

St. Michael Church

ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA 22003

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Celebrating
64 years:
1953~2017

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.

12:00 noon

Weekday Masses: See Inside Bulletin

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

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 noon 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.

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.

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

WEEKLY NOVENA: will start up again in September.

CLERGY OF PARISH

Pastor: Rev. Alexander R. Drummond

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Richard T. Carr

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



16th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2017

The Priest's Mass Intentions

Monday, July 24

8:30 a.m. Dr. Salvatore J. Culosi +
12 noon Filomena Legazpi +

Tuesday, July 25

8:30 a.m. Lyda Tanco +
12 noon Richard Livingston +

Wednesday, July 26

8:30 a.m. Denis Finch +
12 noon Maria Garcia E. Kong

Thursday, July 27

8:30 a.m. Resi Strickler +
12 noon Christopher Thornton +

Friday, July 28

8:30 a.m. Maria Ngo Nguyen +
12 noon Ulysses Penid +

Saturday, July 29

8:30 a.m. Samuel Lee +
5 p.m. Brandy Plunkett

Sunday, July 30

7 a.m. Paul Bowser +
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Christopher Johnson +
12 noon Rita Shlesinger +

A Word from Father Drummond

The prophetic part of the document is paragraph 17 “Grave Consequences of Methods of Artificial Birth Control”. Among these consequences are “conjugal infidelity and the general lowering of morality.” In addition he notes the loss of respect for women — “to the point of considering her as a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment...” The encyclical also notes that contraception could come to be “a dangerous weapon... in the hands of those public authorities who take no heed of moral exigencies.” (Think: the United Nations Cairo Conference on Population in the mid-1990’s). And further: “Who will stop rulers from favoring, from even imposing upon their peoples... the method of contraception which they judge to be most efficacious?” (Think: Communist China.) The Pope’s final warning was man thinking he has limitless domination over his own body and its functions. Although the Pope does not mention it, this runs the gamut from test tube babies to euthanasia.

In all the uproar over paragraph 14 and its upholding of traditional Catholic teaching on the subject, the prophetic angle of paragraph 17 was ignored if not lost. The

laity’s recourse to infertile periods was — and continues to be — ridiculed: “Oh the rhythm method — *that* doesn’t work!” Such ridicule being a show of ignorance even in the sixties.

The tragedy of this is that ALL that Pope Paul VI predicted in paragraph 17 of *Humanae Vitae* has come to pass — and with a vengeance! Janet E. Smith, author of *Humanae Vitae — A Generation Later* and editor of *Why Humanae Vitae Was Right — A Reader* writes of this perceptively in 1993 (24 years ago!). Supporting the prediction that conjugal infidelity and the general lowering of morals, Smith says, “The availability of contraception has led them [young people] to believe that they can engage in premarital sexual activity “responsibly”. But teenagers are about as responsible in their use of contraception as they are in all other phases of their lives — such as making their beds, cleaning their rooms and getting homework done on time.” She also notes the connection between contraception and abortion: “Contraception leads to more extra-marital sexual intercourse; more extra-marital intercourse leads to more unwanted pregnancies; more unwanted pregnancies lead to more abortions. Not many women intend to use abortion as a “back up” to failed contraception, but it is undeniable that it is often so used.”

The very fact that abortion was legalized (some five years after the release of *Humanae Vitae*) is a fulfillment both of the prediction of the general lowering of morality and the concept of Man having limitless control over his body. The coarsening of the culture in film, movie, television and literature, often in ways that were unimaginable in 1968, also bears out the prophecy of the lowering of general morality.

Pope Paul’s prediction that contraception would lower Man’s respect for Woman, seeing Woman as an object for his own gratification with no concern for physical and psychological well-being, is more than borne out in today’s society, abetted by the internet, in which pornography is accessed by increasingly younger and younger men, and indeed by many who would otherwise never have dreamed of entering an “adult” book store or even opening a pornographic magazine. The idea that pornography is a “victimless” crime is one that should stagger the imagination.

The lack of mutuality in a relationship is something that is specifically condemned in *Humane Vitae* in paragraph 13: “It is in fact justly observed that a conjugal act *imposed* upon one’s partner without regard for his or her condition and lawful desires is not a true act of love...” And the lowering of Man’s respect for Woman as a true partner in love rather than an object for gratification is exactly what happens as Paul VI predicted. This is testified to in a number of ways, not least of which is the divorce rater which is at 50%! , but also the increase of date rape and the rape drug that incapacitates a woman so that the man may use her as an inanimate object. Things have gotten so bad that a number of years ago there were well-meaning billboards around Baltimore that proclaimed in large letters “Virgin”, then smaller letters “It’s not a dirty word.”

Then there is a prophecy of state involvement in contraception. The United Nations which is increasingly perceived as a precursor to world government regularly seeks to impose Western contraceptive mores (I don't want to use the word "values") on the developing world equating population with poverty. At the Cairo Conference on Population in the mid-1990's, the Vatican made common cause with much of the Islamic world in attempting to combat these attitudes. Human Life International in a recent mission report points out the hypocrisy of Western groups like the Gates Foundation which seeks to combat overpopulation in Tanzania, a country of about 129 people per square mile when a Western country like the United Kingdom has thousands of people per square mile and there's no talk of overpopulation there (where indeed they are already actively contracepting and aborting). The connection with poverty is specious as their efforts have wrought a change from poor large families to poor small families. The economics hasn't changed, only the size of the families and with that a more uncertain future for the parents, for whom a large number of children was a practical means of social security. The fewer children you have, the fewer people there will be to take care of you. In China we see the horror of state involvement with its one child per couple policy and the resultant forced abortion and sterilization rates.

The encyclical's warning that contraception would lead to Man claiming limitless dominion over his own body has been realized in horrific ways. Although the word euthanasia is not mentioned in the encyclical, it is clearly one of the results of this mindset. At the time legalized euthanasia was not imagined outside of a few science fiction stories; it is a grim reality in today's world. The Netherlands was the first country to legalize euthanasia — it is not a coincidence that it was among the first Western countries to adopt "progressive" attitudes to sexuality. The red-light district of Amsterdam has long been one of its more famous and sought after tourist attractions, and long before the internet, the Netherlands was one of the world's greatest clearing houses for pornography. Physician assisted suicide is seen as a right. The Hippocratic Oath's call to "first do no harm" is long forgotten, and it is a regular practice throughout the world to halt nutrition and hydration to hasten death.

 In Our Parish

Altar Server Picnic -- Bishop Burbidge invites the altar servers to the annual Altar Server Picnic on Tuesday, August 8, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Lake Fairfax Park. Please contact the parish office, 703-256-7822, and *submit the required permission slip by this Wednesday, July 26th*. If there are enough of our servers interested, a charter bus will be arranged for transportation.

Display of Blue and Pink Flags -- St. Michael Church is having a display of over a thousand six hundreds blue and pink flags to represent the thousands of baby boys and girls who were aborted yearly at 101 S. Whiting Street in Alexandria, VA. This is to bring awareness to the number of abortion victims in one of several abortion mills within our area. Please continue to pray for the unborn. Contact Anh Tu Do at 703-919-4370 or e-mail anhdo18@gmail.com for any further questions.

The Wednesday Miraculous Medal Novena -- will not be held during the Summer, but will resume again in September.

Pine Street Gate -- during the week, Monday-Friday, note that this gate will be CLOSED during the Summer. Please use the main Ravensworth Road entrance.

Perpetual Adoration -- "Could you not keep watch with me one hour?" If you have been considering answering Jesus' call to adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament, please contact Rosemary Duffy at 703-256-4468. Currently, we are in most need for members on: Mondays 3am-4am; Saturdays 9am-10am, and 10am-11am.

American Heritage Girls Troop VA 0894 -- Our St. Michael Parish AHG troop is open to girls in grades K-12. We currently have 7 girls in our relatively new scouting troop and are looking to expand our membership. Our troop meets September through mid-June. Please email or call Jermaine Perkins for additional info: wrauthor@gmail.com or 703-658-4876.

Trail Life Scouting Troop 0894: **Help Needed** -- The Boys Trail Life Scouting Program at St. Michael needs your help to get the program off the ground, up and running. We would like to have our first organizing meeting for adult volunteers in April. **Success of this great program is dependent on adult volunteers and youth membership.** If you are interested in volunteering to help organize our boys scouting program or if you have a son in grades K-12 interested in scouting, please contact Jim Perkins at 703-615-2607 or email jim@jim-perkins.com.

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 OLD RELIGIOUS PICTURES, CARDS,
 BOOKS, OR OTHER OBJECTS
 IN ANY OF THE CHURCH VESTIBULES
 OR LIBRARY—
 THEY WILL BE THROWN OUT.**

Please Pray for: Terry Chuppe; Elsa Noriega*; Julia Garcia; John and Marie Sibenik*; Josie Soriente*; Margaret Johnson*; Jean Kratochvil*; Irma Barrera; John Carlson; Charles Salvo*; Elizabeth Medved*; Beatrice Clark*; Robert and Courtney Villareal*; Tracy Wilson; Maria Pozar*; Rosemary Dooley*; Ariadne Pasa; Maria Kerrinckx*; Paul McEnrue*; Etta Hook*; Richard Owen*; Marissa Ann Wuerthele*; Jean O. Cole; Lilia Prieto; Tuy Nguyen*; Cathy Callaghan*; Ellen Louise Daily; Steve Maitland*; Rose Guinan*; 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; Margarida Balla; Bob Cafarella; *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. Barlinger, III, USAF; Maj. Eric Van Balen, USAF; and.... [call Mary at the parish office, 703-256-7822, and we'll keep our prayers going for our military in harms way.]

FORMED – What is it and why is it a unique source of all things Catholic? -- FORMED is something like Catholic Netflix only better. It has the full scope of media – video study material (many with study guides), audio study material, ebooks, movies, and audio books. The number of resources has almost tripled since a year ago when we first took a parish subscription. The material is age appropriate from pre-reader to senior adult. If you already registered, check out what is now to study, watch, listen to, or read. Go to FORMED.org with your email and password; if you did not already register, go to FORMED.org and register (St. Michael's parish code is: **6VZDHB**). The code is for anyone registered in the parish or living in the parish bounds. Call Deacon McCaffrey (571-643-6895) if there are any questions.

School News

School Office Summer Hours: -- The school office will be open from 9am-2pm during the summer. Please call the office to schedule a tour or inquire about registration for the 2017-2018 school year.

Uniform Swap -- Our uniform swap will be held on August 3rd from 6-7:30 in the school gym. Please bring gently used uniforms to return and pick up what you might need for the new school year.

PRESCHOOL -- Saint Michael Preschool has availability for next school year. We offer both half day and full day classes for 3 year olds (must be 3 by 9/30/17) and full day classes for 4 year olds. Aftercare is available for full day students. Please contact Michelle Kennedy at 703-256-1222 or michelle.kennedy@stmikes22003.org for a tour or more information.

We are very excited to announce -- that next year we will have a state of the art STREAM Lab! STREAM stands for Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math. This will be a dedicated space where teachers and students are able to conduct STREAM activities that will be fun and educational.

Registration is NOW OPEN for Preschool 3 – through 8th Grade -- Saint Michael School is dedicated to teaching the whole child. Our teachers and staff are committed to the success of each student. For a tour of our school, or if you have any questions, please call Michelle Kennedy at the school office 703-256-1222.

CCD/Religious Education

CCD REGISTRATION -- for the Fall is **ongoing**. To schedule an appointment please contact Adina Ordonez at 703-941-9403 or e-mail her at ccdstm@outlook.com.

HIGH SCHOOL -- age students will meet Sunday evenings (starting September 10) from 6 - 7 PM to explore, discuss, and expand their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. ***All young adults of high school age in the parish are strongly encouraged to attend (whether Catholic, private, public, or home schooled).*** We meet in the All-Purpose Room of the Junior School Building.

Catechists and aides are needed -- to assist in the CCD/Religious Education Program. If you are interested in helping, please contact Adina Ordonez at 703-941-9403 or e-mail her at ccdstm@outlook.com.

Around the Diocese

St. Philip Catholic Church -- in Falls Church, VA. is seeking to hire a new Assistant to the Director of Youth Ministry. This position is part-time (12-15 hours), and salary will be based on experience. For general inquiries, call 703-573-380, or e-mail parochialvicar@stphilipparish.com.