

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)



The Transfiguration
of the Lord

August 6, 2017

The Priest's Mass Intentions

Monday, August 7

8:30 a.m. Edward Boos +
12 noon Brendan Kelly +
Tuesday, August 8
8:30 a.m. Eleno B. Afable, Jr. +
12 noon Ronald D. Moreno +
Wednesday, August 9
8:30 a.m. James Wheeler & Family
12 noon Giuse (Joshep) Vu Van Lon +

Thursday, August 10

8:30 a.m. Baughman Family
12 noon Jose Frondoso +
Friday, August 11
8:30 a.m. Tessy Trissell
12 noon Clare Lee

Saturday, August 12

8:30 a.m. Florence Sproul
5 p.m. Barbar Jean Hluboky +
Sunday, August 13

7 a.m. Anna Tuyet Pham +
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. St. Michael's Knights of Columbus
12 noon Antonio Bosa +

A Word from Father Drummond

In my homily for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, that is, two weeks ago, I mentioned in passing the need we have to increase our prayer life. This is an issue which needs a bit more attention. None of us prays as much as we should.

In Sacred Scripture we read of Jesus going off by Himself to pray. In Mark 1:35 we see Jesus getting up before dawn to go off to a secluded place to pray. In Mark 6:46 we see Him going up the mountain by Himself to pray; this is also reflected in Matthew 14:23, and in Luke 6:12 which also notes that He spent the whole night in prayer. And, of course, on the Night of Passion, He prays by Himself in the Garden of Gethsemane. This is recounted in all three of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) which give us some of the details of His prayer, namely that He asked to be spared the Passion, if possible. Luke adds that an angel came to comfort Him even as he sweated drops of blood. All this, of course, is in addition to the public prayers He offers. The point I wish to make here is that if Jesus Himself needs time for private prayer, how much more so do we.

The disciples themselves feeling inadequate in their prayer, ask Jesus in Luke 11:1 to teach them how to pray. At this point Jesus gives them the Our Father. The text of the Our Father in Luke differs slightly from Matthew's version which is the one we all know and use and is even included in one of the central parts of the Mass. This is the basic model for all prayer, beginning with praise and adoration of God before literally coming down to earth and ending with petitions. With the words "Our Father" Jesus changes our relationship to God in a revolutionary way: previously God was so completely other that even His Name was not spoken because it is so Holy. Even today when reading the Torah in Synagogue good practicing Jews will not pronounce the Tetragrammaton, the four letter name of God, YHWH, but substitute the words "The Name," HaShem, or use a word for Lord, Adonai, whenever God's Name appears. But Jesus now tells us to call this same God, "Father." In Jesus Christ, our relationship to God becomes more intimate. And this intimacy can only be deepened through prayer.

All prayer can be divided into four categories — Petition, Adoration, Reparation and Thanksgiving; PART. Adoration is the highest form of prayer, and this is really just being with God and loving Him for no other reason than that He is God. Reparation is when we acknowledge our short-comings, our sinfulness and do penance. Thanksgiving acknowledges God's activity in our lives while Petition asks Him for things we need or others may need. The best Petition is that which is offered for others, which is Intercession. These can, of course, all spill over one into the other.

The Our Father is, as I mentioned, the model for our prayer with all the elements we need in prayer. There are many different ways of expressing our prayer as evidenced in the many different *devotions* offered to us, including the Rosary, Divine Mercy and the Liturgy of Hours. How we pray, and the more we pray, determines how closely we become configured to Christ. As we pray so we are formed. But our prayer and our very ability to pray is impacted on by how we live our lives. The more we turn away from God in our daily lives, the less inclined we are to pray, and the more shallow what prayer we do attempt becomes. Next week I will address the different ways of praying and how we can work to improve our prayer lives.

In Our Parish

You may have noticed -- that the Church Doors are wide open between the Sunday Masses. This is to facilitate those of our Parishioners who use walkers or wheelchairs, or simply find the doors heavy to open. Although this may increase the cost of our Air Conditioning or Heating, it is a worthwhile investment.

Diaper Collection -- this weekend August 5/6, especially sizes 3, 4, and 5. Donations benefit clients of: A Woman's Choice, a Pro-Life pregnancy Resource Center. www.AWomansChoiceCenter.com.

Afternoon of Recollection for Women -- will be held on Wednesday, August 9th, from 1-3 p.m. at St. Michael. This recollection is conducted by a priest of Opus Dei and consists of two meditations, one lay talk and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We encourage all women and also moms with younger children to attend this one to one contact with Our Lord. For more information, please contact Lorraine Anderson, 703-425-0921.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -- is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a 7 p.m. vigil on Monday, August 14th. On Tuesday, August 15th, Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m., 12 noon, and 7 p.m. (Latin Novus Ordo).

PARISH PICNIC -- Save the date: Sunday, October 1st.

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>.

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.

Please Pray for: Julia Garcia; John and Marie Sibenik*; 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*; 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; Bob Cafarella; Terry Chuppe; Elsa Noriega*; Paul McEnrue*; Lois McEnrue*; *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; and.... [call Mary at the parish office, 703-256-7822, and we'll keep our prayers going for our military in harms way.]

Rite of Christian Initiation or Adults -- If you are interested in the Catholic faith or in receiving the Sacraments or if you know someone who is interested, instructions will be starting soon. To learn more, contact Deacon McCaffrey by phone ([1-571-643-6895](tel:1-571-643-6895) or email dsmjr1@gmail.com). Or leave a message at the Church office ([703-256-7822](tel:703-256-7822)). All are welcome.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIRS -- All St. Michael's Choirs (groups for both children and adults) are welcoming new members to join us. Singing in the choir is a wonderful way to serve Our Lord through Sacred Music, while enjoying spending time with fellow parishioners. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Sarah Shafer, 703-250-2272.

Junior Choir: For Children (grades K – 8)
Rehearsal: Sat. 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. (starting Sept. 9th)
Weekly Mass: Sat. 5:00 p.m. Vigil

Adult Choir: For Adults (including high-school age teens)
Rehearsal: Thurs. 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. (starting Sept. 7th)
Weekly Mass: Sun. 10:30 a.m. (10:00 a.m. warm-up)

Schola: For Adults (including high-school age teens)
Rehearsal: Tues. 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (currently singing)
Weekly Mass: Sun. 12:00 noon (11:30 a.m. warm-up)

Remember, as St. Augustine says, "He who sings prays twice!"

PARISH SCOUTING NEWS CORNER

SUMMER PIZZA PARTY -- Inviting families with children in grades K-12, folks interested in volunteering to serve our youth and help make our scouting programs successful to join the St. Michael American Heritage Girls and Trail Life Toys 0894 for Pizza and Refreshments in the Sr. School Cafeteria on Sunday, August 13th, from 1-2:30 p.m. Learn more about our scouting programs, meet our current AHG families, help build the Trail Life Programs, and enjoy some pizza and refreshments! Please RSVP for approx. head count at WRAU-THOR@GMAIL.COM (Jermaine Perkins), OR JIM@JIM-PERKINS.COM (Jim Perkins) call 703-658-4876.

SUMMER ALUMINUM CANS COLLECTION -- The St. Michael American Heritage Girls Troop 0894 would like to thank our parish community who have wonderfully collected aluminum cans recyclable items for our troop these past few months! Our next collection will take place on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 AFTER THE 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses.**

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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.**

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 2-3 p.m.; Wednesdays midnight-1 a.m.; and Thursdays 12 noon-1 p.m.

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.

Universal Pray for College Students Day -- is next Sunday, August 13, 2017. Let us especially pray for all college students as they return to their colleges and universities for the next school year. May they make wise choices and stay ever-faithful to God. www.prayingcollegemoms.org

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.

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.