

# *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

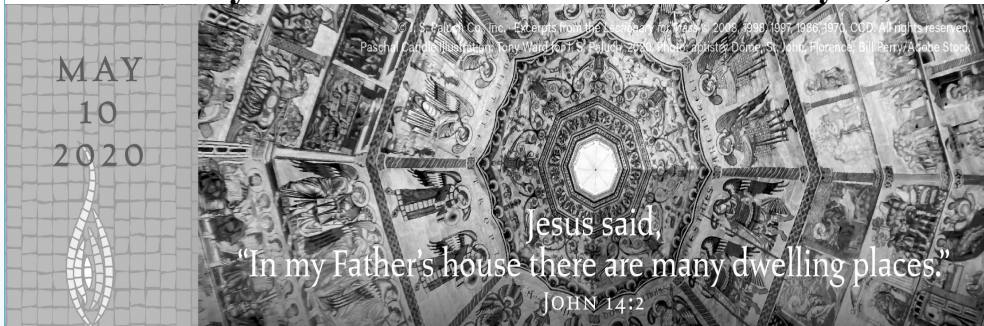
Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

### Baptism and Marriage

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 10, 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](http://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

“Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” These are the words of the apostle Philip in today’s gospel reading. They seem to express what we all long for, the Beatific Vision, where, in heaven and in the new world to come, we behold God face to face, alongside all the angels and saints. Our Lord Jesus, though, says to Philip, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” The companionship of our Lord Jesus on earth does not seem to have been enough for Philip and the other disciples, for even seeing him every day, they remain in a certain amount of darkness and ignorance, not truly understanding all that is taking place until the Holy Spirit comes upon them at Pentecost.

Our Lord Jesus goes on to speak about his intimate union with the Father: “I am in the Father and the Father is in me.” Similarly, we know that we Christians who worthily receive Holy Communion are in Christ and He in us. Saint Hilary of Poitiers says, “This is how we attain to unity with the Father. Christ is in very truth in the Father by his eternal generation; we are in very truth in Christ, and he likewise in us.” This union can only be taken away from us by grave sin, mortal sin. We who are baptized and who have received Communion under the Lord’s commandment to do so live in sanctifying grace; the Holy Spirit lives within us as he lives within the Father and the Son.

Despite this indwelling of Christ and his Holy Spirit, we still long for the sight of God. There will come a time outside of time – eternity – for that. Now, on earth, in this vale of tears, behind this veil of days and years, we see many other things that cover our spiritual sight in shadows. Some of this is our own doing, in the many distractions with which we feed our sight. Existentially, though, we live in a condition now in which we cannot see God until faith purifies our souls to see Him.

The apostles had three years with Jesus to purify their faith in him, and even by the end, Jesus says to Philip, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me?” It will, indeed, take the rest of their lifetime to purify their hearts and minds to see the Lord as He is, a lifetime of faith made perfect in a moment of martyrdom. We, then, should be patient. Our patience will purify our faith. This does not mean setting aside our longing for the Lord and filling our lives with distractions. On the contrary, our painful longing for the Lord is his own purifying fire.

“Señor, muéstranos al Padre y eso nos basta.” Estas son las palabras del apóstol Felipe en la lectura del evangelio de hoy. Parecen expresar lo que todos anhelamos, la Visión Beatífica, donde, en el cielo y en el nuevo mundo por venir, contemplamos a Dios cara a cara, junto con todos los ángeles y santos. Sin embargo, nuestro Señor Jesús le dice a Felipe: “Quien me ve a mí, ve al Padre.” La compañía de nuestro Señor Jesús en la tierra no parece haber sido suficiente para Felipe y los otros discípulos, ya que incluso al verlo todos los días, permanecen en una cierta cantidad de oscuridad e ignorancia, sin comprender realmente todo lo que está sucediendo hasta que El Espíritu Santo viene sobre ellos en Pentecostés.

Nuestro Señor Jesús continúa hablando sobre su unión íntima con el Padre: “Yo estoy en el Padre y el Padre está en mí.” Del mismo modo, sabemos que los cristianos que dignamente recibimos la Sagrada Comunión estamos en Cristo y Él en nosotros. San Hilario de Poitiers dice, “Esta es la forma en que lleguemos a la unidad con el Padre. Cristo está en verdad en el Padre por su generación eterna; estamos en verdad en Cristo, y él también en nosotros.” Esta unión solo puede ser quitada de nosotros por el pecado grave, el pecado mortal. Quienes somos bautizados y hemos recibido la Comunión bajo el mandamiento del Señor de hacerlo, vivimos en la gracia santificante; El Espíritu Santo vive dentro de nosotros como vive dentro del Padre y del Hijo.

A pesar de esta morada de Cristo y su Espíritu Santo, todavía anhelamos la vista de Dios. Llegaré un momento fuera del tiempo, la eternidad, para eso. Ahora, en la tierra, en este valle de lágrimas, detrás de este velo de días y años, vemos muchas otras cosas que cubren nuestra visión espiritual en las sombras. Algo de esto es nuestro propio hacer, en las muchas distracciones con las que alimentamos nuestra vista. Existencialmente, sin embargo, vivimos en una condición en la que no podemos ver a Dios hasta que la fe purifique nuestras almas para verlo.

Los apóstoles tuvieron tres años con Jesús para purificar su fe en él, e incluso al final, Jesús le dice a Felipe: "Tanto tiempo hace que estoy con ustedes, ¿y todavía no me conoces?" De hecho, tomará el resto de su vida purificar sus corazones y mentes para ver al Señor como Él es, una vida de fe perfeccionada en un momento de martirio. Nosotros, entonces, debemos ser pacientes. Nuestra paciencia purificará nuestra fe. Esto no significa dejar de lado nuestro anhelo por el Señor y llenar nuestras vidas de distracciones. Por el contrario, nuestro doloroso anhelo por el Señor es su propio fuego purificador.

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, May 10th-** Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

**Monday, May 11th-No Events**

**Tuesday, May 12th-** Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

**Wednesday, May 13th-** Our Lady of Fatima

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

**Thursday, May 14th-** St. Matthias

**Friday, May 15th -**St. Isidore the Farmer

**Saturday, May 16th-** Armed Forces Day

**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 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



### **Sunday, May 10th**

8:30am Mrs. Miriam Francias

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

11:30am Jose Rios

1:00pm Helen Mulvey

### **Monday May 11th**

9:00am Mr. Bill Nunn

### **Tuesday, May 12th**

9:00am Pro-Populo

### **Wednesday May 13th**

9:00am Pro-Populo

### **Thursday, May 14th**

9:00am Paulose Anthony

### **Friday, May 15th**

9:00am Pro-Populo

### **Saturday, May 16th**

5:00pm Pro-Populo

### **Sunday, May 17th**

8:30am Pro-Populo

10:00am Paulose Anthony

11:30am Jose Rios

1:00pm Vincent Mc. Donnell ( Special Intention)

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;  
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;  
1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or  
Jn 17:1-11a

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR MAY 3:**

Sunday, April 26: \$3,824

Building Fund: \$145

WeShare April 27-May 3: \$985

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.