

# Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church

*A Tithing Community*

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday:  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
**(closing hours may differ  
please call office for  
information)**  
Closed Saturday-Sunday

## Parish Staff

Reverend Peter Heasley, S.ThD,  
Administrator  
Reverend Benedict Paul, Ph.D.,  
Parochial Vicar  
Reverend Ernest Frimpong  
Sunday Associate  
Deacon Thomas Tortorella  
Reverend Akram Javid  
Sunday Associate  
Sarah Glassman Music Director  
Brian Freeman, Office  
Administrator



**We welcome new parishioners.  
Please introduce yourself to one of  
the priests after Mass and, at your  
convenience, please register at the  
Church Office. We welcome you  
and invite you to become an  
active member of our parish  
family.**

***Damos la bienvenida a nuevos  
feligreses: Por favor preséntense a  
uno de los sacerdotes despues de  
la Misa y a su conveniencia, por  
favor inscribese en la oficina  
parroquial. Les damos la  
Bienvenida y les invitamos a ser  
miembros activos de nuestra  
familia parroquial.***



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## Mass Schedule /

**Weekdays:** 9:00 AM (Monday - Friday)

**Saturday:** 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, (English)  
11:30 AM (in Spanish)

## Sacrament of Reconciliation/

Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

## Baptism

Registration for Baptism takes place by meeting with one of the parish priests. The child's birth certificate is necessary at the time of registration. Godparents must present sponsor certificates, from their parish, which state the child is registered for Baptism. Parents and Godparents are required to attend one instructional class. Parents must be registered parishioners. Baptisms are held on the fourth Saturday of the month.

## Marriage

It is expected that those requesting Marriage attend Mass on a regular basis and that they be registered members of this parish. Preliminary arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Please do not set a date until the pastor has been consulted.

## Sacrament of the Sick

Those who are sick, homebound, or in the hospital are vital members of our parish family. Please call the parish office to arrange for the reception of the Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick.

## Devotions

The Rosary is recited daily after the 9:00 AM Mass. The Miraculous Medal Novena is said after the Monday morning Mass. First Friday devotion includes a Holy Hour and Benediction after the morning Mass.

## 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.*

**ASKING FOR HELP**

The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today's readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things.

Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us even when we don't deserve it. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers.

**PIDIENDO AYUDA**

Las beatitudes alaban al pobre de espíritu. Una de las características de quienes son pobres de espíritu es su habilidad para pedir ayuda; ellos saben cuando otros pueden proveerles lo que les hace falta. Las lecturas de hoy nos animan a practicar la pobreza de espíritu pidiéndole a Dios aquello que necesitamos. ¿Qué podría ser más natural pedir a Dios que buenas cosas? Dios es, después de todo, el hacedor de la bondad y el dador de buenas cosas.

Pidiendo ayuda a Dios nos pone en una conversación con Dios. Esta conversación o conversaciones pueden ser de muchas formas. La lectura del libro del Génesis muestra a Abraham negociando con Dios de una manera graciosa, pero como un hábil negociador; por otro lado la carta de san Pablo a los colosenses alaba a Dios respondiéndonos aún cuando no lo merecemos. En el Evangelio de san Lucas, Jesús no solo nos da las palabras y frases para usar en nuestras conversaciones con Dios (el Padre Nuestro), sino también promete que Dios siempre escuchará nuestras oraciones.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys.

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

Por siglos, Latinoamérica ha desarrollado una larga tradición religiosa con mitología espléndida. La palabra "religión" del verbo latín *religere* significa "atar" o "enlazar". Su función es unir seres humanos, los unos con los otros, con lazos de caridad y justicia. Una vez enlazados en comunidad, la religión los une al poder divino que rige el universo.

Entre las culturas andinas se encuentran mitos religiosos que muestran la importancia de este enlazamiento. Según la mitología inca el universo está compuesto por tres mundos: el cielo (Janan pacha), la tierra (Cay pacha) y el bajo tierra (Ucu pacha). Estos tres mundos están unidos por dos grandes serpientes, Yacú-mama (ríos) y Sacha-mama (árboles), símbolos de la fecundidad.

Muchos piensan que los mitos son leyendas cuya función es el entretenimiento. En realidad los mitos no son fábulas, son historias que explican la verdad profunda del universo. Nos muestran como unirnos y enlazarlos para vivir una vida fecunda. En esta época de secularización, los cristianos no podemos olvidar ni la religión ni la mitología si queremos dar fruto como Jesús nos lo pide.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, July 29th** St. Martha  
**Tuesday, July 30th** St. Peter Chrysologus  
**Wednesday, July 31st** St. Ignatius of Loyola  
(*Christian Meditation Group 1:30pm*)  
**Thursday, August 1st** St. Alphonsus Liguori  
**Friday, August 2nd** St. Eusebius of Vercelli;  
St. Peter Julian Eymard; First Friday  
**Saturday, August 3rd** Blessed Virgin Mary;  
First Saturday  
**Sunday, August 4th**



### August 3rd-4th

<b>Saturday</b> (5:00 pm)	<b>Stephen Perry</b>
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Michael Kaplan</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Christina Nevers</b>
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Evangelina Gonzalez</b>
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Michelle Tapper</b>

### Letter from Father Pat F. Rossi

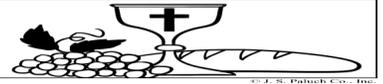
**To The Dear Parishioners of Saint Michael The Archangel Parish, I would like to express to you my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to you for the gift of your friendship, support and love to me for the past twelve years, as I did, as your pastor.**

**As I accept my transfer to Holy Rosary Parish, in the Bronx, I hope and pray that Our Dear Lord will fill your hearts with his love, joy and peace and continue to bless you and all those dear to you in the years ahead.**

**I shall continue to keep all of you in my heart and prayers and ask you to support Father Peter A. Heasley as he undertakes the pastoral care of this beautiful parish. I have written all of you in my heart. I will never forget you. Wishing you Our Lord's Peace, Live & Jesus,**

**Father Pat F. Rossi, Ph.D.**

## **Masses for the Week**



**Sunday, July 28th**  
8:30am Amanda M Sarapochiello  
10:00am Warren Murphy  
11:30am Victoria Cordero  
11:30am Reinaldo Ramos  
**Monday, July 29th**  
9:00am Rose A. Kaplan  
**Tuesday, July 30th**  
9:00am Victoria Gracieta Phillips  
**Wednesday, July 31st**  
9:00am Rafael T. Lopez  
**Thursday, August 1st**  
9:00am Annie Deleon  
**Friday, August 2nd**  
9:00am Eduardo Colon  
**Saturday, August 3rd**  
5:00pm Jose Luis Otero  
**Sunday, August 4th**  
8:30am Carlos Lopez  
10:00am Theodore Johnson  
11:30am Eva Caballero  
11:30am Sandy Villa

## Sanctuary Lamp

**Christopher Peterson**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12  
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

### DECEPTION

Indeed, it is not in human nature to deceive others for any long time, without in a measure deceiving ourselves, too.

—John Henry Newman

### ADVERSITY

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which, in prosperous circumstances, would have lain dormant.

—Horace