

# 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**

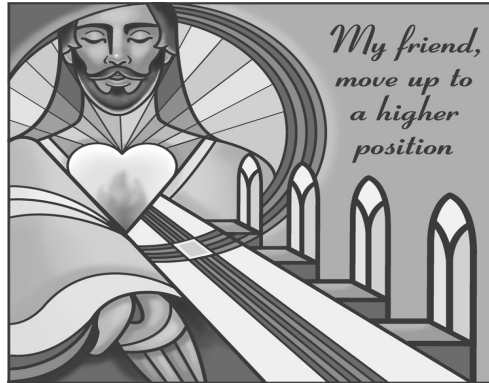
## Parish Staff

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

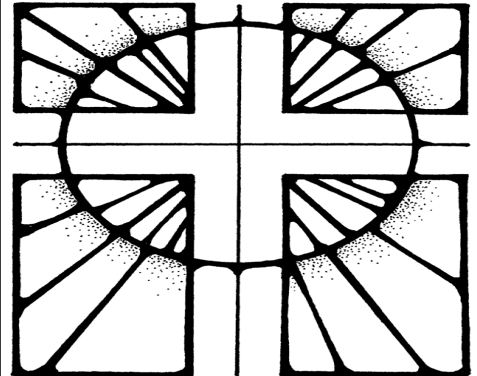


**We welcome new parishioners. Please introduce yourself to one of the priests after Mass and, at your convenience, please register at the Church Office. We welcome you and invite you to become an active member of our parish family.**

***Damos la bienvenida a nuevos feligreses: Por favor preséntense a uno de los sacerdotes despues de la Misa y a su conveniencia, por favor inscribase 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)  
1:00 PM (English)

**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.

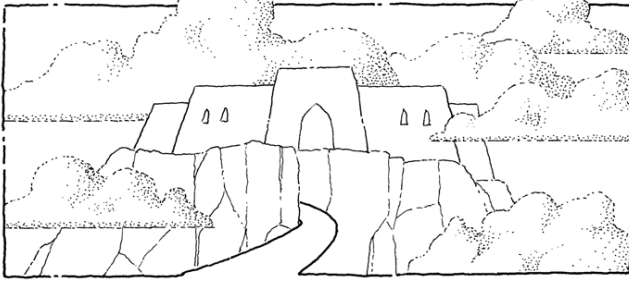
## Devotions

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.*

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**OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE**

Please spread the word about RCIA here at Saint Michael's. We are starting to assemble a group of candidates and catechumens, for classes beginning in early October.

I would like to thank Tomasa Cora, who has generously made new, matching altar linens for the main altar, credence table, and tabernacle stand.

Please continue to be patient with the water situation in the hallway and bathrooms. August is a rainy month, but it is also vacation month for many people, and so it will take some more time to have a proper assessment done and repairs made.

**HUMILITY**

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity."

Our readings this Sunday urge us to humility. Saint Thomas Aquinas gives us a good definition of humility: "Humility means seeing ourselves as God sees us: knowing every good we have comes from Him as pure gift." Humility is not a way of beating ourselves down or letting ourselves be used or abused by others. Saint Theresa of Avila warns against this false kind of humility and says that true humility should be accompanied by peace, joy, and tranquility. If we are sinful, humility means acknowledging this before God, who has demonstrated his love for us on the Cross, which removes our sins. It does not mean thinking ourselves unwanted or abandoned by God. On the other hand, if we are good at something, and are being affirmed by others, humility means recognizing what we have accomplished as God's gifts to us for others.

God has accomplished great things in us, to paraphrase the Magnificat of the most humble Virgin Mary, and he wants us to accomplish great things in his name. A humble spirit sees in its lowliness the potential to be great in God. Humility is the only way to let God's perfect, eternal love come to such a fulfillment in us limited creatures of his.

Fr. Peter

**LA HUMILDAD**

La humildad es una virtud que no vemos mucho en estos días. Parece que la vanidad, la prepotencia y la arrogancia dominan nuestras costumbres de todo y en nuestras conversaciones en Internet. ¿Quién no se ha molestado por los *trolls* de quienes intentan (por lo general con una mala gramática y falta de ortografía) empezar una pelea con aquellas personas que no coinciden con sus opiniones? Nuestras tiendas, catálogos y tiendas virtuales en línea están llenas de cosas inútiles destinados al uso y por el precio a los ricos, en tanto las cosas ordinarias parecen desaparecer de esos lugares de venta. A medida que los ricos se hacen más ricos, los pobres se van haciendo más pobres y la clase media va desapareciendo. ¿Cuál es el antídoto para esto? La humildad es un buen lugar para empezar. La devoción a Dios vale mucho más que todas las riquezas. "Padre de huérfanos, protector de viudas, Dios vive en su santa morada, Dios prepara casa a los desvalidos, libera a los cautivos y los enriquece".

**WORKERS**

The workers are the saviors of society, the redeemers of the race.

—Eugene V. Debs

**PRIDE**

The proud hate pride—in others.

—Benjamin Franklin

**NO SURPRISES**

We are told by all spiritual writers that one important point to bear in mind, as we seek to attain humility, is not to be surprised by our own faults and failures.

—François Fénelon

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday, September 2nd** Labor Day  
(Office Closed)
- Tuesday, September 3rd** St. Gregory the Great
- Wednesday, September 4th** St. Augustine  
(Christian Meditation Group 1:30pm)
- Thursday, September 5th** The Passion of  
St. John the Baptist
- Friday, September 6th** First Friday
- Saturday, September 7th** Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, September 8th**



**September 7th -September 8th**

- Saturday**  
(5:00 pm) **Stephen Perry**
- 8:30 am** **Michael Kaplan**
- 10:00 am** **Maria Lorenzana**
- 11:30 am** **Ana Cuestas**
- 1:00 pm** **Keith Thomas**

**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

**Masses for  
the Week**



- Sunday, September 1st**  
8:30am Ramon Rosa & Colon Family  
10:00am Claire M. Tapper  
11:30am Daniela Fonseca  
11:30am Armando Dalmau  
1:00pm Annamma Chackochen &  
James Luckose
- Monday, September 2nd**  
9:00am Rudolph Rosa & Ramos  
Family
- Tuesday, September 3rd**  
9:00am Dominick Rossi
- Wednesday, September 4th**  
9:00am Sanchez & Montes Family
- Thursday, September 5th**  
9:00am Gentles & Burges Family
- Friday, September 6th**  
9:00am Francisco Vega
- Saturday, September 7th**  
5:00pm Jose Luis Otero
- Sunday, September 8th**  
8:30am Ruzzo Family  
10:00am Frank & Kay Apollo- Special  
intention  
11:30am Ramon Pichado Nunez  
1:00pm Eric Butler

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;  
Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17;  
Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

**WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

- Weekly Collection: \$5,411  
Monthly Mortgage: \$375

Thank you for your generosity!