

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)



6th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

The Priest's Mass Intentions

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 +

Monday, February 12

- 8:30 a.m. Irvin Santiago +
- 12 noon Michelle Soumier +

Tuesday, February 13

- 8:30 a.m. Diana Weyrich
- 12 noon Gregoria M. Attilo

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14

- 8:30 a.m. Ricco Thomas Amadio +
- 12 noon Timothy Clayton Winter +
- 7 p.m. Maria Ngo Nguyen +

Thursday, February 15

- 8:30 a.m. Julianne Ivins +
- 12 noon Kwesi Nduom

Friday, February 16

- 8:30 a.m. Christopher Dickens
- 12 noon Gloria Endoso +

Saturday, February 17

- 8:30 a.m. Ben Wenger +
- 5 p.m. Alfred Bagot +

Sunday, February 18

- 7 a.m. Fred Tansey +
- 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Orlando Ramirez +
- 12:30 p.m. Vanessa Kennelly +

A Word from Father Drummond

During the season of Lent, our lives should be marked in a special way by prayer, penance and charity. Indeed as Christians and Catholics prayer, penance and charity should pervade our lives throughout the year but in this season of Lent with a renewed focus and intensity.

In last week's Gospel we heard that rising early Jesus went off to a deserted place to pray (Mark 1:35). Now, of course, we *know* that Jesus prayed, so what is so amazing about that? Well, for one thing, it was early in the morning, *still dark*. The implication is everyone else was still asleep but Jesus is up to pray. Secondly, He goes off to a *deserted* place to pray. He seeks to be alone with the Father. This is echoed elsewhere in the Scriptures. In Luke 5: 15-16, "...great multitudes gathered... But He withdrew to the wilderness and prayed." Before Jesus embarked on His public ministry, He withdrew to the desert for forty days to pray, at the end of which He faced the devil and his sad attempts to tempt Jesus. Before choosing the Twelve Apostles, Jesus spends the night in prayer: "In these

days He went out into the hills to pray: and all night He continued to pray to God. And when it was day He called his disciples and chose from them twelve..." (Luke 6: 12-13). Even at the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of the Passion, Jesus prayed apart from the others, telling them: "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray." (Matthew 26: 36) Time and time again, we see Jesus slip away to be alone with the Father in prayer.

We do not always know what His prayer is. At the Agony in the Garden we do know that He prayed to be spared if possible but ultimately bowed to the Will of the Father: "Father all things are possible to you: remove this cup from me; yet not what I will but what thou wilt." (Mark 14: 35). His public prayer is instructive to those listening to Him as we see from the raising of Lazarus. Jesus thanks God the Father for hearing Him, then adds almost like a Shakespearean aside: "I knew that thou hearest me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me." (John 11: 42) Even from the Cross He seeks to instruct us crying out in prayer the opening lines of Psalm 22: "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" Seemingly a cry of forsakenness to those who heard it, had they gone home and read the 22nd Psalm —assuming they were wealthy enough to have their own scrolls— they would have found an eerily accurate prediction of what had just happened. (The scribes present would have understood and I believe that so hardened were their hearts that it was them who said, "He is calling on Elijah to save Him," as an effort to mislead the others, the name Elijah and the Hebrew word for God sounding very similar).

Jesus' private prayer, however, is rather mysterious; we do not know exactly what transpired between Jesus and the Father but then again that is why it was *private* prayer. The Gospels do however tell us what we do need to know. We know that Jesus prayed to the Father, one on one. That He did so at the beginning of the day *before* anyone else was up, as well as before making an important decision such as choosing the Apostles, and also *after* a great event such as the feeding of the five thousand. We also know from the end of the Book of John that the Gospels are not exhaustive in their accounts: "Now Jesus did many other signs... which were not written... but these are written that you might believe..." (John 20: 30-31). So, I think, it is safe to assume that the examples of Jesus going off by Himself to pray are indicative of His habitual mode of prayer —that He went regularly and often to be alone in prayer.

What does this mean for us? Often I have noted in my own preaching that if *Jesus* felt this great need to go off for quiet prayer then how much more do *we* need to do so. Jesus teaches us not simply by His words but also by His actions. We would do well to imitate the Lord and go off to a deserted place to pray. Jesus Himself explicitly tells us this in Matthew 6: 6, "When you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret..."

The question which arises from this is "do we do so?" Priests of the Latin Rite are required to pray *at least* five times a day set prayers for each part of the day from the *Liturgy of Hours*. This is a bare minimum and you will find that priests who leave the priesthood have almost invariably stopped praying the "Office." Lay people are not required to pray the Diving Office or Liturgy of Hours (both terms are correct), but they are encouraged to do so. There are various shorter versions

available for people to make use of, including the publication, "Magnificat," or they can even pray the full office. (I began praying the Office two years before I entered Seminary and it was helpful in making clear to me my vocation).

As Catholics we also have a plethora of other prayers that can be used both in private or in common, that is alone or together with others. Most popular is the Rosary. A daily Rosary properly prayed can be life transforming. By properly prayed, I mean that we do not simply repeat the various Other Fathers, Hail Marys and Glory Bes in a drone like manner not really giving thought to the words we utter, but that we use the reiteration of the prayers as a gateway to enter more fully into contemplation of the various mysteries we are praying. To this end the use of a Bible as we pray the Rosary can be very helpful.

In addition to the Rosary there is the Divine Mercy Devotion. Here again, the simple repetition of familiar prayers can help us enter into the Passion of our Lord, helping us to empty ourselves of self that we may be filled with the Lord.

However we pray, we should do so often and with fullness of heart. As we prepare for this upcoming season of Lent, let us consider how many hours a day, a week, a month do we spend online, or watching television, or playing video games—all of which is both mind *and* soul numbing. And how many hours in that same time do we give ourselves over to prayer. I suspect that for most of us, the internet, television, and video games have a high greater priority in our lives than prayer. This Lent, let us seek to reverse that...

Next week we will look at Penance...

In Our Parish

BLA Commitment Weekend -- This weekend every household in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. If you have already donated through the mail or online or are not able to participate, there will be a place to note that on the form. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs, offices and ministries that serves people in need and further the mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese.

The Secular Carmelite Vocation -- is open to all, men and women, married or single. The Carmelites are those faithful who, by special vocation, undertake to live an evangelical life in the world imbued with the spirit of contemplation, in imitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Carmelites in the Capital Area meet the 2nd Sunday of the month from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in St. Michael's Senior School. Please contact Dr. Amadea Tette, 703-750-6478 or Janet Hillier, 703-280-1595 for further information.

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.

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.



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.

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.**

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

President's Day — Monday, February 19th, there will be only one daily Mass, celebrated at 10 a.m.

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.

40 Days For Life -- From February 14th through March 25th, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Falls Church Healthcare Center at 900 S. Washington Street. **St. Michael Sponsor's Dates & Time for the Vigil hours are from 7AM - 7PM on every Tuesday for the following five weeks on: February 20th, February 27th, March 6th, March 13th, and March 20th**. Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Anh Tu Do at 703-919-4370 or e-mail anhdo18@gmail.com. Feel free to visit www.40daysforlife.com/fallschurch for more information.

Afternoon of Recollection for Women -- A priest of Opus Dei presents an Afternoon of Recollection for women on the second Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. in the church, and consists of two meditations, scriptural reading or the Holy Rosary, and the opportunity for confession. For more information, please contact Lorraine Anderson, 703-425-0921.

The Christian Mothers -- will meet on Thursday, February 15th for Mass at 7:30pm in the Convent Chapel. A meeting will follow in the All Purpose Room. Please consider joining this prayerful group as it is open to Mothers of all ages. If you have any questions, please call Patrice Connolly on 703-941-0017.

Our St. Michael American Heritage Girls Troop VA0894 -- will be kicking off their 2nd annual popcorn Popcornopolis fundraiser the weekends of 2/17 - 2/18 and 2/24 - 2/25. Orders will be taken after the 5 PM Saturday Vigil Mass and the 8:30, 10:30 & 12:30 p.m. Sunday Masses. Please come visit our tables after each of the designated Masses. Like last year several flavors will be offered! Thank you in advance for your support.

St. Michael American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop VA 0894 -- 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.

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.

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIORS (50+) GROUP --

What: Bus trip to Museum of the Bible in DC
When: Saturday, March 10, 2018
Time: Bus will leave St. Michael promptly at 9:15 a.m. and return approx. 4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$39 for group members; \$42 for non-group members
RESERVATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 21st.
Mail checks, payable to St. Michael's Seniors, and mail to Bill Frietze, 6919 Richard Place, Annandale, VA 22003.

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join the Seniors group on this trip. The Museum of the Bible is an innovative, global institution. Guests can explore the narrative & history of the Bible and its impact on the world. There are three permanent exhibit floors — the history floor, the narrative floor and the Impact floor. There is plenty of seating around the exhibits. Lunch will be on your own — there is a grab & go coffee shop with sandwiches, salads & baked goods and a sit down café serving Mediterranean cuisine.
Any questions call Geri, 703-941-3848 or Bill, 703-256-4563.

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.

Around the Diocese

Gifts for the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF) -- Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance, and books; which total almost \$40,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks to: Foundation for the CDA – SEEF. Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact Bob Mueller at r.mueller@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841- 2545 with questions.

The Falls-Church-Annandale Lions Club -- is holding a Fruit Sale on Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 8:15 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. or sold out. The sale will be held on the grounds of the Annandale Swim and Tennis Club, next to the Wendy's on Little River Turnpike. The Lions appreciate the support of our community in raising funds that are used for sight and hearing conservation, as well as community support and youth activities.

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

Please Pray for: 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 Kerinckx*; 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; Lili Lang; *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.]