

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

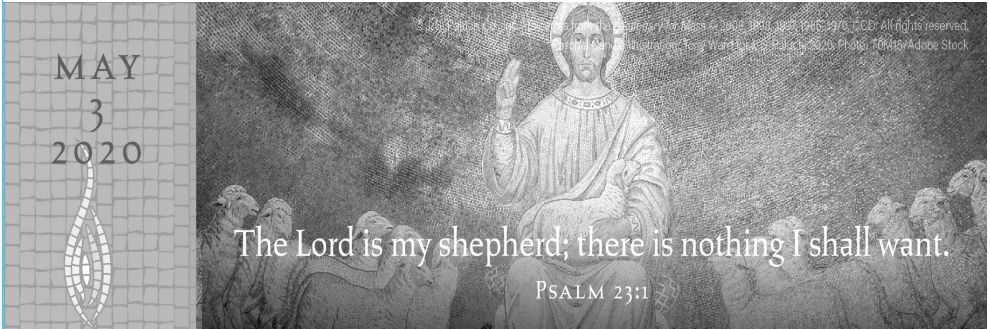
Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

Baptism and Marriage

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020



OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE

I would like to take this space to give thanks for a number of things. First, thanks to those parishioners who have made their way to the church in person to pray. Understanding that not all can do this, know that I myself light a candle for you each day. Thanks to those who come on Sunday to spend some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Thanks as well to those who have continued to give to the parish. Many have mailed in or personally delivered their tithing envelopes. Others have begun using WeShare. This keeps our parish open and the bills paid until we can take up our Sunday collection again. We are doing fine, so far, thanks to your generosity. If you want to start using WeShare, simply go to our parish website, saintmichaels-cc.org, and click the link to online giving in the upper right.

Thanks as well to the example of the faithful and of my brother priests in other parishes. It has been an inspiration to see the many innovative ways they have to connect with each other. Saint Michael's now has a functioning Facebook page, "St Michael's Church," where Deacon Tom and I have been posting the weekly bulletin reflection. Let us know what else you think would make the connection with our parishioners at home.

Thanks be to God who, through or despite this difficulty, is acting in his wisdom. Nothing escapes his will. As someone recently pointed out, the earth is resting right now, as pollution levels drop and many are living less active lives – except, of course, our front line people, our doctors, nurses, teachers, and deliverymen. But thanks be to God for this time to reconsider our priorities, and to put Him first.

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

In a world immersed in media, from newspapers to novels, social media to streaming movies, we take metaphors for granted. When we talk about a 'bear market,' we know this is not about buying and selling large, furry mammals. When we call someone an 'icon,' we do not mean they are a two-dimensional painting. When Our Lord Jesus calls himself the 'gate,' as he does in this Sunday's gospel reading, we know he is not a set of bars on hinges. We know what he means, that he is the point of access to something, allowing some through and barring the way to others. This something is life; Jesus is the gate to life.

Elsewhere, as Saint Peter reminds us in our second reading, our Lord Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd, the "guardian of our souls." This would seem to be an intolerable mixing of metaphors, to be both the shepherd and the gate. When the Word of God speaks, he transcends our forms of media, and so when faced with two seemingly irreconcilable truths – like "true God and true man" – the Word invites us beyond language to the living Word of God itself. If he were just the shepherd, the gate and the gatekeeper would have some authority over him, be it the law or the prophets. If he were just the gate, he would not be the one out in the field with us, leading us to springs of water. He is both, which means he is something beyond both metaphors.

By way of contrast, he calls thieves and robbers and strangers those who are not he, as shepherd and gate. These Pharisees, and those like them today, contrive other laws and raise other prophets to keep the sheep in their care, indeed to feed off those sheep. They are those who veer to the right and to the left of the gate, blind to the reality that the way to life is not simply a set of rules or the breaking of all those rules, but the Ruler himself of all creation. Life is a person – this is not a metaphor. Life is living with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Only knowing the sound of the shepherd's voice, the voice of Jesus heard in the person of the Church's authorities, the voice of Jesus heard in the Church's liturgy, and the voice of Jesus heard in the law, the prophets, psalmists, and the apostles, can lead us to life, because that is the gate of life itself.

En un mundo inmerso en los medios, desde periódicos hasta novelas, redes sociales y películas, damos por sentado las metáforas. Cuando hablamos de un "mercado bajista", sabemos que no se trata de comprar y vender mamíferos grandes y peludos. Cuando llamamos a alguien un "icono", no queremos decir que sea una pintura bidimensional. Cuando Nuestro Señor Jesús se llama a sí mismo la "puerta", como lo hace en la lectura del evangelio de este domingo, sabemos que no es un conjunto de barras con bisagras. Sabemos lo que quiere decir, que él es el punto de acceso a algo, permitiendo que algunos pasen y bloqueen el camino a otros. Este algo es la vida; Jesús es la puerta a la vida.

En otra parte, como San Pedro nos recuerda en nuestra segunda lectura, nuestro Señor Jesús se llama a sí mismo el Buen Pastor, el "guardián de nuestras almas". Esto parecería ser una mezcla intolerable de metáforas, ser tanto el pastor como la puerta. Cuando la Palabra de Dios habla, él trasciende nuestras formas de medios y, por lo tanto, cuando se enfrenta con dos verdades aparentemente irreconciliables, como "Dios verdadero y hombre verdadero", la Palabra nos invita más allá del lenguaje a la Palabra viva de Dios mismo. Si él fuera solo el pastor, la puerta y el guardián tendrían alguna autoridad sobre él, ya sea la ley o los profetas. Si él fuera solo la puerta, no sería el que estaría en el campo con nosotros, llevándonos a manantiales de agua. Él es ambos, lo que significa que es algo más allá de ambas metáforas.

Por el contrario, llama a los ladrones y ladrones y extraños a los que no son él, como pastor y puerta. Estos fariseos, y aquellos como ellos hoy, inventan otras leyes y crían a otros profetas para mantener a las ovejas bajo su cuidado, de hecho para alimentarse de esas ovejas. Son aquellos que giran a la derecha y a la izquierda de la puerta, ciegos a la realidad de que el camino a la vida no es simplemente un conjunto de reglas o la ruptura de todas esas reglas, sino el mismo Gobernante de toda la creación. La vida es una persona: esto no es una metáfora. La vida es vivir con Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo. Solo conociendo el sonido de la voz del pastor, la voz de Jesús escuchada en la persona de las autoridades de la Iglesia, la voz de Jesús escuchada en la liturgia de la Iglesia, y la

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 3rd -Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Monday, May 4th—No Events

Tuesday, May 5th -Cinco de Mayo

Wednesday, May 6th—No Events

(Christian Meditation Group 1:30pm) -Cancelled

Thursday, May 7th --National Day of Prayer

Friday, May 8th—No Events

Saturday, May 9th—No Events



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

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sunday, May 3rd

8:30am Angela Rivera

10:00am Pro-Populo

11:30am Jose Rios

1:00pm Encarnación Colón

Monday May 4th

9:00am Pro-Populo

Tuesday, May 5th

9:00am Jaquada Wilkinson (Special Intention)

Wednesday May 6th

9:00am Lynn Coles

Thursday, May 7th

9:00am Pro-Populo

Friday, May 8th

9:00am Pro-Populo

Saturday, May 9th

5:00pm Eloisa Rodriguez

Sunday, May 10th

8:30am Mrs. Miriam Francias

10:00am Mr.& Mrs. Norman & Ruby Coles

11:30am Jose Rios

1:00pm Helen Mulvey

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR APRIL 26:

Sunday, April 26:	\$3,300
Building Fund:	\$268
WeShare April 20-26:	\$565

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.