

# 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)

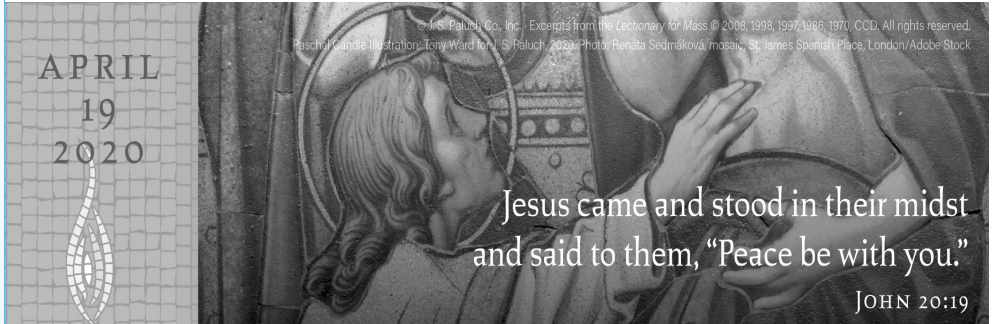
## Sacrament of Reconciliation

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.

**Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) April 19, 2020**



## OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE

Alleluia! He is Risen! Alleluia!

This Sunday concludes the Octave of Easter. Every day of this past week has been, liturgically speaking, Easter Sunday. Our readings for today are of the experience the disciples had in the upper room that first Easter evening and again a week later.

This Sunday is called Divine Mercy Sunday, for we celebrate what Jesus has given us by his passion, death, and resurrection: God's mercy. Pope Saint John Paul II established this feast day in the year 2000, based on the message of Jesus to Saint Faustina Kowalska. So many suffer in our age a loss of faith and from the effects of their own sins. Our Lord urges us to implore his mercy to precisely such an age, for he wants to give it. Jesus did not do good things for us because we were good. He does good things for us as sinners who are open to his mercy. He has opened his heart to us and demands that we do the same to him. He demands that we do the same for others who do not know his mercy, by praying for them.

Once again, 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, as several of you have done already. 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.*

## REFLECTIONS FOR A SUNDAY APART

As we hear in the gospel and first reading today, the first Christians celebrated their faith locked up in their homes. This was not for fear of some plague outdoors, but of persecution. Those who put Jesus to death sought to put the early Church to death by persecuting the disciples of Christ. This is why Saint John's gospel mentions that the disciples were locked in the upper room (Jn 20:19). Nevertheless, Jesus appeared to them there. In the first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, Saint Luke tells us that the first Christians, soon after Pentecost, devoted themselves to "meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes." This "breaking bread" refers to the celebration of the Eucharist, which was first practiced, even in Rome, in "house churches." Saint Paul mentions that Aquila and Prisca have a church in their house (1 Cor 16:19); so does a woman named Nymphas (Col 4:15). Some of the most well-known churches of Rome are named after the owners of the homes that once hosted Holy Mass, especially Santa Sabina (where the Holy Father celebrates Ash Wednesday Mass) and Santa Balbina.

We cannot, right now, celebrate the Eucharist together in the home we call Saint Michael's after our heavenly patron, or in some house church. This is not because of persecution but because of plague, which we would certainly spread by gathering together. We have, though, received the Eucharist, so we are one Body in Christ. He and his Holy Spirit dwell within us, so long as we remain free from grave sin. A time will come again soon in which we can gather freely, just as the Church built her basilicas atop the old house churches. Then, we shall celebrate together the faith, hope, and love that kept us alive while we were apart. Then, we shall offer the sacrifice of Christ again on the altar. Until then, know that just as Christ appears in the upper room to the disciples hidden in fear, he does console us in our present sorrow with his very own invisible presence.

Como escuchamos en el evangelio y la primera lectura de hoy, los primeros cristianos celebraron su fe encerrados en sus hogares. Esto no fue por temor a alguna plaga al aire libre, sino a la persecución. Aquellos que mataron a Jesús buscaron matar a la Iglesia primitiva persiguiendo a los discípulos de Cristo. Es por eso que el evangelio de San Juan menciona que los discípulos estaban encerrados en el aposento alto (Jn 20, 19). Sin embargo, Jesús se les apareció allí. En la primera lectura, de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, San Lucas nos dice que los primeros cristianos, poco después de Pentecostés, se dedicaron a "reunirse en el área del templo y a partir el pan en sus hogares". Este "pan partido" se refiere a la celebración de la Eucaristía, que se practicó por primera vez, incluso en Roma, en las "iglesias en las casas". San Pablo menciona que Aquila y Prisca tienen una iglesia en su casa (1 Cor 16:19); también lo hace una mujer llamada Nymphas (Col 4:15). Algunas de las iglesias más conocidas de Roma llevan el nombre de los propietarios de las casas que alguna vez organizaron la Santa Misa, especialmente Santa Sabina (donde el Santo Padre celebra la Misa del Miércoles de Ceniza) y Santa Balbina.

No podemos, en este momento, celebrar la Eucaristía juntos en el hogar que llamamos San Miguel después de nuestro patrón celestial, o en alguna iglesia en casa. Esto no se debe a la persecución sino a la peste, que sin duda propagaríamos al reunirnos. Sin embargo, hemos recibido la Eucaristía, por lo que somos un Cuerpo en Cristo. Él y su Espíritu Santo habitan en nosotros, siempre y cuando nos mantengamos libres de pecados graves. Pronto llegará un momento en el que podemos reunirnos libremente, tal como la Iglesia construyó sus basílicas sobre las antiguas iglesias en las casas. Luego, celebraremos juntos la fe, la esperanza y el amor que nos mantuvo vivos mientras estábamos separados. Entonces, volveremos a ofrecer el sacrificio de Cristo en el altar. Hasta entonces, sepan que así como Cristo aparece en el aposento alto a los discípulos escondidos en el miedo, nos consuela en nuestro dolor actual con su propia presencia invisible.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, April 19th** -Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy); Julian Calendar Easter

**Monday, April 20th - No Events**

**Tuesday, April 21st** -St. Anselm; Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

**Wednesday, April 22nd** -Administrative Professionals Day; Earth Day

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

**Thursday, April 23rd** -St. George; St. Adalbert

**Friday, April 24th** -St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen; National Arbor Day

**Saturday, April 25th** -St. Mark



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.**

Update: **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. **Actualización: 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.**

**Actualización: 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 19th**

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

**Monday April 20th**

9:00am Victoria Phillips

**Tuesday, April 21st**

9:00am Pro-Populo

**Wednesday, April 22nd**

9:00am Pro-Populo

**Thursday, April 23rd**

9:00am Mae & James Simms

**Friday, April 24th**

9:00am Rudolph Rosa

**Saturday, April 25th**

5:00pm Georgina Luciano

**Sunday, April 26th**

8:30am Pro-Populo  
10:00am The Deceased Members of the Reddan Family  
11:30am Braulia Torres  
1:00pm Magaly Penson ( Special Intention )

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20  
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

**WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR APRIL 5-12:**

Sunday, April 5:	\$2,970
Sunday, April 12 (Easter):	\$6,338
Building Fund:	\$810
Holy Land Collection:	\$443

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.