

Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church

A Tithing Community

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Temporary Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday :
9:30 AM to 1:30PM
Sunday:
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Closed Saturday

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

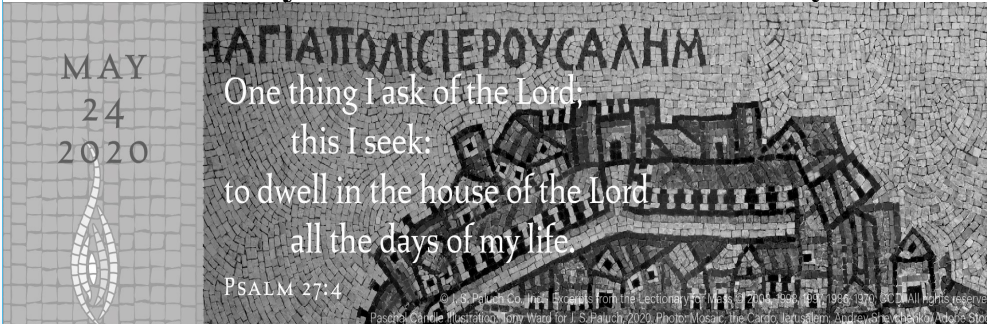
Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

Baptism and Marriage

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 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

The Ascension of Jesus raises our eyes to heaven. We have many positions we take in prayer: standing, kneeling, sitting, and bowing, with hands held together, held apart, holding gifts, and holding our neighbor's hand, with eyes looking ahead at the altar, cast down in humility, or raised up to heaven. Sometimes tears stream from those eyes. We worship God not just with our mind and soul, but also with our body. Our Lord Jesus, true God having a true human body, himself raises his eyes to heaven in prayer, as we hear in our gospel reading today. He implores our heavenly Father to glorify him, to make him known for who he is, the Son of God. As we know, Jesus then offers that same body in sacrifice on the cross. He is first in worshipping God with his body.

When we raise our eyes to heaven, we look for help, knowledge, and love from another realm. "Heaven" is simply a way of saying "sky," though we know we mean the hidden realm where God is visible to the saints and angels. For us, down on earth, the sky is broad, expansive, and blank. Just as we see in the clouds of the sky images of the things we know on earth, so we see in heaven the image of the love we seek around us. Jesus, in this way, teaches us to call God our Father, and gives to us a mother in his own, Mary. This is not wishful thinking or wistful longing: what dwells in heaven is more true, more concrete, than what we know on earth. Clouds quickly transform, but God is immutable, and his love is solid rock.

As our eyes are raised to heaven, then, Jesus sends his Holy Spirit down upon us to make us into the things of heaven. Our bodies, like the clouds, become billowed and bloated, but soon wither away with the wind. The Holy Spirit, the holy breath, the holy wind of God, does not blow us away, but fills our bodies and souls with what lasts forever, the very life of God. To raise our eyes to our Father in prayer is to raise our bodies in worship, to train our bodies in the expectation of everlasting life in the resurrection. As we raise our eyes, we glorify God, for we look to heaven through the cross of Christ, and we reflect the faith, hope, and love that radiate, like the sun, from heaven above.

La ascensión de Jesús eleva nuestros ojos al cielo. Tenemos muchas posiciones que tomamos en oración: de pie, arrodillado, sentado e inclinándonos, con las manos juntas, separadas, sosteniendo los regalos y la mano de nuestro vecino, con los ojos mirando hacia el altar, abatidos con humildad o levantados hacia el cielo. A veces las lágrimas brotan de esos ojos. Adoramos a Dios no solo con nuestra mente y alma, sino también con nuestro cuerpo. Nuestro Señor Jesús, Dios verdadero que tiene un cuerpo humano verdadero, eleva sus ojos al cielo en oración, como escuchamos en nuestra lectura del evangelio de hoy. Él implora a nuestro Padre celestial que lo glorifique, que lo haga saber por quién es, el Hijo de Dios. Como sabemos, Jesús luego ofrece ese mismo cuerpo en sacrificio en la cruz. Él es el primero en adorar a Dios con su cuerpo.

Cuando levantamos nuestros ojos al cielo, buscamos ayuda, conocimiento y amor de otro reino. El "cielo" es más que la atmósfera, porque sabemos que nos referimos al reino oculto donde Dios es visible para los santos y los ángeles. Para nosotros, en la tierra, el cielo es amplio, expansivo y en blanco. Así como vemos en las nubes del cielo imágenes de las cosas que conocemos en la tierra, también vemos en el cielo la imagen del amor que buscamos a nuestro alrededor. Jesús, de esta manera, nos enseña a llamar a Dios nuestro Padre, y nos da una madre en la suya, María. Esto no es una ilusión o un anhelo melancólico: lo que habita en el cielo es más verdadero, más concreto, que lo que sabemos en la tierra. Las nubes se transforman rápidamente, pero Dios es inmutable y su amor es roca sólida.

A medida que nuestros ojos se elevan al cielo, entonces, Jesús envía su Espíritu Santo sobre nosotros para convertirnos en las cosas del cielo. Nuestros cuerpos, como las nubes, se hinchan, pero pronto se marchitan con el viento. El Espíritu Santo, el aliento santo, el viento sagrado de Dios, no nos vuela, sino que llena nuestros cuerpos y almas con lo que dura para siempre, la vida misma de Dios. Elevar nuestros ojos a nuestro Padre en oración es elevar nuestros cuerpos en adoración, entrenar nuestros cuerpos con la expectativa de la vida eterna en la resurrección. Al levantar los ojos, glorificamos a Dios, porque miramos al cielo a través de la cruz de Cristo, y reflejamos la fe, la esperanza y el amor que irradian, como el sol, desde el cielo.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 24th- Seventh Sunday of Easter;
World Communications Day
Monday, May 25th-St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi; Memorial Day --Office Closed
Tuesday, May 26th- St. Philip Neri
Wednesday, May 27th- St. Augustine of Canterbury; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset (Christian Meditation Group 1:30pm) -Cancelled
Thursday, May 28th- Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday, May 29th -St. Paul VI
Saturday, May 30th- No Events

Sanctuary Lamp *Our Lady Of Perpetual Help*



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 Mon-Fri and 9am-12pm Sunday. 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 las 1:30 lunes-viernes y de las 9 a las 12 el domingo. 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 24th

8:30am Maria Esther Rivera
10:00am Pro-Populo
11:30am Danny Fernandez
1:00pm Stephanie Newbold

Monday May 25th

9:00am Victor Santiago

Tuesday, May 26th

9:00am Edwena Forrester (Novena Mass)

Wednesday May 27th

9:00am Edwena Forrester (Novena Mass)

Thursday, May 28th

9:00am Edwena Forrester (Novena Mass)

Friday, May 29th

9:00am Edwena Forrester (Novena Mass)

Saturday, May 30th

5:00pm Edwena Forrester (Novena Mass)

Sunday, May 31st

8:30am Pro-Populo
10:00am Virginia Figueroa
11:30am Jose Rios
1:00pm Edwena Forrester (Novena Mass)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR MAY 17:

Sunday, May 17:	\$5,539
Building Fund:	\$693
The Church in Eastern Europe:	\$535
WeShare May 11-17:	\$626

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.