



# Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church

*A Tithing Community*

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday:  
9:30 AM to 1:30 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  
Reverend Daniel Sabatos  
Sunday Associate  
Brian Freeman, Parish Secretary  
Sarah Glassman, Music Director



**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 (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.*

**OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE**

You may have noticed some "improvements" (i.e., holes in the wall) in the hallway leading to the bathrooms: we are currently investigating the source of flooding there. Please be patient with our progress, as we are trying to resolve this issue in a thorough manner.

That said, the Meeting Room is once again fully functional after the flood we had there in late July – it looks like nothing had ever happened!

We have access to the news from all over the world these days, and it would seem that there are fires blazing all over – political unrest, threats of war, religious persecution, and acts of terror and violence. Some of this is directed against the Church, even here in New York. It might seem disconcerting, then, to hear our Lord Jesus say in our gospel reading today, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." We want our Lord to protect us and keep us in peace. He will do this, but not at the cost of our immortal souls. Instead, our peace comes from our love, which "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Cor 13:7). Our bodies and minds must suffer the baptism of fire that Christ endures, so that he might give new life to them in the Resurrection, with our immortal souls. This love means bearing and enduring the fires of this world in the belief and hope that Christ has already triumphed, and we with him. We should not, then, add fuel to the fires of this world with our fear.

In this hope of the Resurrection, let us pray for Tomas Rios and Manuel Garcia, whose funerals we have celebrated this past week here at Saint Michael's, and for their families.

**LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS**

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe.

Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

**ESCUCHA A JESÚS Y A LOS PROFETAS**

Los profetas siempre han tenido un hueso muy duro que roer. Sus palabras, a menudo poco deseadas ser escuchadas, se usan en contra de ellos para perseguirlos y aún para matarlos. Ese fue el destino de muchos profetas del Antiguo Testamento, y Jeremías es uno de esos grandes ejemplos. Jesús trató con pecadores y aceptó su muerte y luego resucitó a una vida gloriosa. El último profeta, Jesús buscó prevenir a las personas de su tiempo y del nuestro de las divisiones que sus palabras causarían, mostrándose él mismo ser el profeta de todo el tiempo. Todos necesitamos ver a nuestras divisiones y dilemas a la luz de las enseñanzas y advertencias, y buscar comprender todo lo que él proclamó y enseñó de las cosas que pasarían si no lo escuchamos.

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Jue 2:11-19; Sal 106 (105):34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Martes: Jue 6:11-24a; Sal 85 (84):9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Miércoles: Jue 9:6-15; Sal 21 (20):2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Jueves: Jue 11:29-39a; Sal 40 (39):5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Viernes: Rut 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Sal 146 (145):5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Sábado: Ap 21:9b-14; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Domingo: Is 66:18-21; Sal 117 (116):1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lc 13:22-30

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, August 19th** St. John Eudes

**Tuesday, August 20th** St. Bernard

**Wednesday, August 21st** St. Pius X  
(*Christian Meditation Group 1:30pm*)

**Thursday, August 22nd** The Queenship of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary

**Friday, August 23rd** St. Rose of Lima

**Saturday, August 24th** St. Bartholomew

**Sunday, August 25th**



**August 24th-25th**

<b>Saturday</b> <b>(5:00 pm)</b>	<b>Stephen Perry</b>
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Michael Kaplan</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Maria Lorenzana</b>
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Emma Fernandez</b>
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Keith Thomas</b>

**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



**Sunday, August 18th**  
 8:30am Gentles & Burges Family  
 10:00am Deceased Members of The  
 Coles Family  
 11:30am Elsie Gorgas  
 11:30am Martin Difo  
 11:30am Thanksgiving to Father Pio

**Monday, August 19th**  
 9:00am Paul & Catherine Sauz

**Tuesday, August 20th**  
 9:00am Irene Rosa - Special  
 Intention

**Wednesday, August 21st**  
 9:00am Deacon Ray Parchen -  
 Special Intention

**Thursday, August 22nd**  
 9:00am Elsie Gorgas

**Friday, August 23rd**  
 9:00am Gretchen Everhardt

**Saturday, August 24th**  
 5:00pm Frank Pesce

**Sunday, August 25th**  
 8:30am Priscilla Murphy  
 10:00am Frank & Kay Apollo- Special  
 Intention  
 11:30am Catalina Munoz  
 11:30am Rafael C. Abreu  
 11:30am Luis A Caldero

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
**Angelica Garcia**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44;  
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**WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**

Weekly Collection: \$5,940  
 Monthly Mortgage: \$2,437  
 Pastoral Solidarity Fund: \$903

Thank you for your generosity!