

St. Michael the Archangel
175 Williams Road, Troy, New York
2024-2025 Parish Vitality Report

Dear Friends in Christ,

As the calendar year draws to a close, this report provides an overview of the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Our Parish has experienced tremendous change. In September 2024, Fr. Pat Rice began a medical leave of absence and was subsequently reassigned to another parish network. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany assigned Kelly Hession as our Interim Pastoral Associate for Operations and Fr. Tim Ennis as our Interim Sacramental Minister.

In late spring and early summer, Theresa Reid retired from her position as Parish Administrator and Deacon Bob Sweeney retired as our Deacon and Director of Pastoral Care, respectively. These wonderful and dedicated individuals served us for many years. They remain beloved, respected, admired and missed by our community. We are blessed Deacon Bob continues in his ministry, celebrating Baptisms, Marriages and providing comfort to bereaved families.

Summer began with excitement. On July 1, 2025, Kelly Hession was permanently assigned as Pastoral Associate for Administration and Fr. Joe O'Brien was assigned as Priest in Residence for St. Michael and St. Jude Parishes. Fr. Joe, along with our Assisting Retired Priest, Fr. James Donlon, celebrates our weekend and weekday Masses, celebrates sacraments and cares for the Pastoral Care needs of our communities.

We are blessed with many devoted individuals who have served our spiritual and administrative needs in the past and the wonderful leaders who work tirelessly along with our Parish Staff and volunteers to care for our needs going forward.

We accomplished much in the past year! Thanks to your involvement and generosity, we rose to the challenge to increase Mass attendance and weekly stewardship. Working together, we continue to bring the Eucharist to our parish family and community, and serve those less fortunate in our local community.

Each of us in our own way contributes to the vitality of St. Michael's. The individuals who attend and assist at Mass, contribute to our Offertory, bring children to Mass and Faith Formation, contribute items to special collections, participate in the prayer chain praying for the needs of others, buy a Mega Raffle ticket, help stuff envelopes for a mailing and any of the multitude of ministry opportunities make St. Michael's such a special and loving parish. We sincerely thank you for who you are and what you do to help support our parish's mission.

We now must focus on our mission. Along with St. Jude the Apostle in Wynantskill and Sacred Heart in Troy, our parish is beginning the Diocesan wide Remade for Mission process. We will be praying and reflecting deeply on our identity, purpose and mission. We encourage you to stay informed of this process by utilizing the materials that will be provided and participating in the upcoming meetings. We need to hear your voice and welcome your input. Thank you for your support, presence and prayers.

With peace and blessing,

Fr. Joe O'Brien, Priest in Residence
Kelly Hession, Pastoral Associate

Ann Kowalczyk, Trustee
Kathy Rosenbaum, Trustee

Faith Formation Annual Report for 2024-2025

2024-2025 was our first year of a combined Faith Formation program for St. Jude the Apostle and St. Michael the Archangel parishes; it was a very successful year! Our enrollment was approximately 160 children - more than the combination of the two parishes in recent years. Working with parents, the primary catechists, our program strives to teach the children about the Mass, Prayers, Catholic Doctrine and Christian service.

During the past year, our parish has offered a variety of opportunities for parishioners to grow in faith and relationship with God. Some of these opportunities are:

Spiritual Development

- Weekly Classes

- Monthly Children's Masses

- Christmas Masses – Children singing before the 2:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's

 - Participating in the Christmas Pageant at St. Jude's

- Confirmation Retreat at Siena College

- Confirmation Students led Stations of the Cross at St. Jude's

- First Communion Retreat

Christian Service

- 30 beds built for Sleep in Heavenly Peace

- Snowman Gifts for Boys and Girls Club – over 100 made and distributed

- Veteran's Day Cards for VA Hospital

- Christmas Pillows for Troy Center

Community Building

- Trunk or Treat

- Pasta Dinner

- Ice Cream and Bingo Night

Fund Raisers

- Egg McMichael Sandwiches

- Apple Pie Making

- Buttercup Cookie Decorating

- 16 Handles

Sacraments Celebrated – July 2024 through June 2025

Baptisms	32
First Reconciliation	28
First Eucharist	28
Confirmation	49
Marriages	4
Funerals	26

St. Michael's Stewardship Annual Report

	Budget 2025-2026	Actual * 2024-2025	Actual 2023-2024	Actual 2022-2023
Revenues:				
Collections	\$378,400	\$383,939	\$309,667	\$289,623
Interest, Div., Realized Gains	\$25,000	\$33,618	\$27,055	\$22,697
Other Income	\$110,976	\$110,295	\$160,479	\$186,354
Unrealized Gains	\$0	\$42,940	\$40,854	\$28,198
Covid Related Gov't Income	\$0	\$0	\$19,713	\$95,684
Total Operating Income	\$514,376	\$570,792	\$557,768	\$622,556
Expenses:				
Salaries and Benefits	\$226,168	\$274,819	\$274,368	\$221,136
Programs, Services, Supplies	\$143,583	\$115,589	\$112,768	\$99,270
Diocesan Appeal Shortfall	\$0	\$8,980	\$8,406	\$42,374
Maintenance & Repairs	\$130,319	\$167,699	\$148,700	\$148,480
Total Church Expenses	\$500,070	\$567,087	\$544,243	\$511,262
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$14,306	\$3,705	\$13,525	\$111,294
Surplus/(Deficit) excluding One time Gov't income	\$14,306	\$3,705	(\$6,188)	\$15,610

Notes:

*The 2024-2025 Income excludes the proceeds of the sale of the parish house.

During the spring of 2024, we began a Stewardship campaign asking our parishioners to prayerfully consider increasing their contributions to the Offertory Collections. Our community responded! As seen in the "Collections" numbers above, this campaign was very successful and allowed St. Michael's to meet our expenses without relying on one-time revenue sources, such as the government provided Covid relief funds. We extend a very sincere thanks to all our parishioners who stepped up to make this happen. Because of your generosity, we can continue to provide quality opportunities for enriching faith and service.

With your continued support, we expect to meet our budget for the 2025-2026 year. Our revenue and expenses numbers are trending in the right directions. We have been diligent in monitoring and reducing expenses wherever possible. Our salaries are reduced this year because salary expenses of key personnel are shared with St. Jude's Parish. We have continued to make the repairs and upgrades necessary to maintain our beautiful building and facilities. We are spending money on our programs and services allowing us to fulfill our mission to serve our parishioners and extend support to our local community.

Parish Ministries and Events

St. Michael's has more than 30 active Ministries spanning the areas of Administration and Finance, Christian Service, Faith Formation, Pastoral Care and Prayer and Worship. A copy of our Ministry Booklet, with more information and Ministry Chair contact information, can be found in the Gathering Area. Some of the major initiatives undertaken in 2024-2025 are shown below:

Community Outreach

School Supplies for Catholic Charities
Blood Drive
Thanksgiving Food Baskets – 60 dinners
Over 200 Giving Tree gifts for Roarke Center,
CoNSERNS-U, and Rensselaer County Jail
Stockings for Joseph's House
Veteran's Hygiene Collection
Easter Baskets for Circle of Mercy - 54
Baby Shower for Catholic Charities Community
Maternity Services
60 Lunches prepared for Joseph's House each week
Panera Delivery to Capital City Mission and/or
Joseph House – each Friday and Saturday
Monthly Food Collection for Roarke Center
Poor Box
Sponsor Summer Camper at HOPE7
Donate beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Donation to support REACT, Inc food pantry
Donation to support St. Paul Center, Women and
Children's Shelter & Senior Housing

Spiritual Development

Rosary after 12:10 Mass
Liturgy of the Hours twice per month
Jubilee Celebrations
Blessing of Animals
Dramatic Interpretation of the Last Supper

Masses at Van Rensselaer Manor
Prayer Chain
Bible Study

Community Building

Parish Picnic
Siena Basketball Game
Parish Valley Cats Night
Welcome for Fr. Ennis and Kelly Hession
Veteran's Service
Men's Club Valentine's Dinner
Easter Egg Hunt
Retirement Farewell for Theresa Reid
Fr. Donlon's 50th Anniversary Celebration
Farewell Reception for Fr. Timothy Ennis

Fund Raising

Mega Raffle
Bake Sales
Chicken Parmigiana Dinner
Quilt Raffle
Garage Sale
Panera Fundraiser
Election Day Soup Sale
Chicken BBQ

Parish Demographics

Total Registered Families	690
Newly Registered Families	19
2023-2024 Avg Mass Attendance	279 per weekend
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Envelope Contributors	208
Electronic Givers	76