

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

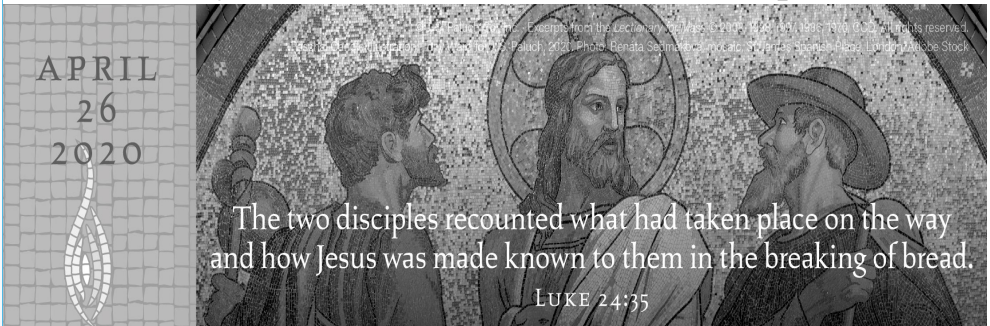
Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

Baptism and Marriage

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

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020



OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE

Let me take a moment to thank those of you who have been able to come visit the church this past month, especially on Sunday mornings. I know that, for many, it is not advisable to go outside while others can do so with lesser risk. I have spoken with some of you on the phone, and so please know that Fr. Ben and I are still here for you virtually or in person. Above all, our Lord is here, still very much present. Your coming to be in his Presence is a balm for this priest's heart.

There is so little we can do for ourselves right now, and I hope this can open our eyes to just how little we can ever do for ourselves before the Lord. If we can imagine the vast, infinite difference in knowledge and power between us and the Lord, we can begin to appreciate how much he does for us at every moment. This occurred to me while celebrating a "private" Mass here in the Church – since the priest acts *in persona Christi*, in the person of Christ, it is so little of my doing as a man. At our worship, Jesus does for us what we cannot do ourselves – worship God with the worship fully due to Him, with the sacrifice equal to the distance between us and Him. So, even if we cannot be there to witness it, know that He is still doing our worship for us.

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, for instructions, or go directly to saintmichaels-cc.weshareonline.org and create an account, as several of you have done already, as you can see in our Sunday collection report. 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

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” These are the words of the two men leaving Jerusalem on that first Easter Sunday, accompanied unawares by the risen Lord himself. When they do perceive his presence, he vanishes, as if faith and sight cannot coexist. Their new faith carries them back to Jerusalem, where they share the good news with the other disciples. They have turned a corner in their thinking, and quite literally in their walking.

At least in our thinking, if not yet in our walking, we are turning a corner in our experience with coronavirus. Sometime, relatively soon (although later in New York than most places), we will begin returning to a “new normal,” a way of life very much resembling the one we had until mid-March. In as much as we have obeyed our legitimate civil authorities (which falls under the fourth commandment, by the way), God has begun to bring the protection and healing we need.

While we are waiting for this, while we are in Emmaus preparing to return to Jerusalem, we should begin asking ourselves what our “new normal” looks like spiritually. In the quiet, solitude, and even difficult isolation we have been experiencing, where have we felt our hearts burning within us? Have we longed for the Eucharistic presence of Jesus? Have our hearts come alive in meditating on Scripture or in reliving the lives of the saints in books or on television? In our return to normality, how will we shape our activity to keep those hearts of ours burning with the presence of Christ?

We are still a month or more away from some kind of normal, a month that coincides with preparation for Ascension and Pentecost. At the ascension of Jesus, faith takes over once again in the disciples for whom Jesus is lost to sight. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gives life and love to that faith. Out of sight from each other, and from our Eucharistic Lord, let us pray the Holy Spirit to kindle in our hearts the fire that is his very own divine presence, and to teach us to do nothing that dampens that fire.

"¿No ardían nuestros corazones dentro de nosotros mientras nos hablaba en el camino y nos abría las Escrituras?" Estas son las palabras de los dos hombres que salieron de Jerusalén el primer domingo de Pascua, acompañados por el mismo Señor resucitado. Cuando perciben su presencia, él desaparece, como si la fe y la vista no pudieran coexistir. Su nueva fe los lleva de regreso a Jerusalén, donde comparten las buenas nuevas con los otros discípulos. Han doblado una esquina en su pensamiento, y literalmente en su caminar.

Por lo menos en nuestro pensamiento, si aún no está en nuestro caminar, nos estamos doblando una esquina en nuestra experiencia con el coronavirus. En algún momento, relativamente pronto (aunque más tarde en Nueva York que en la mayoría de los lugares), comenzaremos a regresar a una "nueva normalidad", una forma de vida muy parecida a la que teníamos hasta mediados de marzo. En la medida en que hemos obedecido a nuestras autoridades civiles legítimas (que, por cierto, cae bajo el cuarto mandamiento), Dios ha comenzado a brindar la protección y la curación que necesitamos.

Mientras esperamos esto, mientras estamos en Emaús preparándose para regresar a Jerusalén, debemos comenzar a preguntarnos cómo es nuestra "nueva normalidad" espiritualmente. En el silencio, la soledad e incluso el difícil aislamiento que hemos estado experimentando, ¿dónde hemos sentido nuestros corazones arder dentro de nosotros? ¿Hemos anhelado la presencia eucarística de Jesús? ¿Han cobrado vida nuestros corazones al meditar en las Escrituras o al revivir la vida de los santos en los libros o en la televisión? En nuestro retorno a la normalidad, ¿cómo configuraremos nuestra actividad para mantener esos corazones ardiendo con la presencia de Cristo?

Todavía estamos a un mes o más de algún tipo de normalidad, un mes que coincide con la preparación para la Ascensión y Pentecostés. En la ascensión de Jesús, la fe asume una vez más en los discípulos para quienes Jesús se pierde de vista. En Pentecostés, el Espíritu Santo da vida y amor a esa fe. Fuera de la vista unos de otros, y de nuestro Señor Eucarístico, recemos al Espíritu Santo que encienda en nuestros corazones el fuego que es su propia presencia divina, y que nos enseñe a no hacer nada que apague ese fuego.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 26th Third Sunday of Easter

Monday, April 27th - No Events

Tuesday, April 28th St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

Wednesday, April 29th St. Catherine of Siena

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

Thursday, April 30th St. Pius V

Friday, May 1st St. Joseph the Worker; First Friday

Saturday, May 2nd St. Athanasius; First Saturday



To mitigate the spread of Coronavirus/Covid-19, the Archdiocese of New York has suspended the public celebration of Holy Mass until further notice. 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

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR APRIL 19:

Sunday, April 19:	\$5,762
Building Fund:	\$267
WeShare (to date):	\$1,495

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.

Mass Intentions For The Week



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)

Monday April 27th

9:00am Pro-Populo

Tuesday, April 28th

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Wednesday, April 29th

9:00am Robbie Johnson

Thursday, April 30th

9:00am Barry Michael Coles

Friday, May 1st

9:00am Rachel Tattnell

Saturday, May 2nd

5:00pm Vincent Mc Donnell (Special Intention)

Sunday, May 3rd

8:30am Angela Rivera

10:00am Pro-Populo

11:30am Jose Rios

1:00pm Encarnación Colón

Sanctuary Lamp

Magaly Penson

(Special Intention)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10