



Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday :
9:30 AM to 4:30PM

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Reverend Peter Heasley, S.Th.D.,
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Parochial Vicar

Deacon Thomas Tortorella

Reverend Akram Javid
Reverend Luis Saldaña
Sunday Associates

Brian Freeman, Parish Secretary
Sarah Glassman, Music Director

Mass Schedule

Weekdays (Mon.-Sat.):

9:00 AM

Saturday Vigil:

5:00 PM

Sunday:

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

11:30 AM (Spanish)

1:00 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Fridays: 9:30-4:30PM

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.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020



The kingdom of heaven
is like a landowner
who went out at dawn
to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE

The Serra Club of The Bronx & Westchester is an organization devoted to promoting vocations to the ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church, whose members engage in education and service activities. They are promoting **Priest Appreciation Day** on September 27, and ask that parishioners thank their priests for their ministry.

September 27 is also the day **Fr. Peter will be installed as pastor** of St. Michael's, at the 1:00pm Mass. We will have the Mass and reception on the lawn, weather permitting. If you plan on attending the Mass and/or the reception, please give your name and phone number to the Parish Office, so we can have a head count, before September 20.

You may have noticed **repairs to the public sidewalk** on the Rombouts Avenue side of our church, as well as the complete replacement of the curb and sidewalk between our parking lot and the church, which was in disrepair. We have been able to make these repairs thanks to your Renew and Rebuild donations.

We have started a **list of prayer intentions in the weekly bulletin**. This would include those who are seriously or chronically ill, in active military service, or in some other serious need for our prayers. Please speak with Fr. Peter for approval; he will then include the name in the bulletin.

If a loved one passed away during the Covid-19 cessation of public Mass, without the chance to have a funeral Mass, please consider having a **Memorial Mass** said. More than a Mass offering, this is a proper "Mass for the Dead," and is like a funeral without the casket. Besides the grace and mercy such a Mass pours upon our beloved, it gives those who remain a chance to gather in prayer for them. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Please be patient with all the adjustments we may need to make regarding our celebration of Sunday and daily Mass here at St. Michael's. Your patience, so far, is a testament to the faith that God has placed in your souls.

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.

BIBLE BULLETIN 30: THE LETTERS OF SAINT PAUL. I

Rev. Peter A. Heasley, S.Th.D.

The theology of Saint Paul has deeply shaped Christianity from the very beginning. He writes no gospel, but he has “his gospel”; he writes no systematic treatise on theology, but we continue to read his letters nearly every Sunday, from which we derive a great deal of understanding about our faith. Over the course of three missionary journeys, Paul writes thirteen letters addressed to those whom he has already visited, as well as to those whom he knew only by reputation (e.g., Romans). In the Bible, his letters are given in order of length, from longest to shortest, not in chronological order. 1 Thessalonians is likely the first letter he wrote, around 50 AD, and is also likely the earliest written text in the New Testament. He writes his last letters, to Timothy and Titus, near the end of his life in 66 AD.

These letters have an “ad hoc” feeling to them – that is, Paul does address specific situations in the local churches. However, Paul uses each of these situations to expound on larger issues of Christian theology, such as Christology (the study of Jesus Christ), pneumatology (the study of the Holy Spirit) ecclesiology (the study of the Church), moral theology, and perhaps most uniquely for Paul, our relationship to the Trinity in grace. They are “personal” letters that address larger issues, for which the Greek and Roman world provides a ready template.

Speaking and letter writing in classical antiquity conforms to the rules of rhetoric, and Paul adheres to these rules. A public address or a letter has a specific form, with constituent parts, not all of which need be present. These parts are listed below. Just like a modern, Western-style letter has a date, address, greeting, body, and signature, so ancient letters have a certain set of necessary elements. Expanding one of these parts or leaving one out gives emphasis to a particular aspect of the message, and Paul often does this. For instance, Paul leaves out of Galatians a Thanksgiving, in order precisely to express his anger at those who have reverted to the old Judaic customs. Following are the parts of a classical letter, with a brief explanation:

PAULINE CORPUS	
Letters	
Romans	Address: indicates the Sender, Recipients, and a formal greeting. Often Paul includes his associates as co-senders (like Silvanus, Sosthenes, and Timothy).
1 Corinthians	Body , composed of:
2 Corinthians	Exordium: an introduction, with a Thanksgiving/Captatio Benevolentiae, in which the author seeks the good favor of the recipients.
Galatians	Narratio: in which the author traces his shared history with the recipient and the particular situation in which they find themselves.
Ephesians	Digressio: a break in attention, especially if it is a long letter.
Philippians	Propositio: the thesis statement of the letter. There may be several such thesis statements in support of a larger thesis, and subsequent Confirmatio.
Colossians	Confirmatio: also known as probatio/argumentatio, it is the main body argument
1 Thessalonians	Peroratio: a recapitulation of what has been said, often with implications for moral behavior.
2 Thessalonians	Conclusion: a Final Blessing, Greetings, a Peace Wish, and Postscript.
1 Timothy	
2 Timothy	
Titus	
Philemon	
Hebrews	

Outlining this format for each of Paul’s letters can be difficult, and many scholars have made whole careers out of doing so. One great difficulty is that Paul, however well trained in Greek rhetoric, is also a well-trained Jewish Pharisee. Paul weaves into these Greek-language letters the specific forms of Semitic rhetoric, which sometimes directly contradict the Greek form. This is especially so with the concentric pattern, in which a trained reader of the Hebrew bible will put the most important point he is trying to make right in the center of a body of text. The Greek form, instead, sees the center as least important, putting thesis and conclusion at beginning and end. Next week, we will see how Paul puts this together in one of his shorter letters.

Pray for ...

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We **pray** for mutual understanding in our country and an end to violence.

We **pray** for our front-line workers during this pandemic: our doctors and nurses, our police officers, EMT's, and firefighters, our teachers and caregivers, our grocery store clerks and restaurant workers, and all exposed to the risk of contracting Covid-19.

We **pray** for the members of our parish who are living alone.

We **pray** for the members of our parish serving in the military, especially SFC Lamont Cleare.

We **pray** for the protection of the unborn, of children, the sick, and the elderly.

We **pray** that the peace of Christ soon fill the earth.

Lectors

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Saturday-Sunday, September 26th-27th

5:00pm Stephen Perry
8:30am Michael Kaplan
10:00am Maria Lorenzana
11:30am Nelly Rodriguez
1:00pm Cedric Hyde

Those who are over 65 or have underlying health conditions are cautioned not to come to Mass.

Once inside, please obey all instruction from the ushers, the priests, and the deacon. Wear a mask. Maintain a six-foot distance. There will be no physical Sign of Peace or Presentation of the Gifts. Communion may be received on the tongue or in the hand, but not on gloves. Singing will be limited, as we have removed the missalettes.

If you cannot walk forward to receive Holy Communion, you must sit in the first row of pews. The priests and deacon will not walk back to you.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 13:

Sunday, September 13:	\$5,085
Building Fund:	\$564
WeShare, Sept 7-13:	\$375

Thank you to those who continue to send in their weekly tithe even though they are unable yet to return to Sunday Mass. All of us might consider using WeShare to make our donations online; please visit the parish website for links and information on how to do so.

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Sunday, Sept. 20th: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am: Donna Annie Rossi-Kmiotek
10:00am: Pro populo
11:30am: Nimea Altergracia Mercado
1:00pm: Trevor Gubern

Monday, Sept. 21st: St. Matthew

9:00am: Brian Neill Johnston

Tuesday, Sept. 22nd: Autumn begins

9:00am: Donna Annie Rossi-Kmiotek

Wednesday, Sept. 23rd: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

9:00am: Mr. Ronald Jones & Jayden Piconey
(Special Intention)

Thursday, Sept. 24th: No Events

9:00am: Carol Harewwd

Friday, Sept. 25th: No Events

9:00am: Joy Palmer (Special Intention)

Saturday, Sept. 26th: Ss. Cosmas and Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am: Rafael Santana
5:00pm: Francisco Quiñones

Sunday, Sept. 27th: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am: Lucas William Vricella (Special Intention)
10:00am: Pro populo
11:30am: Nimea Altergracia Mercado
1:00pm: Jaquita & Malik Wilkinson
(Special Intention)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

