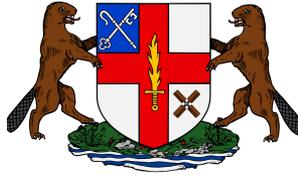


# The Church of Saint Michael & Saint George

*New York City*



## Order of Sacramental Confession

*Kneeling, the penitent says*

Bless me Father, for I have sinned

*The penitent makes the Sign of the Cross while the priest says,*

The Lord be in Thy heart and on thy lips, that thou mayest rightly confess thy sins. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The penitent tells the priest how long it has been since his last Confession, then recites the number and kind of his sins. The penitent concludes with a statement to the effect of,*

For these and all my other sins, which I cannot presently remember, I am heartily sorry.

*The priest may ask some questions and give some advice. The priest will assign a penance. The priest then says*

May almighty God have mercy on thee, and forgive thee all thy sins, and bring thee to life everlasting.

℟. Amen.

*Holding his right hand over the penitent, the priest says*

May the almighty and merciful God grant thee indulgence, absolution, and remission of all thy sins.

℟. Amen.

*Still holding his right hand over the penitent, the priest removes any impediments to the validity of the absolution he is about to give*

May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve thee; and by His authority I absolve thee from every bond of excommunication, and interdict, in proportion to my power and thy need.

*The priest recites the words of absolution while both the priest and the penitent make the Sign of the Cross.*

Thereupon, I absolve thee from thy sins, in the name of the Father, ✠  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

℟. Amen.

*The priest then says a prayer for the remission of temporal punishment due for sins:*

May the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merits of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of all the Saints, whatever good you shall have done, and evil you shall have endured, be to you unto remission of sins, increase of grace, and reward of eternal life.

℟. Amen.

*Finally, the priest dismisses the penitent and, as a sinner himself, asks, in turn, for his prayer*

Go in Peace. And pray for me, a sinner.

℟. Thanks be to God

*The penitent then goes to a pew, prays for the priest confessor who has just asked for his prayer, performs whatever part of the assigned penance he is able to perform before leaving the church. Perform the rest of the penance in the time and place assigned as able.*

