



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

The Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026



Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays	St. Michael the Archangel	4:00 PM
	St. Jude the Apostle	4:00 PM
Sundays	St. Michael the Archangel	8:30 AM
	St. Jude the Apostle	10:00 AM

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	St. Michael the Archangel	12:10 PM
Wednesday	St. Jude the Apostle	8:00 AM

Eucharist Exposition

Tuesdays	St. Michael the Archangel	11:30 AM
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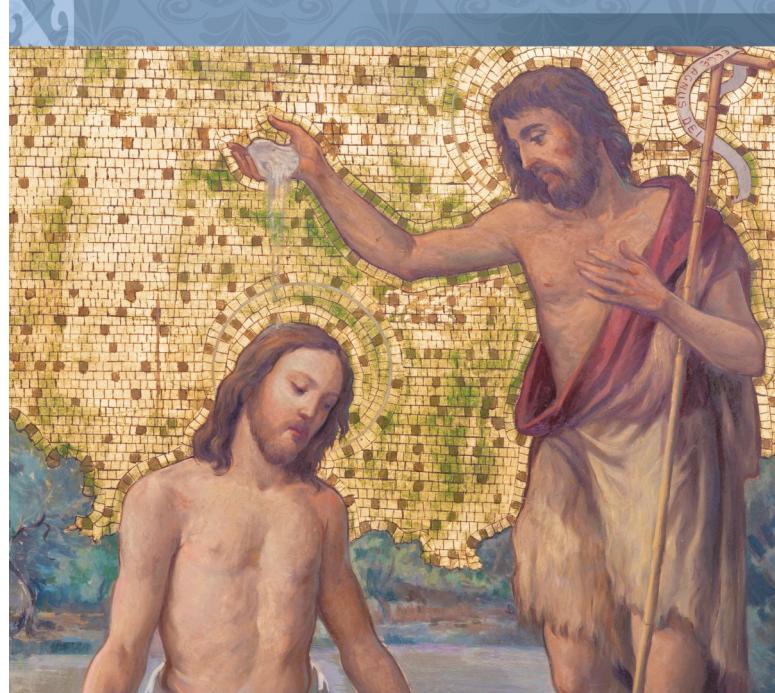
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OFFICE HOURS

St. Michael the Archangel
 Monday-Thursday
 9:00AM – 2:00PM

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



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"Behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him." Mt 3:16

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MASS INTENTIONS

St. Michael the Archangel

Saturday, January 10, 4:00 PM**Thomas & Betty O'Connell***Requested by Daughter, Margaret & Barry Willard***Gina Chenot***Requested by Jerry & Jane Gavin***Brian Leahy***Requested by Aunt Mary*Sunday, January 11, 8:30 AM**Claire & Bill Kiley***Requested by The Family*Monday, January 12*For the Parishioners and Friends of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Community*Tuesday, January 13*For the Intentions of Father Joe and Father Donlon*Thursday, January 15*For the Intentions of Bishop Mark*Saturday, January 17, 4:00 PM**Robert Ouellette***Requested by The Clemente Family***Paul Burek***Requested by Paul Burek Family***Jude & Luke Schnellbaecher***Requested by Amy*Sunday, January 18**Bill Patanian, Jr.***Requested by Ellen Tolan***Sanctuary Lamp Intentions**January 11 – January 17*Church: Cliff Raymond (8th Anniversary)**Requested by Wife, Marie & Children*January 18 – January 24*Chapel: The Hetman Mica Family**Requested by Ralph and Kathy*

St. Jude the Apostle

Saturday, January 10, 4:00 PM**Mary Anne Grace***Requested by Janet McLaughlin***Jennifer Schroeder & Jim Catone***Requested by Samantha Schroeder*Sunday, January 11 10:00 AM**Thomas Evers***Requested by Kayla VanBaaren*Wednesday, January 14*For the Intentions of Bishop Mark*Saturday, January 17 4:00 PM**Tony Carnevale***Requested by Family***Christopher Tenzyk***Requested by Mom & Dad*Sunday, January 18 10:00 AM*For the Parishioners and Friends of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Community***Sanctuary Lamp Intentions***No requests currently on file*

Bulletin Deadline Information

Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and the publishing schedule of our bulletin company, announcements and submissions for the January 25 bulletin were due by January 8. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us share parish life clearly and on time.

As a reminder parish bulletin items can be sent to Parishbulletineditor@gmail.com (scan the QR code).



Sacraments & Faith Life

Questions about Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, or Anointing of the Sick?

Call the parish office or scan the QR code for your parish.

St. Michael the Archangel (518) 283-6110



RECONCILIATION/CONFESSiON

Saturday 3:00-3:40pm January
at St. Jude's or arranged by calling the
Parish Office.

St. Jude the Apostle (518) 283-1162



If you are in the hospital or unable to come to church, please let us know by calling the parish office. Father is always glad to visit, pray with you, and bring the sacraments.



Consecration to Mary

Bishop Mark O'Connell, encourages Consecration to Mary, viewing it as a way to deepen faith, open hearts to God's grace, and follow Mary's example of saying "yes" to God.

A Consecration to Mary is a prayerful act of entrusting yourself, your life, work, family, struggles, and hopes to the loving care of the Blessed Mother, so that she may lead you more fully to Jesus Christ. It's not worship (which belongs to God alone), but a relationship of trust, love, and surrender, much like a child placing their hand in a mother's.

At its heart, Marian consecration means:

- Choosing to walk the Christian life with Mary as your spiritual mother
- Asking her to form your heart after the heart of her Son
- Allowing her to pray for you, guide you, and help you say "yes" to God's will, just as she did

Many Saints have spoken of this devotion as a shortcut to holiness, because Mary never keeps anything for herself, she always leads us directly to Christ.

What consecration is (and is not)

- A deepening of baptismal promises
- A way of saying, "Jesus, I give myself to You through Mary"
- *Not* replacing Jesus
- *Not* magic or superstition

You can make a consecration once and renew it often, daily, annually, or at special moments in life. Some people prepare over several weeks; others pray a simple act of entrustment. Both are beautiful and valid.

You may pray this slowly and intentionally, perhaps before an image of Mary or after receiving the Eucharist.

Prayer of Consecration

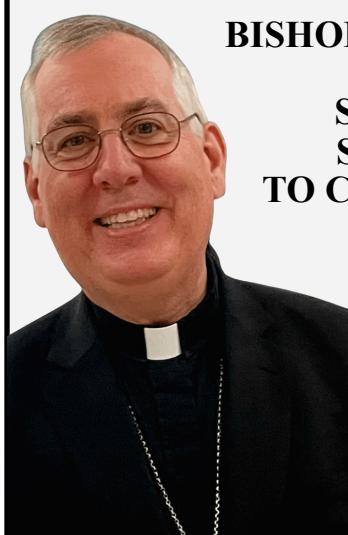
O Mary, my Mother,
I give myself entirely to you.
I place into your hands my prayers, my works,
my joys and my sufferings,
all that I am and all that I hope to be.

Teach me to love your Son as you loved Him.
Help me to trust God more deeply,
to listen more attentively,
and to say "yes" with a generous heart.

Form me in humility, patience, and faith.
When I am uncertain, guide me.
When I am weak, strengthen me.
When I fall, lead me back to Jesus.

O loving Mother,
take me as your own,
and present me to your Son,
that I may live for His glory
and the good of His Church.

Amen.



BISHOP MARK O'CONNELL COMING TO ST. JUDE'S AND ST. MICHAEL'S TO CELEBRATE MASS !

We are blessed to welcome **Bishop Mark O'Connell**, newly installed Bishop of our Diocese, as he comes to celebrate Mass and spend time with our parish communities.

Bishop Mark will preside at Mass on the following dates:

Saturday, January 10
4:00 PM Mass
St. Jude the Apostle

Saturday, January 17
4:00 PM Mass
St. Michael the Archangel

These visits are a meaningful opportunity to pray together, to welcome our Bishop, and to share in the life of the wider Church. All are warmly invited to join us as Bishop Mark celebrates the Eucharist and visits with our parish family. A bishop's visit reminds us that our parish is part of something bigger; the wider Catholic Church.

Weekly Events

Monday, January 12

12:10 pm Mass
 9:00 am Money Counting – Team 1
 9:00 am Walking Club – SM Hall or LSI Outdoor Track (SM & SJ)
 10:30 am Walking Club – LSI Lower Gym (SM & SJ)

Tuesday, January 13

11:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 12:10 pm Mass
 1:00 pm Dominoes

Wednesday, January 14

8:00 am Mass (SJ)
 9:00 am Walking Club – SM Hall or LSI Outdoor Track (SM & SJ)
 9:30 am Crafty Ladies
 10:30 am Food for Soul – Team 3

Thursday, January 15

12:10 pm Mass
 9:00 am Walking Club – SM Hall/LSI Outdoor Track (SM & SJ)
 10:30 am Walking Club – LSI Lower Gym (SM & SJ)

Saturday, January 17

3:00–3:40 pm Reconciliation (SJ)
 4:00 pm Mass (SM & SJ)

Chalking the Door

Many received blessed chalk and a prayer last weekend encouraging to take part in the traditional Epiphany blessing done in homes as a sign of inviting Christ to dwell with us throughout the new year. If still needed, Chalk is available near the church entrances write the inscription above or on the frame of your front door:

20 + C + M + B + 26

- The numbers represent the current year.
- The letters C, M, B refer to the traditional names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—and also stand for the Latin blessing: Christus Mansionem Benedicat “May Christ bless this home.” This visible sign reminds us that our homes are places of faith, hospitality, and God’s presence.

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St. Michael's Food Delivery Ministry

Please consider the needs of Rensselaer County families, by donating non-perishable food items to St. Michael's monthly food drive, the third weekend of every month. This month. St. Michael's food items may be left in the kitchen prior to Masses the weekend prior to our delivery which will be on January 20 due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

2025 TAX LETTERS

We will automatically be preparing letters for those people that received the letter last year. If you didn't receive a letter last year, but would like a letter providing information on your 2025 contributions to St. Michael's, please email Maureen Fogarty at mfogarty@ccrcda.org or call 518-283-6110, ext. 206 and leave a message by January 17. Thank you!

St. Michael's Diocesan Appeal 2025-2026

Through the Diocesan Appeal, many lives are touched in quiet but meaningful ways. Your generosity helps support those who are poor or experiencing homelessness, seniors in need of care and companionship, young people in parish faith formation and Catholic schools, single mothers seeking stability for their families, and men and women discerning vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. As of December 15, the Diocesan Stewardship Office reports the following for St. Michael's

- **Number of gifts:** 40
- **Diocesan assessment:** \$46,007
- **Amount raised to date:** \$16,986

We are grateful to all who have already shared in this important work of the Church. Thank you for your continued prayerful support.

Support Our Parish

Supporting St. Michael the Archangel is easy; simply scan the QR code to give securely and conveniently. Every gift, large or small, is deeply appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support.



Second Collections at St. Michael the Archangel

January 11 – Parish Improvement & Building Maintenance

January 25 – Fuel Collection

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

With Grateful Thanks

“Thank you for the many kind and thoughtful gifts, cards, and well wishes shared this Christmas season; please know of my gratitude and my continued prayers for you and your families.” - Fr. Joe



Happy New Year and blessings for 2026! A new year invites fresh beginnings and renewed focus on caring for ourselves and one another.

As we look ahead, the Parish Nurse bulletin insert; first introduced in **2008**, will move to an **as-needed** format. Health concerns, timely news, and educational information will continue to be shared whenever relevant.

Your input is always welcome. If there is a health topic or concern you would like addressed, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Stay well, and remember: mind, body, and spirit work together to support true health.

Jo Flanigan, Parish Nurse

Support Our Parish

Giving to St. Jude the Apostle is simple and secure. Scan the QR code to make an online donation at your convenience. Every gift; large or small, supports the mission and ministries of our parish. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support.



Faith Formation

There will be no Faith Formation classes on January 11th or January 18th. We encourage our families to attend the upcoming 4 pm Saturday masses with Bishop Mark O'Connell (January 10th @ St. Jude's & January 17th @ St. Michael's).

As we end January, we will begin the Immediate Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation. We have 21 children preparing for the Sacrament of First Communion, and 25 for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In addition, we have just begun an OCIA class for 6 adults. These candidates will prepare throughout the winter, and become full members of the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 4th.

Thank You

Thank you, Bishop Mark, for visiting our parish and celebrating Mass with us. Be assured of our prayers for you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bottle Drive:

Support the Knights of Columbus *Coats for Kids* outreach by donating your empty bottles. Simply bring them to the **6 Cent Redemption Center** on Main Avenue in Wynantskill and let them know the donation is for the **St. Jude's Knights of Columbus**. It's an easy way to help provide warm winter coats to children in our wider community, just drop off your bottles and they'll take care of the rest. Thank you for helping us serve together.

New Members Welcome:

The **Knights of Columbus** is the world's largest Catholic men's organization, dedicated to faith, service, and fraternity. Our local council meets on the first Monday of each month at the St. Jude's Parish Office and serves both our parish family and the broader community through efforts such as *Coats for Kids*, Whiteview Road litter patrol, *Bibles for Baptisms*, the *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest, and more. Men interested in growing in faith while serving alongside others are warmly invited to learn more. Please email sjc.koc@gmail.com for information.