

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

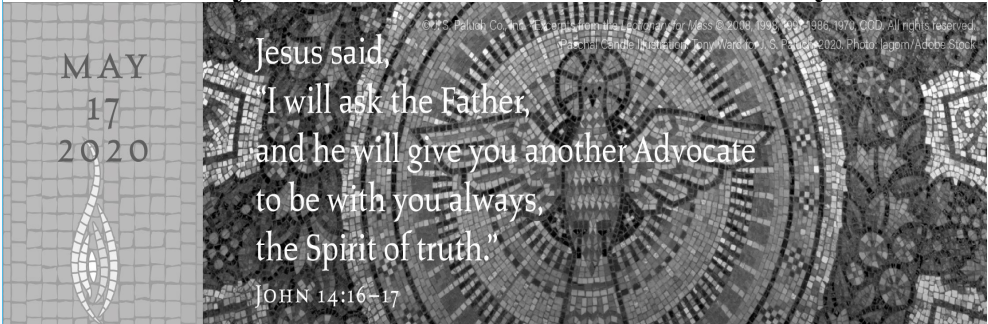
Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

Baptism and Marriage

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020



OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE

We may have heard that, in other parts of the country, churches are opening up again for the public celebration of Holy Mass, or at least baptisms, weddings, and funerals. In those cases, they are still taking extreme caution, limiting attendance and asking those who are vulnerable to remain at home. Even where things are opening up, they are opening up slowly and cautiously.

As of writing, we have no indication here in the Archdiocese of New York as to when we will open up. When we do, it will, likewise, be very cautiously and slowly. We have been the hardest hit here in New York City and remain an epicenter. So, I ask that we remain patient and cautious until it is prudent, once again, to come together in prayer.

Thanks 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, which has accounted for up to a third of collection in some weeks. 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.

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

“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” These are among the final words of our Lord Jesus to his disciples at the Last Supper, before his passion, death, and resurrection place an abyss of experience between them. We hear these words in anticipation of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus, celebrated on May 21. During the forty days after his resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples numerous times; at his ascension, they will see him no more face to face. Already, though, their experience of the Lord has been different than when they walked together in Galilee and Jerusalem. After the Last Supper, Jesus goes forward in experience. Only those that watch his suffering can, in some way, share in it. They will follow in their own sufferings as martyrs of the Church later on. This is, then, all the more true of his death and resurrection. The saints have all died, and yet still await the resurrection. The Easter season is, therefore, a different way of being in the presence of Christ. He does not leave us alone, but we do not have him with us as we do a father, a mother, a sister, or a brother.

Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit. Before he promises not to leave his disciples orphans, he promises to send the “Advocate to be with [them] always, the Spirit of truth.” It is a mere ten days between the Ascension of Jesus and the descent of the Spirit at Pentecost, which we celebrate on May 31 this year. From that moment, Jesus is present and alive to his disciples from within. God and man share, in a certain way, the same spirit, the same unifying and vivifying soul. So do we who are baptized and confirmed, who can worthily receive Holy Communion, in a state of grace.

So long as we remain in such a state, aided by prayer, meditation, and study, we are not orphaned by the Church or by God. We have nothing to fear or be anxious about. Before Jesus promises not to leave his disciples orphans, before he promises the Paraclete, he tells his disciples, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” If we do so, we remain in a state of grace, in our homes or in church. Jesus, in today’s gospel reading, encloses his promises, again, by equating love and commandments. This, finally, returns us to what the disciples knew in Galilee and Jerusalem: “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

“No los dejaré desamparados, sino que volveré a ustedes.” Estas son algunas de las palabras finales de nuestro Señor Jesús a sus discípulos en la Última Cena, antes de que su pasión, muerte y resurrección coloquen un abismo de experiencia entre ellos. Escuchamos estas palabras en anticipación de la Ascensión de Nuestro Señor Jesús, celebrada el 21 de mayo. Durante los cuarenta días después de su resurrección, Jesús se aparece a sus discípulos en numerosas ocasiones; En su ascensión, ya no lo verán cara a cara. Sin embargo, su experiencia del Señor ya ha sido diferente de cuando caminaron juntos en Galilea y Jerusalén. Después de la Última Cena, Jesús avanza en experiencia. Solo aquellos que observan su sufrimiento pueden, de alguna manera, compartirlo. Seguirán sus propios sufrimientos como mártires de la Iglesia más adelante. Esto es, entonces, más cierto de su muerte y resurrección. Todos los santos han muerto y aún esperan la resurrección. La temporada de Pascua es, por lo tanto, una forma diferente de estar en la presencia de Cristo. No nos deja solos, pero no lo tenemos con nosotros como lo hacemos con un padre, una madre, una hermana o un hermano.

Jesús permanece con nosotros a través del Espíritu Santo. Antes de que prometa no dejar a sus discípulos huérfanos, promete enviar al “Paráclito para que esté siempre con ustedes, el Espíritu de la verdad.” Son solo diez días entre la Ascensión de Jesús y el descenso del Espíritu en Pentecostés, que celebramos el 31 de mayo de este año. Desde ese momento, Jesús está presente y vivo para sus discípulos desde adentro. Dios y el hombre comparten, de cierta manera, el mismo espíritu, la misma alma unificadora y vivificadora. También nosotros, los bautizados y confirmados, que podemos recibir dignamente la Sagrada Comunión, en estado de gracia.

Mientras permanezcamos en ese estado, ayudados por la oración, la meditación y el estudio, la Iglesia o Dios no nos dejarán huérfanos. No tenemos nada que temer o estar ansiosos. Antes de que Jesús prometa no dejar huérfanos a sus discípulos, antes de prometer el Paráclito, les dice a sus discípulos: “Si me aman, cumplirán mis mandamientos.” Si lo hacemos, permanecemos en un estado de gracia, en nuestros hogares o en la iglesia. Jesús, en la lectura del evangelio de hoy, encierra sus promesas, una vez más, al comparar el amor y los mandamientos. Esto, finalmente, nos devuelve a lo que los discípulos sabían en Galilea y Jerusalén: “Al que me ama a mí, lo amará mi Padre, yo también lo amaré y me manifestaré a él.”

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 17th- Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 18th- St. John I

Tuesday, May 19th- *No Events*

Wednesday, May 20th- St. Bernardine of Siena
(*Christian Meditation Group 1:30pm*) -**Cancelled**

Thursday, May 21st- The Ascension of the Lord
(unless transferred to Sunday); St. Christopher Magalanes and Companions

Friday, May 22nd- St. Rita of Cascia

Saturday, May 23rd- *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



Sunday, May 17th

8:30am Pro-Populo

10:00am Paulose Anthony

11:30am Jose Rios

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

Monday May 18th

9:00am Robert Ruiz

Tuesday, May 19th

9:00am Pro-Populo

Wednesday May 20th

9:00am Rudolph Rosa

Thursday, May 21st

9:00am Pro-Populo

Friday, May 22nd

9:00am Anthony & James Simms

Saturday, May 23rd

5:00pm Pro-Populo

Sunday, May 24th

8:30am Maria Esther Rivera

10:00am Pro-Populo

11:30am Danny Fernandez

1:00pm Stephanie Newbold

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;
Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension)
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23;
Mt 28:16-20

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR MAY 10:

Sunday, May 10:	\$4,202
Building Fund:	\$449
WeShare May 4-10:	\$2,045

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.