

St. Michael Church

ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA 22003

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Celebrating
65 years:
1953~2018

RECTORY, 7401 St. Michaels Lane 703-256-7822

SCHOOL, 7401 St. Michaels Lane 703-256-1222

CONVENT, 7421 St. Michaels Lane

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) 703-941-9403

MASSES:

Saturday Vigil:

5:00 p.m.

Sunday:

7:00 a.m. (Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite),

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses: See Inside Bulletin

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. SHARP.

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. SHARP. Advent & Lent special schedule.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month, after the 12:30 p.m. Mass. All parents must attend a class prior to the baptism of their child. Please call the rectory for information and assistance. (Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

HOLY MATRIMONY: Please notify one of the priests at least six (6) months before the wedding. Cohabitation (living together before marriage) is not lawful; such couples will be asked to separate.

SICK CALLS: Please notify the Rectory for visits and/or Communion Calls to the sick, shut-ins and those in the hospital.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL:

Pre-K3 through grade 8. For information, contact the school office at 703-256-1222. Website: stmikes22003.org. Principal: Daniel V. Cinalli, daniel.cinalli@stmikes22003.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

For all children attending public school, Pre-School through grade 12. Director of Religious Education: Adina Ordonez, 703-941-9403 or ccdstm@outlook.com.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Registration forms are available from the ushers after Mass on Sunday or you may stop by the rectory during the week. Parish membership is required for the reception of either Baptism or Matrimony. Please notify the rectory when your telephone number changes and also when you are moving within or outside the parish.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

9 a.m. — 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

WEEKLY NOVENA:

Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Novena of The Miraculous Medal, unless otherwise noted.

PREGNANT AND NEED HELP? CALL 1-800-848-5683

CLERGY OF PARISH

Pastor: Rev. Alexander R. Drummond

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Richard T. Carr, Rev. Brian B. McAllister

Permanent Deacons: Deacon David S. McCaffrey, Deacon Roger T. Ostrom (retired)



4th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

The Priest's Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 28

7 a.m. Pat, Terri Ballard & Family
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Rose Giuliani +
12:30 p.m. Nagurney-Galan Families +

Monday, January 29

8:30 a.m. Alexander Tette
12 noon Linda Maloney +

Tuesday, January 30

8:30 a.m. Unborn Helpless +
12 noon Alana La Grenade Finch

Wednesday, January 31

8:30 a.m. Jose Daniel Moreno, Jr. +
12 noon Forgotten Souls +

Thursday, February 1

8:30 a.m. David Tette, Jr.
12 noon Etta Hook +

Friday, February 2

8:30 a.m. Maria Ngo Nguyen +
12 noon Lucy Huff

Saturday, February 3

8:30 a.m. Maria Ngo Nguyen +
5 p.m. William Bonifas +

Sunday, February 4

7 a.m. William Ussher
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Alice McDonald +
12:30 p.m. Werner Meier

A Word from Father Drummond

One of the great ironies of our time is that so many people who support abortion oppose the death penalty. Not only that but they wax sanctimonious in accusing conservatives who are both anti-abortion and in favour of capital punishment as being hypocrites. Before I go any further I do have to say that I do not see how any rational person can even begin to equate the two issues of abortion and capital punishment as in one case we are speaking of an absolutely innocent human being whose only "crime" is being unwanted and in the other case a person who has been legally convicted of heinous crimes that show an utter disregard for human life at any level. The problem with the confusion of the two issues lies in the fact that the anti-abortion movement labels itself "pro-life." Added to all of this is confusion about Church teaching on the death penalty. Common "knowledge" is that the Church opposes the death penalty, and if you look up the topic "Catholic Church and Capital Punishment" on

Wikipedia you will see in its lead in "...after the Second Vatican Council the Catholic Church has staunchly opposed the death penalty." But a close reading of the ensuing article shows that to be not quite right. So what *is* the Church's teaching on Capital Punishment, and is that comparable with the Church's teaching on abortion?

Historically, the Church has accepted the right of the State — the civil or secular authority — in some instances to make use of capital punishment. Pope Innocent III in the Middle Ages conceded to the State the power to impose the death penalty, "*provided* that it punishes with justice, not out of hatred, with prudence, not precipitation." Closer to our own time, Pope Pius XII maintained that in some cases a criminal, "by his crime has already *dispossessed himself* of his right to life." Article 2267 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

Assuming that the guilty party's identity and responsibility have been fully determined, the traditional reaching of the Church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, *if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against an unjust aggressor.*

(My italics). The Catechism goes on to cite St. John Paul the Great in *Evangelium Vitae* that today the state's capabilities of "rendering one who has committed an offense incapable of doing harm" make the need for capital punishment "very rare, if not practically non-existent." But even in saying this the late Pope did not completely rule out the possibility of the permitted use of capital punishment. Even though Pope Francis has vocally opposed the death penalty and expressed the wish to see the wording of the Catechism changed, in doing so he is only expressing his own *opinion* and indeed confuses the issue further by saying that he is not in any way contradicting past teaching. So where does this leave us?

In short, it is actually quite simple. The Church teaches that in some rare circumstances the State may impose the death penalty in order to protect innocent life. And one might even add in protection of not so innocent lives: certain vicious criminals pose a threat to their fellow prisoners as much if not more so to the general public. That being said, a Catholic is not bound to support the death penalty but neither is he bound to oppose it. A Catholic is, however, absolutely bound to oppose abortion. You can be a good Catholic while both opposing abortion and supporting the death penalty; you can be a good Catholic opposing *both* abortion and the death penalty, but you cannot be a good Catholic supporting abortion no matter what your attitude to the death penalty.

As so much in this sad world of ours, it is clear as mud. Even when one acknowledges the State's right in some rare cases to impose Capital Punishment *as does Church Teaching*, it is always incumbent upon us to plead for mercy — and this for our own sakes more than the sake of the condemned. For further reading on this topic I can suggest two articles that may be found online of which I made use. The first is an article by the late Cardinal Dulles "Catholicism and Capital Punishment" available from the Catholic Education Resource Center. And the second is an article found on the Catholic Herald UK (not our diocesan Catholic Herald) "The Pope's remarks need to be clarified" by Edward Teser.

In Our Parish

The Second Collection -- this week is for the Church in Latin America.

Mandatory Altar Boy Meeting -- 2 p.m. on February 11th and 18th. Any new boys interested should attend, and all current servers must attend one or the other. Pizza will be served afterwards.

2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins! -- This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Burbidge regarding the 2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2018 BLA is "Living in Faith~Giving in Gratitude." After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to the Lord's work in our diocese.

St. Michael American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop VA 0894 -- would like to wish our wonderful parish families a Happy New Year and say THANK YOU for their amazing support of the troop's monthly recycling collection. Thanks to your support our girl members were able to prepare 24 Stamped Christmas card packets which were delivered to our military men & women who were recuperating at Walter Reed Hospital this Christmas season. This gave our heroes an opportunity to send out Christmas cards to their family & friends during their recuperation. Our girl members also put together two Christmas food baskets for two families in our county. The girls delivered the baskets and loved being able to meet the families to wish them a blessed season. Our recycle program collection continues this year with upcoming dates set for 1/27 - 1/28, 2/17-2/18, 3/17-3/18. Recycle collections will take place *after* the 5:00 Vigil Mass on Saturday and *after* the 8:30, 10:30 Masses on Sunday. To request a list of recyclable items please email Jermaine Perkins at wrauthor@gmail.com.

Trail Life Troop 894 -- Meetings for the newly formed St. Michael TL Troop 894 have begun. The Trail Life Boy's Scouting Program is open to all boys in grades Kindergarten-Grade 12. Both youth members and adult leaders are needed to help make our new program successful. Please contact Jim Perkins at 703-615-2607 or jim@jim-perkins.com with any questions.

Perpetual Adoration -- Time with the Lord is always time well spent! To sign up for an hour or for more information, contact Rosemary Duffy at 703-256-4468. Currently, we are in most need for members on: Tuesdays 9-10 a.m.; Wednesdays 7-8 a.m., Fridays 4-5 a.m., and 1-2 p.m.; Saturdays 8-9 a.m., and 5-6 p.m.

Diocesan Men's Conference -- all men of the parish are invited to the ninth annual diocesan Men's Conference on Saturday, March 3rd, 2018. This year's conference -- entitled *Marked Men -- Made for Greatness* -- will feature renowned speaker Fr. Mike Schmitz and more! The event will be held at St. Joseph's in Herndon. Breakfast, lunch, and Mass with Bishop Burbidge will be included. Registration has already begun; go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men for more details or to register or contact your St. Michael's Parish captains Eric Rossi at estevenr@yahoo.com or 202-649-0522 or Steven Rossi at StevenRossi@yahoo.com or 202-525-7552.

EnCourage -- is a support group for faithful Catholics with same-sex attracted loved ones. What distinguishes the work of EnCourage is its commitment to offer faithful witness to Catholic teachings on sexual morality while addressing the needs of its members with charity and compassion. To this end, the group both professes an orthodox position on the immorality of homosexual acts and respects the human dignity of persons who have homosexual feelings. For more information about Courage International and other resources, visit <http://couragerc.org>.

St. Michael's Seniors (50+) Group --

What: Games Day and Lunch
When: Saturday, February 10, 2018
Time: 1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.
Where: Senior School Cafeteria
Cost: \$11 for group members; \$14 for non-group members
Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, February 7, 2018
Come and join your friends for lunch & a fun afternoon playing the games of your choice—Uno, Mexican Train dominoes, Rumikube, Poker, Bridge (arrange your own foursome). We will have door prizes, game prizes, and the ever popular 50/50.
Mail your reservation checks, payable to St. Michael Seniors (SMS), to Bill Frieze, 6919 Richard Place, Annandale, VA 22003.
Any questions, call Geri 703-941-3848 or Bill 703-256-4563.

A Marriage Day of Enrichment and Celebration, sponsored by Teams of Our Lady, will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church, 7401 St. Michael's Lane, Annandale, VA, 22003 on Saturday, February 10 in the All Purpose Room of the Junior School. The event will be from 9:15 a.m. (after the 8:30 a.m. Mass) until 3 p.m. and lunch is included. The day is for couples in Sacramental Marriages. The cost is 35 dollars per couple to be paid at the door. To participate, please contact Carol and Dave McCaffrey (themccaffreys22003@gmail.com or 703-941-4573) to reserve a place and to facilitate planning. To learn about Teams of Our Lady, an international marriage movement in the Church, go to <http://www.teamsofourlady.org>.

Please Pray for: Dan Keller; Lili Lang; June & Norman Grimm*; Julia & Sophia Lattanzio; Carlton Hanson; Sr. Paul Marie; Dan Weiler*; Delia Sinn; Julie Molony Lee; Joe Meister; William Jeoff Robbins; Mary Roche*; Marco Tulio Gamba; Terry Spragens; Madelyn Respicio Cabatic; Rose Bledsoe; Bob Cafarella; Terry Chuppe; Elsa Noriega*; Paul McEnrue*; Julia Garcia; John and Marie Sibenik*; Charlie Wisecarver*; Theresa Corcoran*; Jean Kratochvil*; Irma Barrera; John Carlson; Charles Salvo*; Elizabeth Medved*; Beatrice Clark*; Robert and Courtney Villareal*; Tracy Wilson; Michael Malovic*; Rosemary Dooley*; Ariadne Pasa; Maria Kerrinckx*; Richard Owen*; Diana Bethea*; Marissa Ann Wuerthele*; Diana Pascoe; Jean O. Cole; Cecile McNeill*; Tuy Nguyen*; Cathy Callaghan*; Ellen Louise Daily; Steve Maitland*; Rose Guinan*; Rosemary Furcher*; *with apologies to anyone we dropped; to re-add names call the Parish Office for next week.*

Here are the names of family members -- of parishioners who are serving our country overseas: PFC Mark Haugh, USMC; Cdr. David Stabish, USNavy; Alex Puentes USNavy; Sgt. Ramsey Hamilton; LtJG Grace Dalton, USNavy; Ens. Andre Acevedo, USNavy; Maj. John D. Barringer, III, USAF; LCpl Benjamin C. Martino, USMC; Lt. Matthew Becker USNavy; John P. Hoang USMC; and... [call Mary at the parish office, 703-256-7822, and we'll keep our prayers going for our military in harms way.]

News about FORMED.ORG - FORMED.ORG has a new look while maintaining its excellent resources on our Catholic faith. On logging in, there will be three tabs: FORMED on demand, Library, and Market. Everything that has been available up to now will be found under "FORMED on demand." The other two tabs will be activated soon. "Market" will be for renting or purchasing resources that you will either download (purchases) or stream (rentals) to your home. "Library" will be where your newly acquired resources will be place. Noteworthy resources in FORMED on demand for February: the video "A Lent to Remember", the video "Gifts from God", and Cardinal Sarah's ebook "The Power of Silence."

Bad Weather/Church Closings -- If it's slippery and dangerous -- or if there's an abundance of snow, USE COMMON SENSE. Don't try to come to Mass.

If the Fairfax County Schools system delays or cancels school due to weather, there will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass. Fairfax County Schools, for congruous purposes, is simply an efficient means to follow. If the U.S. Government shuts down because of bad weather, we'll do our best to maintain the Noon schedule because snow removal work should be well underway by that time -- but there are no guarantees.

For the safety of those shoveling and plowing the snow, gates will be closed and the entrances will be blocked by cones. (Please do not drive around the cones.)

You can receive email notices -- from Fairfax County Schools by signing up via this link: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/VAEDUFCPS/subscriber/new> (or use the internet search engine: "Fairfax County Schools closings"). U.S. Government closings because of the weather, of course, are pretty big deals and news is easily accessible from television reports.

CCD/Religious Education

Youth Group -- meets Sunday evenings at 6 PM in the All Purpose Room of the Junior School Building.

Need some Catholic R&R? -- Too often we try to live a faith we don't know or understand. Some of us stumble along with it, going through the motions. Others simply walk away. If you'd like to 'renew and refresh' your Faith, join us for a 5-part series on the Seven Sacraments. Using materials from the Augustine Institute, we'll explore the essentials of our Faith in a way that will inform our minds and inspire our hearts. Next part in series: **January 28, 2018 at 1:45 PM** in the All-Purpose Room, Junior School.

School News

Catholic Schools Week -- on Sunday, January 28th we begin Catholic Schools Week. Please join us at the 12:30 Mass. A small reception will follow in the Cafeteria.

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week -- is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year it is January 28 - February 3. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2018 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

Open House -- We will be hosting an Open House on January 30th, from 9:00-11:00 AM and 1:30-3:00 PM. Registration for the 2018 School Year will begin during this time. If you are unable to attend this Open House, please call the school office to schedule a private tour. 703-256-1222

Around the Diocese

World Day for Consecrated Life -- World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2018 and in parishes on the weekend of February 3-4, 2018. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Music at the Monastery -- Music to uplift your soul! Enjoy Music at the Monastery on Sunday, Feb. 11, 4 p.m., with organist Samantha Scheff. Held at the historic Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 1400 Quinicy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017., this monthly series is cosponsored with the DC Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A light reception follows; free-will offering. For information, visit myfranciscan.org or call 202-526-6800; free parking.