mass 10:00 am Pancake Breakfast (SM) hall (Sponsored by Faith Formation) All Invited 10:00 am Mass (SJ) (Anointing of the Sick after Mass) (SJ)</p>	<p>ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS & 2026 CALENDARS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THIS WEEKEND, THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT, THE ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA. • OUR CHURCH 2026 CALENDARS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN A COUPLE WEEKS. <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 Thursday, December 11th at 5pm</p>
<p>St. Michael the Archangel</p> <p><u>Saturday, 11/29/2025-4:00pm-St. Michael Alphonse Warakomski, Jr, His Brother, Dave Joseph Ziter, Marie & Dan Murphy Edward Carey, Bill & Carol Dredick</u></p> <p><u>Sunday, 11/30/2025-8:30am-St. Michael For All Parishioners & Friends of St. Michael's and St. Jude's as we joyfully enter the season of Advent.</u></p> <p><u>Monday, 12/01/2025-12:10pm-St. Michael For our deeper spiritual life as we enter Advent.</u></p> <p><u>Tuesday, 12/02/2025- 12:10pm St. Michael Carl Smyers, The Family</u></p> <p><u>Thursday, 12/04/25- 12:10pm St. Michael Tony Masseo (10th Anniversary), The Family</u></p> <p><u>Saturday, 12/06/2025-4:00pm-St. Michael Shirley & Don McLaughlin, Sister, Barbara</u></p> <p><u>Sunday, 12/07/2025-8:30am-St. Michael William Schnellbaecher, Amy Marie L. Reih, The Miles Family</u></p>	<p>Sanctuary Lamp (Church) For All Parishioners & Friends of St. Michael's and St. Jude's Facing Medical Challenges</p> <p>Sanctuary Lamp (Chapel) For All of Our Volunteers of Both St. Michael's and St. Jude's for their Unwavering Dedication</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 also 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>Saturday, 11/29/2025— 4:00pm Vincent Flanigan, The Flanigan Family Harold Gannon, Anne & David Gannon Antionette & Luigi Ciccarelli, Daughter & Son-in-Law Christopher Tenzyk, Mom & Dad</p> <p>Sunday, 11/30/2025 — 10:00 am Vincent Flanigan (9th Anniversary), The Family John T. & Frances Perkinson, Children Merwin Rich, Family John Graves, Jean Condon</p> <p>Wednesday, 12/03/2025-8:00am –St. Jude Grace Forino, Pat Palmer</p> <p>Saturday, 12/06/2025— 4:00pm John Hardie, Ann & David Cannon John Greaves, Carol & Bill Dredick Kenneth McKeon, (10th Anniversary), The Family</p> <p>Sunday, 12/07/2025--10:00am Joseph Frost, Mom & Dad; Matt & Taye John T & Frances Perkinson, Children Shirley Catone, The Family Robert Pasinella, Flora Pasinella</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/CONFESSON:

Saturday 3:00-3:40pm
November at St. Jude's
December at St. Michael'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)

Thank you to all who supported our Apple Pie sale! A very special thank you to the adults and children who helped make the pies. We baked over 80 pies and apple crisps, and were sold out by the end of the day!

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. We made these last year, and they were very appreciated by the children. I received a call from the club, asking us to consider doing this again this year. (The gloves that work best are the small stretchable pairs.) We will be collecting them over the next few weeks. Please leave all donations in the basket in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your support.

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.

Would you like to be a member of the OCIA team? Email ffstmichaels@gmail.com for more information.

There are no classes this weekend. Our next gathering will be at the Family Mass on Sunday, December 7th at 8:30 am. All students will remain in the church for our recap session. We have invited former Parish Life Director, Sr. Kate Arseneau, to come speak about the Advent Season. We will end the morning with a delicious pancake breakfast in the church hall. All parishioners are welcome to stay and enjoy the morning with us. We are excited to welcome Sr. Kate back to St. Michael's, and are looking forward to next Sunday!



**Our Parish Community's Christmas card is coming to your mailbox!
It includes the Mass and Reconciliation schedules for the coming weeks.**

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

Special Person's Day.

Each child was able to invite their special person to enjoy lunch and a special activity in their classroom.
Smiles all around.



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

This weekend the Guild will sponsor a raffle for a Christmas Basket to raise money for our mission to support the parish and community charities! It is a Cozy Winter Christmas Basket, a great treat for yourself or someone else! Please support our efforts!



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, CONCERNs 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)

St. Michael's Flag Ministry

Do you have a US flag that you would like to see flown proudly at St. Michael's in honor of a beloved veteran? The Men's Club Flag Ministry will assure that the flag is flown honorably and that your loved one is recognized for his or her service in the Bulletin. Worn flags will be disposed of properly. If you are interested in donating a flag in honor of a loved one's service or in honor and respect for all veterans, please leave the flag at the church in care of Rodney Livolsi along with a brief description of your loved one's service.

The flag currently flying over the Memory Garden is in honor of Robert Goguen. He was a Corporal in the US Army from 1943-1945 and served in England, France and Belgium. We are thankful for his service!

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.

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!!!

Last Sunday, this dedicated group came together to pick up, organize, and deliver turkeys to those in need. Because of your generosity, prayers, and efforts, over 70 families will have a brighter Thanksgiving.

We are so grateful for each one of you!



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Parish Nurse

Sleep Affective Disorder is a common disorder many people experience after we go back to Eastern Standard Time. You would not think that a one-hour change would matter but it can make us feel down, sad and tired. Getting more natural light in our lives helps-open the blinds or bundle up and take a walk outside in the sunshine. Regular exercise can help us feel better about ourselves. Normalize your sleep habits-going to bed the same time each night and getting up the same time every morning should help!

BE ON THE LOOKOUT !

Our Parish Community's Christmas card is coming to your mailbox! It includes the Mass and Reconciliation schedules for the coming weeks.

We are grateful for the many hands that made this mailing possible.

Helen Blanchett
Mary Bowers
Cathy Castle
Kathy Dinardo

Maureen Fogarty
Maureen Hannigan
Marilyn Murdock
Mary Rose Ryan

May God bless you, abundantly!



St. Jude's Christmas Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be up soon, and we're excited to once again help those in our community. This year, we're also adding a few items our school teachers are in need of for their classrooms.

Please wrap your gift, return it to the collection box at church or drop off to the parish office , and attach the label card so we know exactly which gift it is.

NON-PERISHABLE 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!