

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)



1st Sunday
of Lent

February 18, 2018

The Priest's Mass Intentions

- 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 +
- Monday, February 19
- 10 a.m. Rev. Fr. Richard Carr
- Tuesday, February 20
- 8:30 a.m. Pablo, Angelo & Valentin Atillo
- 12 noon William Gatewood +
- Wednesday, February 21
- 8:30 a.m. Maxiene Dupont +
- 12 noon Alfred J. Embarrato +
- Thursday, February 22
- 8:30 a.m. Glen Yoe
- 12 noon Unborn Helpless Souls +
- Friday, February 23
- 8:30 a.m. Maria Ngo Nguyen +
- 12 noon Amanda E. Tette
- Saturday, February 24
- 8:30 a.m. Alice Regina Smith Moravec +
- 5 p.m. Benjamin Wenger +
- Sunday, February 25
- 7 a.m. Sandra & Pete
- 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Stella Giddio +
- 12:30 p.m. Lois McEnrue +

A Word from Father Drummond

Penance is usually viewed in a negative light which is unfortunate as penance is crucial to our becoming saints — which is what God intended us to be. Pride is what gets in the way of penance, not the disciplinary effect of penitential practices. In order to enter into a state of penance, we must first admit that we have done something wrong, that we have sinned. Pride makes it difficult for us to admit that we have done something wrong. With penance we have contrition, that is, sorrow for our sins: with pride we have excuses, rationalizations and a feeling that whatever law we have broken doesn't really apply to us. With penance we grow closer to God; with pride we grow colder to God.

Necessary to penance is a good prayer life, the two are closely intertwined. Heart felt prayer leads to a greater awareness of and sorrow for our faults which in turn leads

to acts of penance which are frequently expressed in prayer. As we ascend in prayer to holiness, we become more aware of the need for penance for ourselves and for others. Penance, like prayer, may be offered for others as well as ourselves: Christ's death on the Cross was for the remission of *our* sins, Christ Himself being totally innocent. Even though we certainly lack in innocence as we grow in faith we may still offer penances up for others as well as ourselves. The more we begin to offer penance for others in addition to ourselves, the more we begin to become Christ like.

The season of Lent as a penitential season is associated with "giving up." It is almost a cliché: what are you giving up for Lent, or I'm giving up this and that for Lent. A number of years ago there was a movie "Forty Days and Forty Nights" with the theme of a red blooded American man giving up all sexual activity for Lent after a break up with his girlfriend and, of course, all his friends attempt to make him break this resolution. (Friends like that who needs enemies). The major premise is deeply flawed: as an unmarried man, he should not have been engaged in sexual activity anyway. Indeed, his break up would have been less hurtful had they been chaste. The point I am trying to make is that you cannot "give up" what you should not be doing in the first place. It is not a penance to give up sin for Lent. The whole point of a penitential act is to make restitution for sin, to satisfy justice. A judge does not punish a bank robber by saying, "I sentence you to stop robbing banks." Instead the judge sentences the thief to a period of incarceration and if possible repayment of what was stolen: "I sentence you to the loss of your freedom..."

Nor does a person give up something virtuous: "I get so much joy from almsgiving that I am going to give it up for Lent." That is just absurd. At the same time we should not mix ulterior motives with our penitential disciplines: "I really need to lose 10-15 pounds so I am going to give up sweets for Lent." No, a true penitential practice means a true giving of self.

Penance is both a recognition that we have sinned and an attempt to make amends for those sins. For this reason, prayer is a necessary component to penance. In prayer we learn both to better recognize sin and to take responsibility for our actions. When we "give up" things as we do during the season of Lent, it is a means of distancing ourselves from the things of the world which even though they may not be bad in themselves can nevertheless detract us from God and holiness. Such discipline also needs to be combined with prayer otherwise it is doomed to fail. All our Lenten disciplines and penances need to be done in the awareness that we do these things so as to grow closer to God. And yes this may involve much effort and willpower — but then so does any worthwhile endeavour. And what greater endeavour can there be than to grow in holiness, that is to grow closer and ever closer to God. For this we were made and the season of Lent is but a small reminder of that.

In Our Parish

Mandatory Altar Boy Meeting -- 2 p.m. on February 18th. Any new boys interested should attend, and all current servers must attend (unless you came last week). Pizza will be served afterwards.

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.

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

A 6:30 AM Mass -- will be added on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during Lent. ***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.

40 Days For Life -- now 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.

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 Fietze, 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.

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★ **St. Michael Parish Lenten Suppers** ★
★ **February 23, and March 2, 9, 16, 23** ★
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★ 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.*** ★
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★ 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 ★
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Abstinence [Fridays during Lent]: 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.

Knights of Columbus/Catholic Charities Food Drive -- Thousands of people in our area do not know where their next meal is coming from. Please help out! February 25 is the day for "Catholic Charities Food Bag" distribution. Won't you please fill Bag with dry foods (cereal, canned goods, jars, and packages) and bring it to Library when you come to Mass on March 11?

Please Pray for: 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; Patrick Fox*; June & Norman Grimm*; *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.]

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 3-4 a.m., and 9-10 a.m.; Thursdays midnight -1 a.m., and 3-4 a.m.; Fridays 4-5 a.m.; Saturdays 8-9 a.m., and 5-6 p.m.

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

40Days40Ways Encore! -- Did you like 40Days40Ways last year? Do it again and grow in charity throughout Lent. TEXT "ways" to 84576 or sign up for email alerts at arlingtondiocese.org/40days40ways.

Office of Catholic Schools Annual Teacher Job Fair -- TEACHER JOB FAIR ON MARCH 10, 2018. The Office of Catholic Schools invites prospective teachers to a Teacher Job Fair on March 10, 2018. The Fair will be held at Paul VI High School, 10675 Fairfax Boulevard, Fairfax, VA 22030, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For more information visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Careers/or> call (703) 841-2519. We believe in our teachers! Join our excellent schools for a faith-filled experience.

Men's Discernment Retreat -- Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood? Take a step to find out. Attend the weekend discernment retreat for men (ages 17-55) March 23-25. This is a great opportunity for prayer and discernment, confession, talking with priests and seminarians, and preparing for Holy Week. Cost is \$60 and includes overnights and all meals (financial assistance is available if needed). Retreat starts Friday at 6:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information or to register, contact Fr. J.D. Jaffe at 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to register is March 14. There is a similar retreat for women June 15-17.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women -- An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. For more info and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Retiro Para Mujeres En Espanol -- a retreat for women in Spanish at the Washington Retreat House (4000 Harewood Rd. NE, Washington, D.C. 20017) from April 6-8, 2018. The retreat director will be Fr. Mario Vizcaino, Sch.P. Si esta interesada favor de comunicarse con: Mayuyi Siervo: 703-978-8204 or mayuyipepe@yahoo.com, Estela Prieto: 703-354-4767 or estelaprieto45@gmail.com, or Monsy Munoz: 703-865-9996 or monsy.munoz@gmail.com.