

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.

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 HOLY HOUR:

Suspended over the Summer, and will resume again in September. Confessions still at 6:30 p.m.

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

CLERGY OF PARISH

Pastor: Rev. Alexander R. Drummond

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Brian B. McAllister

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



15th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

July 15, 2018

The Priest's Mass Intentions

	<u>Sunday, July 15</u>
7 a.m.	Regina Plunkett
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	John Balenger +
12:30 p.m.	Joan Williams +
	<u>Monday, July 16</u>
8:30 a.m.	Hung Pham +
12 noon	Henry Sprada +
	<u>Tuesday, July 17</u>
8:30 a.m.	Mildred Mae Walters +
12 noon	Robert K.N. Tette
	<u>Wednesday, July 18</u>
8:30 a.m.	Maria Ngo Nguyen +
12 noon	May Coupe +
	<u>Thursday, July 19</u>
8:30 a.m.	Ballard Family
12 noon	Margaret Mary Cartagno +
	<u>Friday, July 20</u>
8:30 a.m.	Jim Straki +
12 noon	Robert F. Downey +
	<u>Saturday, July 21</u>
8:30 a.m.	Jose D. Moreno, Sr. +
5 p.m.	William & Patricia Bonifas +
	<u>Sunday, July 22</u>
7 a.m.	Jose Manuel Santamaria +
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	John Rolston
12:30 p.m.	Paul Mulcahy +

A Word from Father Drummond

“Where is that in the Bible?” “Is that a law of God or a law of the Church?” These are questions commonly posed about Catholic teaching, and most especially about Catholic teaching on contraception. The reasoning behind the first question is that if there is not an explicit “Thou shalt not...” well, then, “Thou mayest.” The reasoning behind the second question is that there is a difference between the law of God and the law of the Church, the latter being a man made construct. Both of these questions make the same assumption that all Church teaching needs to derive from the Bible to be authentic. (The irony here is that so many people making this false assumption will disregard very explicit Biblical teaching when they disagree with it, especially when it comes to sexuality and the prohibition of sexual relations between members of the same gender.) The fact of the matter is that all Church Teaching on Faith and Morals has a three fold basis: Sacred Scripture (the Bible), Sacred Tradition (how things have been done since the earliest days of the Church), and the

Magisterium, or the teaching *authority* of the Church as expressed by the Pope and the bishops in union with him, primarily through Ecumenical Councils. Each one of these, Bible, Tradition and Magisterium has to be read in light of the other two and none of them may contradict one the other. When the Magisterium authoritatively teaches on Faith and Morals it is always in accord with Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and is guided by the Holy Spirit. Thus the law of the Church *is* the law of God.

All of Church Teaching on sexuality has its roots in the first creation account of Man in Genesis 1: 26-28.

“Then God said, “let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion... over all the earth... So God created Man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; *male and female* He created them. And God blessed them and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it...”

The second creation account fleshes this out (no pun intended) in a poetic way:

“So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; and the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man He made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man.” Therefore a man leave his father and mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.”

In the first creation account we see that Man is made firstly in the image and likeness of God — this is stressed, being repeated three times in the course of the passage. Secondly, we see that Man is made in two genders, male and female both of which are in the image of God. The second creation account, which I noted previously is poetic, stresses that the two genders are made for each other, they complete one another forming “one flesh.” There is a sense of fulfilled longing in Adam’s words as he first beholds Eve, “*At last*, bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh.” This is reflected in basic human biology — men and women are physically different but those different parts “fit” together and in doing so are able to carry out God’s commandment to them in the first creation account, “Be fruitful and multiply.” This injunction is repeated to Noah and his family after the flood has receded: “And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.” (Genesis 9:1)

In both the Old and the New Testament, children are considered a blessing while the lack of children is considered a reproach. Sarah, the wife of Abraham, is initially barren and so in her old age she is so desperate as to offer her handmaid to Abraham to get a child from her for Sarah and Abraham to raise as their own (Genesis 16:2). When she does finally and miraculously have a child of her own, she names him “laughter,” Isaac. Likewise, Hannah, the mother of Samuel is initially barren and prays so intently for a child at the Tent of

the Ark of the Covenant at Shiloh, that the priest at first thinks she is drunk. When she finally gives birth she offers the son —Samuel— to the Lord busting into a song-like prayer (1 Samuel 2: 1-10) that foreshadows Mary’s *Magnificat*. In the New Testament Mary’s elderly kinswoman Elizabeth says when she conceives, “Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when He looked on me to take away my *reproach* among men,” the reproach being lack of children (Luke 1:25). And in Psalm 27 we read: “Sons are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a *reward*.”

When Jesus meets the weeping women of Jerusalem on His way to the Cross, He tells them: “Weep not for me, but for yourselves and your children. For behold the days are coming when they will say blessed are the barren and the breasts that never gave suck” (Luke 23: 28-19). Anyone who cannot see this as a condemnation of contraception is willfully blind. In Galatians 5: 19-20 St. Paul states, “The works of the flesh are plain: immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery... and the like.” “Sorcery” is understood to mean what we call contraception. This is reflected in one of the earliest non Scriptural writings of the Church, the Didache (essentially the first catechism dating between 110 and 120 AD) which says, “You shall not give yourself over to magic,” this within terms of sins of the flesh and an explicit condemnation of abortion.

When Blessed Pope Paul VI released the encyclical *Humanae Vitae* —Of Human Life— on July 25, 1968, his reiteration of Church condemnation of contraception was in fact firmly rooted both in Sacred Scripture and in the long standing Tradition of the Church. (Just look at the footnotes of the encyclical.)

So with regard to contraception, the answer to “Where is that in the Bible,” is quite simply: “Throughout.” And in response to the second question, “Is that a law of God or a law of the Church, the response is, “The law of the Church *is* the law of God and is reflected both in Sacred Scripture and the writings of the Church back to her earliest days.”

 In Our Parish

Mass Changes -- Please note that the 7 a.m. Sunday Mass is now be celebrated in English. Beginning in August, the 12:30 p.m. Sunday Mass will be a Novus Ordo Latin Mass.

Wednesday Holy Hour -- is suspended July through August. Confessions will continue to be offered though at 6:30 p.m. *sharp*.

ST. MICHAEL’S SENIORS (50+) GROUP -- Just a reminder regarding the bus trip to Shenandoah Summer Music Theater, Saturday, July 21st. Bus will leave by the **Senior School** at 10:30 a.m. promptly. Have a great day!



Men: Are You Ready to Accept the Challenge? -- Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values. Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Please contact Paul Walhout of the Msgr. Scannell Council here at St. Michaels at paulwalhout@protonmail.com or 703-508-8437 for additional information.

Encourage -- a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who have same-sex attractions. The next meeting will take place on Friday, July 20th at 7:30 p.m. We will meet in Room 2, in the Lower Level of the Junior School building. Park facing the empty field and enter the school at the ground floor door behind you.

The Lazarus Group -- was created to demonstrate the care and concern of St. Michael Parish for all parishioners who lose a loved one. Our mission is to comfort the family, pray for the deceased, attend the viewing and funeral and ensure the parish community is aware of any recent deaths. We are in need of some new members who have some flexibility in their schedules and would be able to assist in this mission. The Lazarus Group will meet on **Saturday, July 28th** in the Jr. School All-Purpose room immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us to learn more or contact Mary Kennedy 703-628-5922.

Legion of Mary -- “*You are a movement of lay people who propose to make faith the aspiration of your life up to the achievement of personal sanctity.*” ~ St. Pope John Paul II The Legion of Mary began in Dublin, Ireland, on September 7, 1921. It is now the largest lay apostolic organization in the Catholic Church, with well over six million active Legionaries throughout the world. If we want to become good at something, we have to practice it every week (sport, hobby, music). The same is true with holiness! The Legion gives us this opportunity in that it provides an ideal expression of the Catholic vocation. It is a unique privilege and great blessing to be counted in its membership:

- Learn more about the Catholic faith
- Enrich your prayer life
- Develop close Catholic friendships
- See Christ in others and serve Him there
- Join hand-in-hand with Mary, Mother
- Submit yourself to the Holy Spirit as an instrument in his grace
- Give new meaning to your life

All potential members are part of a parish group called a Praesidium. During the introductory period, you sample the Legion spirituality and take part in the Legion activities. At the end of this time, you can decide whether or not you wish to take on full membership. If you are a practicing Catholic, over 17 years of age, wish to play your full part as a lay member of the Church, and are interested in the Legion, you are eligible to join! The Legion of Mary Praesidium presently meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the CCD Conference Room, subject to change. The first step is to be a guest at a meeting. Guests are always welcome! Contact Pavo James at 571.730.7347.

Please Pray for: 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*; Marissa Ann Wuerthele*; Diana Pascoe; Jean O. Cole; Cecile McNeill*; Tuy Nguyen*; Cathy Callaghan*; Ellen Louise Daily; Steve Maitland*; Rosemary Furcher*; Dan Keller; Lili Lang; Patrick Fox*; June & Norman Grimm*; Julia & Sophia Lattanzio; Mauricio Posada; Carlton Hanson; Sr. Paul Marie; Dan Weiler*; Yoshimi Kadota; Delia Sinn; Julie Molony Lee; Joe Meister; William Jeoff Robbins; Mary Roche*; Marco Tulio Gamba; Sean Campbell; Joan Coleman*; Terry Spragens; Patricia Tynan*; Madelyn Respicio Cabatic; Rose Bledsoe; Bob Cafarella; Elsa Noriega*; Paul McEnrue*; Julia Garcia; John and Marie Sibenik*; Theresa Corcoran*; Mike Dante*; Col. Warren E. Murray*; Priscilla Chaney*; *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; John P. Hoang USMC; LCpl Gabriel P. Martino, USMC; and... [call Mary at the parish office, 703-256-7822, and we'll keep our prayers going for our military in harms way.]

Homebound Visits -- If you know of anyone sick or homebound, and unable to make it to Mass on a regular basis, please give a call to the parish office, 703-256-7822, and we can add them to our homebound visitation list.

Trail Life Troop 894 -- Boy's Scouting Program is open to all boys in grades Kindergarten-Grade 12. If you are interested, come to a meeting! 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 -- Develop your prayer life in front of the Blessed Sacrament! At the moment, we are in most need for members on: Tuesdays: 3-4 a.m., 10-11 a.m.; Thursdays 1-2 p.m.; Saturdays 1-2 p.m.; and Sundays 10-11 p.m., and 11 p.m.-midnight. If you would like to sign up for an adoration hour, or for more information, please contact Rosemary Duffy at 703-256-4468.

Let FORMED.ORG Come Along on your Summer Travels -- Access to the abundance of material on FORMED.ORG is not confined to the bounds of our parish. Let it go with you on your summer vacations and other travels. I would specifically suggest the audio resources: audio dramas, talks on the faith, audio books for your spiritual growth, and more. Download the free FORMED app to your mobile device (iphone or android, ipad, or tablet) and remember to take our parish code with you (6VZDHB). There is a very wide range of topics and interests spoken to. There is something for every age. If you have any questions contact Deacon McCaffrey at dsmjr1@gmail.com.

The Second Collection -- next weekend, July 21/22 is for Special School Needs.

Faith Direct -- is an easy, convenient, and secure way to make your weekly donations to St. Michael parish! Enroll online today by going to www.faithdirect.net. If you have any question about the Faith Direct program, please call 1-866-507-8757 [toll free] or e-mail info@faithdirect.net.

School News

UNIFORM SWAP -- The Saint Michael School Uniform Swap will be held on **August 1st** from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the school gym.

REGISTRATION 2018-2019
Saint Michael School is now accepting registration for the 2018-2019 School year. Registration is open for PK3 - 8th Grade. For registration information or to schedule a tour, please call the school office 703-256-1222.

At Saint Michael School...
*our students attend weekly Mass
*we have a low student/teacher ratio
*we offer full and half day classes for preschool students
*morning care and extended day is available
*weekly STREAM classes for K-5
*coding instruction for 6-8
Call 703-256-1222 or email michelle.kennedy@stmikes22003.org to schedule your tour!

CCD/Religious Education

CCD REGISTRATION -- for the 2018/2019 school year. Registration is by appointment. To schedule an appointment and for additional information, please e-mail Adina Ordonez at ccdstm@outlook.com.

Catechists and aides are needed -- to assist in the CCD/Religious Education Program. If you are interested in helping, please e-mail Adina Ordonez at ccdstm@outlook.com.

St. Michael's High School Students: the regularly scheduled Sunday night meetings of the Young Disciples will resume in September. If you would like information on the Young Disciples high school group, please e-mail Adina Ordonez at ccdstm@outlook.com.

In Our Diocese

#AskTheQuestion -- Professor Chad Pecknold, PhD, will be hosting a Twitter discussion entitled "HV50: Ask the Question" It is taking place now through July 24th, culminating in a Twitter symposium on July 25. Follow us @arlingtonchurch (Twitter and Instagram) and @arlingtondiocese (Facebook) and join the conversation, commemorating *Humanae Vitae's* 50th anniversary.