

# 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

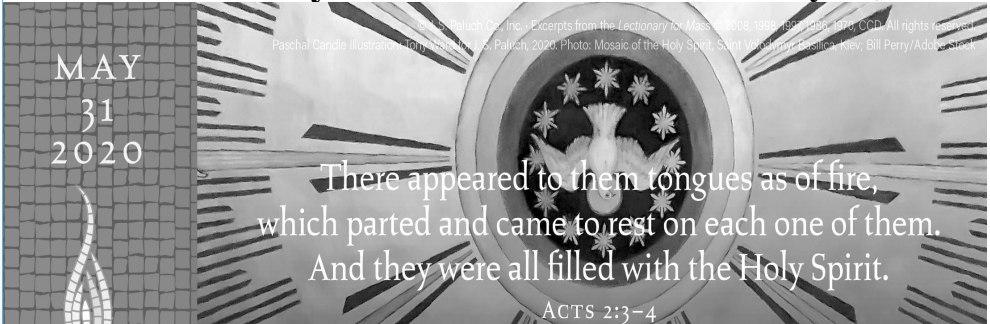
Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

## Baptism and Marriage

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

## Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020



## OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE

The Archdiocese of New York currently has a plan in place for reopening our parishes for the regular celebration of the sacraments, a plan called Faith Forward. It is available through our parish website, or directly here: <https://archny.org/faithforward/>. It contains detailed instructions for our participation in parish life over five phases. These instructions cover everything, from how we space ourselves in the pews to how we sanitize our door handles. The phases move us from having the churches open for private prayer and confession (where we currently are) to the celebration of Sunday Mass (where we hope to be soon).

We do not, however, have dates assigned for the next phases yet, so I ask for your continued perseverance 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](http://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 apostles and the saints know very well our human condition, frustrated and fractured, and they also know very well that this is not the last word about who we are. God has destined us for receiving his Holy Spirit, the very same Spirit who unites Father and Son in the Holy Trinity of perfect love. Saint Paul says in Romans 8, "We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now... we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies." Saint Augustine, some four hundred years later, writes in the opening of his *Confessions*, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you." Each of us has known the frustration of human nature. We are never fully at peace in this world, not in any single pleasure among us, not in our families or friends, our careers or endeavors. In fact, if we have any peace or pleasure, it is in the very striving itself for the goal of human life, union with God. This is what draws us to worship God every Sunday at Mass and to pray to Him every day. Our nature now is to groan, restlessly, until we possess God fully, which is to say, when He possesses us fully, with no other sight or sound to fracture our souls.

This restless groaning is not fruitless. Saint Paul tells us that we do so while possessing the first fruits of the Spirit, the first gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which is echoed in each one of us at Baptism, Confirmation, and worthy reception of the Holy Eucharist. This yearning is like that of a chick breaking forth from its egg or the stretching of an old man after sleep, awakening to the day. God has shaped the world over billions of years through the daily hunger of its inhabitants, a process we call evolution. Now, in the last age, in the era of the Spirit given to us in Christ, God shapes the world through our daily hunger for Him, preparing a world fit for his coming again in glory.

We should not, then, be afraid of the frustration, hunger, yearning, and groaning we feel as Christians. It is the Holy Spirit himself moving through us, forming us into bodies fit for perfect union with God. We can make this restless groaning holy by our prayer that the will of God be finally accomplished.

Los apóstoles y los santos conocen muy bien nuestra condición humana, frustrados y fracturados, y también saben muy bien que esta no es la última palabra sobre quiénes somos. Dios nos ha destinado a recibir su Espíritu Santo, el mismo Espíritu que une a Padre e Hijo en la Santísima Trinidad de amor perfecto. San Pablo dice en Romanos 8: "Sabemos que creación entera gime hasta el presente y sufre dolores de parto... [también] gemimos interiormente, anhelando que se realice plenamente nuestra condición de hijos de Dios, la redención de nuestro cuerpo." San Agustín, unos cuatrocientos años después, escribe en la apertura de sus *Confesiones*: "Nuestros corazones están inquietos hasta que descansen en ti." Cada uno de nosotros ha conocido la frustración de la naturaleza humana. Nunca estamos completamente en paz en este mundo, ni en un solo placer entre nosotros, ni en nuestras familias o amigos, nuestras carreras o esfuerzos. De hecho, si tenemos paz o placer, es en la lucha por la meta de la vida humana, la unión con Dios. Esto es lo que nos lleva a adorar a Dios todos los domingos en la misa y a rezarle todos los días. Nuestra naturaleza ahora es gemir, sin descanso, hasta que poseamos a Dios por completo, cuando Él nos posee por completo, sin otra vista o sonido que fracture nuestras almas.

Este gemido inquieto no es infructuoso. San Pablo nos dice que lo hacemos mientras poseemos las primicias del Espíritu, el primer don del Espíritu Santo en Pentecostés, que se hace eco en cada uno de nosotros en el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la recepción digna de la Sagrada Eucaristía. Este anhelo es como el de un pollito saliendo de su huevo o el estiramiento de un anciano después de dormir, despertando al día. Dios ha dado forma al mundo durante miles de millones de años a través del hambre diaria de sus habitantes, un proceso que llamamos evolución. Ahora, en la última era, en la era del Espíritu que se nos dio en Cristo, Dios da forma al mundo a través de nuestra hambre diaria por Él, preparando un mundo apropiado para su venida de nuevo en gloria.

Entonces, no debemos temer la frustración, el hambre, el anhelo y los gemidos que sentimos como cristianos. Es el Espíritu Santo mismo moviéndose a través de nosotros, formándonos en cuerpos aptos para una unión perfecta con Dios. Podemos hacer santo este gemido inquieto con nuestra oración para que la voluntad de Dios se cumpla finalmente.

# Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, May 31st** Pentecost Sunday

**Monday, June 1st** The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

**Tuesday, June 2nd** Ss. Marcellinus and Peter

**Wednesday, June 3rd** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions (Christian Meditation Group 1:30pm) -

**Cancelled**

**Thursday, June 4th** - No Events

**Friday, June 5th** St. Boniface; First Friday

**Saturday, June 6th** St. Norbert; 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 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 31st

8:30am Pro-Populo

10:00am Virginia Figueroa

11:30am Jose Rios

1:00pm Edwena Forrester (Novena Mass)

### Monday, June 1st

9:00am Edwena Forrester (Novena Mass)

### Tuesday, June 2nd

9:00am Edwena Forrester (Novena Mass)

### Wednesday, June 3rd

9:00am Edwena Forrester (Novena Mass)

### Thursday, June 4th

9:00am Pro-Populo

### Friday, June 5th

9:00am Pro-Populo

### Saturday, June 6th

5:00pm Pro-Populo

### Sunday, June 7th

8:30am Maria Hernandez

10:00am Joseph & Theresa Severese

11:30am Jose Rios

1:00pm Leonor Leyva Soria

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;  
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16;  
Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2;  
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;  
Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165,  
166, 168; 1-6; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22;  
Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55;  
2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR MAY 24:

Sunday, May 24:	\$4,476
Building Fund:	\$285
WeShare May 18-24:	\$1,271

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.