

# Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church

## A Tithing Community

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday :  
9:30 AM to 4:30PM

Friday

9:30AM-1:30PM

**Closed Saturday-Sunday**

### Parish Staff

Reverend Peter Heasley, S.Th.D.,  
Administrator

Reverend Benedict Paul, Ph.D.,  
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Thomas Tortorella

Reverend Daniel Sabatos

Sunday Associate

Reverend Akram Javid

Sunday Associate

Reverend Ernest Frimpong

Nursing Home Associate

Brian Freeman, Parish Secretary

Sarah Glassman, Music Director

### 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

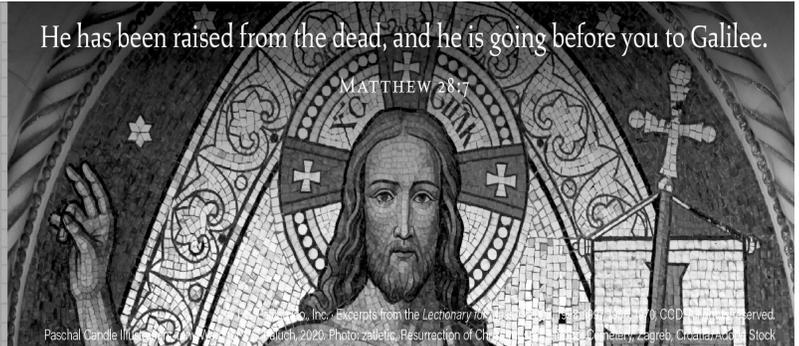
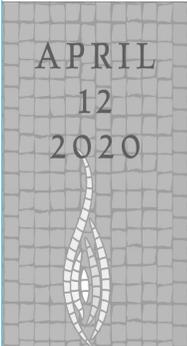
Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

### Baptism and Marriage

Scheduled by appointment after  
meeting with one of the parish  
priests. Please see the parish  
website for more details.

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**April 12, 2020**



### OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE

Alleluia! He is Risen! Alleluia!

Indeed, **Christ is truly risen!** This is our happiness as Christians, that our Lord has revealed his great gift to us – eternal life with Him – in his very own person, in his very own rising from the dead. It is a sadness to us this year that we cannot celebrate Easter together. Let's remember that the first Easter Sunday had just a handful of witnesses – Mary Magdalene on her own, then Peter and John as a pair, then the disciples gathered in the upper room. Faith in the resurrection has come to us not from an initial crowd, a first gathering in the temple or a synagogue. Instead, the reports of those first, individual witnesses has produced the gathering that we enjoy today, the Catholic Church across the world and in each of our parishes.

Being locked down, sheltered in, staying in place, quarantined for the past few weeks – with the prospect of several more weeks to go – has been a great burden on many. This came to us as a Lenten sacrifice imposed upon us by the Lord. Now, in the Easter season, with the trees budding and flowers blooming outside, it can strain our tolerance. Now, then, each of us who are baptized into Christian, resurrection faith, are carriers of that faith, even in our homes. In a spring marked, so far, by suffering and death, our faith in the resurrection and eternal life should bud forth all the more as our happiness and our desire.

In last week's bulletin, I announced that we now have the possibility of **donating online** – weekly or one-time donations – through a program called WeShare. Simply go to our parish website, [saintmichaels-cc.org](http://saintmichaels-cc.org), for instructions, or go directly to [saintmichaels-cc.weshareonline.org](http://saintmichaels-cc.weshareonline.org) and create an account. This will help the parish financially in both our short-term Coronavirus crisis and in the long term. So many of you have been handing in or mailing your weekly donations, which has been immensely helpful, and I thank you.

Fr. Peter

### 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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## REFLECTIONS FOR A SUNDAY APART

*Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven*

Thus begins the Exultet, the chant traditionally sung at the Easter Vigil by the deacon after the lighting of the Easter candle and before the readings begin. It is an ancient hymn, dating to the early church in Rome, celebrating Christ's victory over darkness, recalling the night of Passover, calling the Easter candle a new "pillar of fire [that] banished the darkness of sin" during a "night when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld," a "blessed night... of which it is written: the night shall be as bright as day." This is the night when Christ rose from the dead, the night that gives way to Easter morning. Our salvation, whether in the Passover from Egypt to the Promised Land, or in the rising of Christ Jesus from death to new, eternal life, comes to us in our darkest hour.

We are living through a dark hour, a nighttime on earth. The plague that has been threatening us for these past few months has led us into our homes, away from the natural sunshine of the world around us and the brightness of our neighbors' smiles. It is in such darkness that the Lord is renewing our faith and preparing a greater salvation. Though we "walk in the valley of the shadow of death," we should "fear no evil," for the Lord is with us, the risen Lord Jesus, shepherding us with his "rod and staff that give comfort" to us (Psalm 23). God lets us undergo no trial that, in the end, will not produce greater faith, hope, and love – if we let Him. So it is in our present situation.

We bless the Easter candle and light it for baptisms and funerals throughout the year. It is a reminder of Christ's salvation, which draws out of the darkness of sin at baptism and which guides us through the shadow of death into heaven. The candle, though so solemnly blessed, is made of wax and will burn down over the year. We are made of flesh and blood, just like the Eucharist with which we are blessed, and so we are lights to this world in darkness. As we pray at our baptism, let us carry that light burning brightly until we meet the Lord when he comes.

*Alégrese, por fin, los coros de los ángeles*

Así comienza el Exultet, el canto tradicionalmente cantado en la Vigilia Pascual por el diácono después del encendido de la vela de Pascua y antes de que comiencen las lecturas. Es un antiguo himno, que data de la iglesia primitiva en Roma, celebra la victoria de Cristo sobre la oscuridad, recuerda la noche de Pascua, llama a la vela de Pascua una nueva "columna de fuego [que] esclareció las tinieblas del pecado" durante una "noche que, rotas las cadenas de la muerte, Cristo asciende victorioso del abismo", una "noche tan dichosa ... de la que estaba escrito: Será la noche clara como el día." Esta es la noche en que Cristo resucitó de los muertos, la noche que da paso a la mañana de Pascua. Nuestra salvación, ya sea en la Pascua de Egipto a la Tierra Prometida, o en la resurrección de Cristo Jesús de la muerte a la vida nueva y eterna, nos llega en nuestra hora más oscura.

Estamos viviendo una hora oscura, una noche en la tierra. La plaga que nos ha estado amenazando durante estos últimos meses nos ha llevado a nuestros hogares, lejos del sol natural del mundo que nos rodea y del brillo de las sonrisas de nuestros vecinos. Es en tal oscuridad que el Señor está renovando nuestra fe y preparando una salvación mayor. Aunque "caminamos en el valle de la sombra de la muerte", debemos "no temer al mal", porque el Señor está con nosotros, el Señor Jesús resucitado, pastoreándonos con su "vara y bastón que nos consuelan" (Salmo 23) Dios no nos permite someternos a ninguna prueba que, al final, no produzca mayor fe, esperanza y amor, si lo dejamos. Así es en nuestra situación actual.

Bendecimos la vela de Pascua y la encendemos para bautizos y funerales durante todo el año. Es un recordatorio de la salvación de Cristo, que nos saca de la oscuridad del pecado en el bautismo y nos guía a través de la sombra de la muerte al cielo. La vela, aunque bendecida solemnemente, está hecha de cera y se quemará durante el año. Estamos hechos de carne y hueso, al igual que la Eucaristía con la que somos bendecidos, y por eso somos luces para este mundo en la oscuridad. Mientras oramos en nuestro bautismo, llevemos esa luz encendida hasta que nos encontremos con el Señor cuando él venga.

# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 12, 2020

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, April 12th** Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday

**Monday, April 13th** Monday within the Octave of Easter

**Tuesday, April 14th** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

**Wednesday, April 15th** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter;

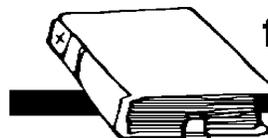
*(Christian Meditation Group 1:30pm) - Cancelled*

**Thursday, April 16th** Thursday within the Octave of Easter

**Friday, April 17th** Friday within the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday

**Saturday, April 18th** Saturday within the Octave of Easter

## A Message



from the  
**Pastor**

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To mitigate the spread of Coronavirus/Covid-19, the Archdiocese of New York has suspended the public celebration of Holy Mass, as of March 14, until further notice. Update: this includes funeral Masses. Funeral rites will be supplied at open grave sites and Memorial Masses can be offered at a future date. Baptisms must be postponed until a later date.

Saint Michael's will remain open for private prayer, from 9:30am-1:30pm. The office is closed to non-essential business, but if you have an emergency, please leave a message during office hours or use the phone menu to dial the emergency line during nighttime hours.

The priests of Saint Michael's will continue to offer Mass privately for the announced Mass intentions.

Para mitigar la propagación de Coronavirus / Covid-19, la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York ha suspendido la celebración pública de la Santa Misa, a partir del 14 de marzo, hasta nuevo aviso. Esto incluye misas funerarias. Los ritos fúnebres se proporcionarán en tumbas abiertas y se pueden ofrecer misas conmemorativas en una fecha futura. Los bautismos deben posponerse hasta una fecha futura.

San Miguel permanecerá abierto para la oración privada, de 9:30 a.m. a 1:30 p.m. La oficina está cerrada a negocios no esenciales, pero si tiene una emergencia, deje un mensaje durante el horario de oficina o use el menú del teléfono para marcar la línea de emergencia durante el horario nocturno.

Los sacerdotes de San Miguel continuarán ofreciendo misa en privado por las intenciones de misa anunciadas

## Mass Intentions For The Week



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### Sunday, April 12th

8:30am Rosa Villafane  
10:00am Heriberto Hincapie  
11:30am Garfield Turner  
1:00pm Pro-Populo

### Monday April 13th

9:00am Pro-Populo

### Tuesday, April 14th

9:00am Vincent Mc Donnell ( Special Intention )

### Wednesday, April 15th

9:00am Pro-Populo

### Thursday, April 16th

9:00am Pro-Populo

### Friday, April 17th

9:00am Francisco DePeña

### Saturday, April 18th

5:00pm Ramon & Catalina Fernandez

### Sunday, April 19th

8:30am Thersa Jarvis  
10:00am Muriel Baisden  
11:30am Ramiro Araujo  
1:00pm Pro-Populo

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15  
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR MARCH 29:

Sunday, March 29: \$2,097  
Building Fund: \$155

Thank you for your continued generosity while Masses are cancelled. We do still have salaries and bills to pay, so if you are able to drop off your weekly envelope or mail it in, as many of you are doing, thank you for doing so. Please also take advantage of giving online through WeShare: visit our parish website for instructions and links.