

Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church

A Tithing Community

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday:
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Closed Saturday-Sunday

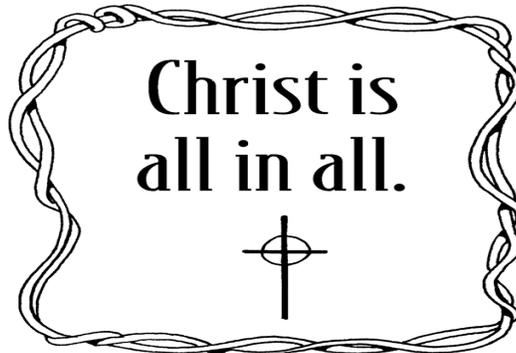
Parish Staff

Reverend Peter Heasley, S.Th.D.,
Administrator
Reverend Benedict Paul, Ph.D.,
Parochial Vicar
Reverend Ernest Frimpong
Sunday Associate
Deacon Thomas Tortorella
Reverend Akram Javid
Sunday Associate
Sarah Glassman Music Director
Brian Freeman Office Secretary



We welcome new parishioners. Please introduce yourself to one of the priests after Mass and, at your convenience, please register at the Church Office. We welcome you and invite you to become an active member of our parish family.

Damos la bienvenida a nuevos feligreses: Por favor preséntense a uno de los sacerdotes despues de la Misa y a su conveniencia, por favor inscribese en la oficina parroquial. Les damos la Bienvenida y les invitamos a ser miembros activos de nuestra familia parroquial.



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Mass Schedule /

Weekdays: 9:00 AM (Monday - Friday)

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, (English)
11:30 AM (in Spanish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation/

Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

Baptism

Registration for Baptism takes place by meeting with one of the parish priests. The child's birth certificate is necessary at the time of registration. Godparents must present sponsor certificates, from their parish, which state the child is registered for Baptism. Parents and Godparents are required to attend one instructional class. Parents must be registered parishioners. Baptisms are held on the fourth Saturday of the month.

Marriage

It is expected that those requesting Marriage attend Mass on a regular basis and that they be registered members of this parish. Preliminary arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Please do not set a date until the pastor has been consulted.

Sacrament of the Sick

Those who are sick, homebound, or in the hospital are vital members of our parish family. Please call the parish office to arrange for the reception of the Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick.

Devotions

The Rosary is recited daily after the 9:00 AM Mass. The Miraculous Medal Novena is said after the Monday morning Mass. First Friday devotion includes a Holy Hour and Benediction after the morning Mass.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Michael the Archangel Church is a multi-cultural Roman Catholic community seeking to live the faith honestly with courage, warmth, trust, love and hope. We are united together in fellowship as a family. The guiding spirit of Christ enables us to serve the needs of others, thereby leading to peace.

USING OUR TIME WISELY

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then; because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won't waste a single one. We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey.

In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce. Today's readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone.

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

- Domingo: Decimotavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
- Lunes: Dedicación de la Basílica de Santa María la Mayor en Roma
- Martes: La Transfiguración del Señor
- Miércoles: San Sixto II y sus compañeros; San Cayetano
- Jueves: Santo Domingo
- Viernes: Santa Teresa Benedicta de la Cruz
- Sábado: San Lorenzo

USANDO NUESTRO TIEMPO SABIAMENTE

Un frasco con miel prácticamente dura por siempre. El frasco de miel más antiguo descubierto tenía casi más de cinco mil años de antigüedad. La miel es muy diferente de cualquier otro alimento producido; entonces porque muchas frutas y vegetales solo duran unos pocos días si las cuidamos. En este tiempo del verano, nos apresuramos a encontrar recetas para cerezas y pepinos para no desperdiciar ni uno solo. Pero no tendríamos la misma prisa para la miel.

En nuestra propia manera, somos como una de esas frutas y vegetales frágiles y maduros. Las lecturas de hoy nos sugieren a no echarnos a perder, sino a hacer un buen uso de nuestros limitado tiempo en la tierra. El libro del Eclesiastés nos recuerda que ya que Dios provee para nosotros ahora y siempre, podemos administrar nuestros asuntos diarios sin ninguna ansiedad. San Pablo anima a los colosenses a mantener pensamientos del cielo en todo lo que hacen y Jesús mismo nos pide que no atesoremos riqueza terrenal sino solo a Dios.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Del 1 al 5 de agosto los capitalinos en El Salvador celebran la fiesta del Salvador del Mundo, cuando recuerdan la Transfiguración de Jesús en el Monte Tabor. Como muchas fiestas patronales en Latinoamérica esta semana está llena de carnavales y desfiles. La celebración principal es una procesión religiosa con la imagen de Jesús, el Divino Salvador del mundo. La estatua de Jesús con sus brazos extendidos en bendición es llevada desde la Basílica del Sagrado Corazón hasta la Catedral Metropolitana. Vestida de un rojo que recuerda su pasión, la imagen es cargada sobre los hombros de una veintena de fieles. Al llegar a la catedral la imagen patronal es puesta en una torre de más de 20 metros de alto. Eventualmente la estatua revestida de blanco aparece de una esfera encima de la torre en medio de gritos, aplausos y cantos. Esta esfera azul representa el mundo entero, mundo salvado por Cristo. La transfiguración de esta imagen en San Salvador recuerda la pasión y resurrección de Jesús, eventos claves que han hecho de él, el Salvador del Mundo entero.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 5th Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Tuesday, August 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord

Wednesday, August 7th St. Sixtus II
and Companions; St. Cajetan
(*Christian Meditation Group 1:30pm*)

Thursday, August 8th St. Dominic

Friday, August 9th St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Saturday, August 10th St. Lawrence

Sunday, August 11th



August 10th-11th

Saturday
(5:00 pm)

Stephen Perry

8:30 am

Michael Kaplan

10:00 am

Maria Lorenzana

11:30 am

Aida Gonzalez

1:00 pm

Keith Thomas

Weekly Collection for Sunday, July 28

Weekly Collection: \$4,818
Monthly Mortgage: \$398

Thank you for your generosity!

A Note Regarding Renew and Rebuild

We have become aware of some difficulties with regard to payments made to the Renew and Rebuild campaign of the Archdiocese of New York. Those payments are to be sent directly to the Archdiocese of New York with the envelopes provided. Any outstanding issues between individual donors and the Renew and Rebuild campaign must be handled directly with the Archdiocese. We at Saint Michael the Archangel have no way of mediating any particular problem.

I would encourage our parishioners to continue to be generous in supporting the Renew and Rebuild campaign and the parish of Saint Michael's, despite these issues. The people of this parish are well-known for their generosity, both spiritually and materially. May God continue to bless us here in Co-op City with his many gifts and graces.

Fr. Peter

Sanctuary Lamp *Nana Koduah* (*Special Intention*)

Pardon our Dust!

And pardon my belated greetings. It has been a bit of a whirlwind in the move from Rome to the Bronx, but now that I am (mostly) settled in here at St. Michael's, please let me take a moment to introduce myself as your new pastor (technically speaking, my title is Administrator for the upcoming year).

I was ordained in 2013 for the Archdiocese of New York, and since then have served as Parochial Vicar at Saint Gregory Barbarigo in Garnerville (under Msgr. Joseph LaMorte, now our Vicar General) and Saint John the Evangelist in Goshen (under Fr. Len Villa and Fr. George Hafemann). As a seminarian, I was assigned for the summers to Saint Philip Neri on the Grand Concourse, so I know the Bronx a little bit.

In between those happy experiences, I undertook graduate studies in Rome in Biblical Theology, earning first an S.T.L. (License in Sacred Theology) and, this past June, an S.T.D. (Doctorate in Sacred Theology, which, for various reasons, I abbreviate as S.ThD). My doctoral work was on the presence of the psalms in the prophecy of Isaiah.

I'm not a native New Yorker, but my parents and older siblings are. Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, I moved to New York in 2005 to practice architecture, which I did until entering seminary. Before that, I worked for two-plus years in the country of Mali, in West Africa, with the Peace Corps. Life has been a bit of an adventure, but I look forward to settling down with you here as your pastor.

There is never a dull moment in a parish, and you may have noticed some work being done in the Meeting Room next to the church. We have had a non-negligible water leak from upstairs in the rectory, which has soaked parts of the ceiling and wall downstairs. Our friends at Catholic Mutual have responded very quickly and thoroughly, but it will take a bit more time to finish drying out the space and to replace the dampened areas. In the meantime, the Wednesday prayer group will meet in the church, and Panera Bread donations in the kitchen.

Finally, our parish has a new website: www.saintmichaels-cc.org. Here you can find general information regarding the parish, the parish bulletin, Catholic news and other links, as well as parish news and announcements ("cc" stands for both "Catholic Church" and "Co-op City").

Yours in Christ, Fr. Peter

Masses for
the Week



Sunday, August 4th

8:30am Carlos Lopez
10:00am Theodore Johnson
11:30am Eva Caballero
11:30am Sandy Villa

Monday, August 5th

9:00am Lisa Ortiz

Tuesday, August 6th

9:00am Virtudes Rosario - SI

Wednesday, August 7th

9:00am Olga & Tony Ortiz

Thursday, August 8th

9:00am Edwin Cruz - SI

Friday, August 9th

9:00am Maria Burke

Saturday, August 10th

5:00pm Blanca & Sylvia Rayan

Sunday, August 11th

8:30am Elsie Gorgas
10:00am Tomas Rosario Ortiz
11:30am Casimiro Valdez
11:30am Luis A Caldero