

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)



5th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

The Priest's Mass Intentions

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
Monday, February 5
8:30 a.m. Anne Williams +
12 noon All Souls +
Tuesday, February 6
8:30 a.m. Sebalda Tette
12 noon Jose Emelino Ramirez +
Wednesday, February 7
8:30 a.m. Ben Wenger +
12 noon Etta Hook +
Thursday, February 8
8:30 a.m. Don Forrer, Sr. +
12 noon Benjamin Wenger +
Friday, February 9
8:30 a.m. Maria Ngo Nguyen +
12 noon Milagros E. Ignatz
Saturday, February 10
8:30 a.m. Benjamin Wenger +
5 p.m. William Gatewood +
Sunday, February 11
7 a.m. Dahye (Silvia) Lee +
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Etta Hook +
12:30 p.m. Jean Smerecki +

A Word from Father Drummond

Monsignor Scannell, the founding pastor of St. Michael's is probably best remembered for telling people, "You are a child of God." At his funeral mass here at St. Michael's, the homilist Father Christopher Pollard began his homily with the question, "What are you?" Almost everyone in the packed church responded loudly, "A Child of God!" What a great testament to a great priest. The memory of that moment came back to me Monday morning when I saw an article in The Washington Times commentary section: Walking in God's Image *'You are the imago Dei! Now, by God's grace, act like it!'* by Everett Piper, the president of Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

You are the imago Dei. Not quite "You are a child of God," but very close and amazing words to read in a secular newspaper of the nation's capital. Although written by a Methodist and invoking John Wesley, Mr. Piper addresses an issue faced by serious practicing Catholics, and even though

he quotes John Wesley –very effectively– the point he makes is spot on with Catholic teaching. Mr. Piper unabashedly takes the bull by the horns in answering, "How should the Church respond to our society's tsunamic shift toward the celebration and acceptance of the broader LGBTQ agenda? Move directly... Doesn't... Christ's call for "love" require the Christian community to be more inclusive and conversational rather than exclusive and confrontational as we engage our culture?" Mr. Piper responds to this question, "Loving God, our neighbor, and ourselves, however, requires that we hate sin. Sin is anathema to love and love is anathema to sin." Speaking of John Wesley, Mr. Piper says, "He confronted sin. He didn't have a conversation about it. Wesley would be the first to say that our sinful inclinations do not and should not define us." Piper says that, "Wesley would shout from the pulpit: 'Our identity is found in Christ, not in our proclivities and passions. Holiness means that we rise above such inclinations in obedience to God rather than capitulating to one's base appetites and instincts. You are the imago Dei, my land, not the imago dog! Now by God's grace, act like it!'" In a society that regularly canonizes sins to virtues, these are indeed fighting words.

The great tragedy of our times is that we do not seek to, with the Grace of God, remake ourselves in God's image but rather strive to remake God into our own fallen image. Rather than facing our sins so as to overcome them, we celebrate them and seek to force others to celebrate them as well. As Mr. Piper so eloquently points out, there can be no "conversation" with sin. And to be absolutely honest about it, those who claim to seek a "conversation" are really seeking capitulation. But as children of God, we have to resist all such efforts so as to truly live as creatures made in the Image of God.

Sin is sin, there is no getting around it. Sin leads us away from God and it is not loving to say otherwise. Contraception, premarital sex, sexual activity between persons of the same gender, abortion, euthanasia, suicide and assisted suicide are all sin, no matter what currency they find in today's society. Although some may find what I say hateful, it is not hate speech. I am speaking of activities not persons, and I do not define any one person by his or her sins. We are all sinners in need of God's loving forgiveness. In the medieval Scottish ballad of Thomas the Rhymer, the Queen of the Fairies points out a road beset with thorns and briars, telling Thomas that that is the road to righteousness though few choose it. She point out a wide, well paved road and identifies it as the road to wickedness though many think it is the road to Heaven. It is not easy to live up to being the Imago Dei and few who sin want to admit that they are in fact besmircking the Divine Image in which they are made. We do need help and only with God's grace can we live up to the Image in which we were made. But we can only be open to God's Grace when we recognize, confess and strive to put behind us our sins, whatever they may be.

Everett Piper is a man of great fortitude and moral courage and giving voice to that he is also a man of great love. "What are you?" asks Monsignor Scannell as he gives us the answer, "You are a child of God." Now, by God's Grace, let us act like Children of God.

In Our Parish

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.

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>.

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 Fietze, 6919 Richard Place, Annandale, VA 22003.
Any questions, call Geri 703-941-3848 or Bill 703-256-4563.

Columbia Magazine - Free copies of the "Columbia" magazine are available in Church vestibule. This edition has articles on progress made by Knights of Columbus in overturning Roe v. Wade. English and Spanish versions of the magazine are available.

Perpetual Adoration -- Want to have a truly grace-filled Lent? Sign up for an hour of adoration! 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.



Fasting & Abstinence [Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2018) & Good Friday (March 30, 2018)]: Fasting means eating only one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacks or eating between meals allowed. Fasting obliges all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Abstinence means eating no meat, and no soup or gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholic over the age of 14. Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc. automatically excuse a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious obligations. In cases of doubt or question, the priest who hears a person's confession should be consulted.

The Second Collection -- on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 is for the Church in Eastern Europe. Next week's second collection will be for Black & Native Americans, and Special School Needs.

No Devotions -- on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

A 6:30 AM Mass -- will be added on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. ***However, please note that Monday, February 19th is an exception, due to the President's Day holiday.

The Light Is On For You -- During Lent the Diocese of Arlington is happy announce the continuation of our partnership with the Archdiocese of Washington in The Light Is On For You campaign. All churches will be open for confessions on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. on February 21 and 28 and March 7, 14 and 21.

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 Parish Lenten Suppers
February 23, and March 2, 9, 16, 23

Please join us every Friday during Lent from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM in the All Purpose Room for our annual Lenten Suppers!
Fish & Chips, Choice of (2) Meatless Soups,
Bread, Salad, Iced Tea, and Lemonade will be served.
(Until supplies last.)

***Regarding inclement weather:
Fairfax County Schools Policy will be followed.***

If you would like to volunteer to:
help with preparations, serving, clean up
and/or earn student service hours, please contact:

Jermaine Perkins at 703-658-4876
or email 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.

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 **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.

Please Pray for: 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*; Dan Keller; *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

High School Youth Group -- led by Fr. Brian meets Sunday evening at 6 PM in the CYO Room (off the All-Purpose Room) Junior School.

Seven Deadly Sins/Seven Lively Virtues -- Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice, and lust; the great spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship with God and one another. Using the presentations of Bishop Robert Barron, we'll explore patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness and how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition. The "seven lively virtues" are antidotes to each sin that help set us on the right path to healing and happiness. Begins **February 18, 2018 at 1:45 PM** in the All-Purpose Room, Junior School.