

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. (Novus Ordo Latin)

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:

9:30 a.m. — 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR/BENEDICTION:

will resume on FRIDAYS in September, starting September 21st.

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)



22nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2018

The Priest's Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 2

- 7 a.m. Riveria Family
- 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Le Kim Lan +
- 12:30 p.m. Joan Iraneta +

Monday, September 3

- 10 a.m. Robert (Bob) Stephens +

Tuesday, September 4

- 8:30 a.m. Maria Le Thi Nga +
- 12 noon Robert Setphens +

Wednesday, September 5

- 8:30 a.m. Mary & William Kennedy
- 12 noon Jeidree Plunkett

Thursday, September 6

- 8:30 a.m. All Souls +
- 12 noon Jeffrey Bell +

Friday, September 7

- 8:30 a.m. Blanche Anceravage +
- 12 noon Maria Ngo Nguyen +

Saturday, September 8

- 8:30 a.m. Hung Pham +
- 5 p.m. Wililam & Patricia Bonifas +

Sunday, September 9

- 7 a.m. Phaolo Van +
- 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Hong Chi Le V. Dinh +
- 12:30 p.m. Jeidree Plunkett

A Word from Father Drummond

We need very much to pray for the Pope, and more, much more, than a few perfunctory prayers for his intentions at the end of the Rosary. What is needed is whole-hearted, drop-to-the-knees prayer for the Pope to be filled with the Holy Spirit so as to properly face the tidal wave of scandal of clerical sexual abuse, clerical homosexual predation, and cover-up that is world wide. Every pope is shaped and sometimes limited by his own background and life experience. As the first waves of this scandal began in the early ninties, Pope St. John Paul II, coming from a Communist country where allegations of pederasty and homosexuality were routinely used by the government to ruin and destroy good men including priests, saw the allegations as an attack on the Church. In Poland men became priests at great personal cost and risk out of love for the Gospel with martyrdom a very real possibility. Thus, the idea that there might be sexual predators among such men was so foreign to St. John Paul's thinking as to be unintelligible. Even when faced with the accusations made against Fr. Maciel, founder of the Legion of Christ, Pope John Paul could

only believe that Maciel was being attacked because of the tremendously good work of the Legion of Christ.

Pope Benedict proved a bit more savvy, ordering Maciel, and it now appears McCarrick as well, to a life of seclusion of penitence. Benedict—even before his election—was unflinching in his condemnation of this disease afflicting the Church, condemning on the Good Friday before the death of Pope John Paul “the filth” that was found present in Church. As Pope, he forbade seminaries from accepting applicants who were homosexual. But the burden of it all was too much for him. I believe Pope Benedict resigned in the hope that the new Pope would have both the moral strength and energy to both combat and sweep clean the corruption that reaches to the highest levels in the Curia.

Pope Francis is neither the mystic philosopher that was John Paul nor the great theologian that is Benedict. Coming from Argentina, from South America he is familiar with a sad culture of clericalism where for many the priesthood was a social step upward to a life of privilege and ease. He has rightly struggled against a culture of clerical presumption but made the mistake of thinking that what he saw in Argentina was true to the priesthood world over, and so has come across something of a scold to many good priests. While not the great liberal that the media has sought to make him out, he is nevertheless suspicious of those he sees as “conservative” tying them to a culture of “clericalism.” This has tragically led him to distance himself from the very men in the Curia the Church most needs.

Is the Pope himself guilty of covering up for McCarrick? I would prefer to believe that he is a victim of his own bad judgment of character. It seems that once he decides he likes someone, he then refuses to entertain any doubt about that person even in the face of credible accusations. This got him into trouble in Chile, as it is now doing so here.

The twentieth century saw more truly saintly popes than any since the first three centuries of the Church. We seem to now be back to the “norm.” It is all the more urgent that we pray for the Holy Father. Many are calling for him to resign. The first Pope to resign was Pope Pontian in the 230's. He did so because he had been sentenced to the salt mines and he knew the Church needed a pope who could act. Pope Benedict XVI was the fifth pope to resign. I believe he similarly felt that he needed to make room for a pope who could more effectively take action to protect Holy Mother Church. Should Pope Francis resign? I do not believe that is a question for us—we need to pray that he will open himself up totally to the will of the Holy Spirit and if the Holy Spirit wants him to take such a step so be it. And that goes for each of us as well that we individually open ourselves to the will of the Holy Spirit and begin to purge the Church of her shortcomings by starting with our own hearts.

This week we celebrated the Feast of St. Augustine of Hippo, one of the Four Great Doctors of the Latin Church. In his own days of struggle and search, he made a baldly honest prayer that sometimes amuses people: “Chastity, Lord, but not yet.” While we may be tempted to laugh, we should not. This goes to the core of what is afflicting our Church, our society, the “...not yet.” *Now is the Time*. And we begin in our own hearts and lives, all the while praying for the Vicar of Christ and trusting in the Lord.

In Our Parish

celebrated on Sunday, October 14th at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA. Call the parish office (703-256-7822) to register no later than September 14th. For more information, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

The Second Collection -- this weekend is for Catholic University.

Labor Day Holiday -- Monday, September 3rd, is Labor Day. There will be only one Mass celebrated at 10 a.m.

St. Michael's Seniors (50+) Group

What: Annual Business meeting, election of officers and Potluck Dinner
When: Saturday, September 8, 2018
Time: 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Where: Senior School Cafeteria
Fare: Share your favorite food donation to serve 6-8 persons in the following categories according to the first letters of your last name as follows: A-F (dessert), Fi-K (hot vegetable), L-P (main dish), Q-Z (salad).
Note: Sliced roast beef, turkey, drinks, rolls, and condiments will be provided.

Reservations: Please sign up on clip board in the front vestibule of the church as to what you are bringing or call Geri, 703-941-3848 by September 5th.

Come and join the seniors group of men & women ages 50 and over and participate in our activities. Bring your favorite dish to share according to the list above. It is a great place to socialize and become acquainted with other parish members.

There will be election of officers for the 2018-2019 term which runs from Oct. 1, 2018-Sept. 30, 2019.

Please consider serving in one of the positions — President, Vice president, Treasurer, or Secretary. The current president will not be able to serve due to family commitments. If we do not get these positions filled the group will have to fold which would be a shame. We usually have 10 months of activities either at home or bus trips. The officers get together and plan the coming year. Dues are \$10 per year, which go towards your door prizes and food.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIRS

All St. Michael's Choirs, groups for both children and adults, are welcoming new members. 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: Saturdays 3:30-5p.m. (starting Sept. 8th)
Weekly Mass: Sat. 5 p.m. Vigil (starting Sept. 8th)

Adult Choir: For Adults (including high-school age teens)
Rehearsal: Thurs. 7:30-9 p.m. (starting Sept. 6th)
Weekly Mass: Sun. 10:30 a.m. with 10 a.m. warm-up (starting Sept. 9th)

Schola: For Adults (including high-school age teens)
Rehearsal: Tues. 7-8:30 p.m. (currently singing)
Weekly Mass: Sun. 12:30 p.m. with 12 noon warm-up
Remember, as St. Augustine says, "He who sings prays twice!"

Celebrating a Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this year? -- Were you married in 1968 or 1993? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2018 Marriage Jubilee Mass to be

KING DAVID RULES -- The Thursday Bible and the Sunday Scripture Study Groups both will be offering a 7-session course on "David the King", produced by Word on Fire and featuring Bishop Robert Barron on DVD. King David is the pivotal character in the Old Testament account of Salvation History and pre-figures the kingship of our Lord, Jesus. The Thursday Group meets in room 4 on the lower level of the Junior School, as indicated, on Thursdays from 9:45 to 11:30 AM and will commence classes on 20 September. The Sunday Group also meets in room 4 of the lower level on Sundays from 9:45 to 11:45 AM and will commence its classes on 23 September. Both programs are facilitated by fellow parishioners. The cost of materials for both is \$25.00. As always, come early and enjoy tasty refreshments and good fellowship. Pre-registration will take place after all Masses on the weekend of 15/16 September. For more information, please contact Bill Deshler at 703-321-9730 or Pavo James at 703-642-8378. FYI: Follow-on courses for academic year 2018-2019 will include "The Prophets", "Priest, Prophet, King", and "Mary."

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) -- is the process for the unbaptized, those who are baptized but not Catholic, and adult Catholics who have not received the Eucharist and/or Confirmation to become fully initiated in our Faith. We will be starting the process on Monday, September 17. If you or someone you know are interested in the process or in just knowing more about the Faith, contact Deacon Dave McCaffrey (571-643-6895 or dsmjrl@gmail.com).

Weekly Holy Hour/Benediction -- will resume next month on FRIDAYS, starting September 21st. Confessions will continue to be heard on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

SCOUTING CORNER -- Join our scouting programs this year! St. Michael's American Heritage Girls and Trail Life 0894 Scouting Troops invite families with children in Grades K-12 to join our troops this year. The first meeting for each troop will take place in mid-September. AHG is the premier national character development organization for young women that embraces Christian values & encourages family involvement. AHG's mission is building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country.

Trail Life USA -- is a Christian outdoor adventure, character and leadership program for boys and young men. Trail Life's mission is to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure. Adult leader volunteers are also needed in each troop. Please contact Jermaine Perkins 703-658-4876 (AHG) or Jim Perkins 703-615-2607 (TL) directly for more information.

AHG Recycling Program -- AHG Troop's next recycle program collection dates are set for: 9/22 - 9/23, 10/20-10/21, 11/17-11/18, 12/15-12/16. Collection of aluminum cans, recyclable metal, and food cans will take place **AFTER** the following Masses: Saturday, 5 PM Vigil and Sunday's 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. To request a list of recyclable items please email Jermaine Perkins @ wrauthor@gmail.com.

Parish Picnic, Pot Luck, and Family Fun Day!!!

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom His love
commits me here, ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Question — what sizzles, sears, and sometimes smokes? goes
great with ketchup, mustard, relish, and onions? Answer —
fabulous German brats, burgers, and hot dogs that the Knights
of Columbus will be grilling during our PARISH PICNIC,
POT LUCK, AND FAMILY FUN DAY! **Sunday, Septem-
ber 30th., from 2-5 p.m.** It's a pot luck too: so bring a dish;
there will be tables of food from as many different countries
as we have families from those countries! We're still in need
of volunteers; sign-up lists can be found in the front foyer.
Events begin with a special blessing of grace at 2 p.m., and
end at 5 p.m.

BLOOD DRIVE 2018 -- Sunday, OCTOBER 7th! Look for
sign up sheets in the vestibules in the next couple weeks. For
more information, please contact Joe Provenzano, 571-331-
4051 or Pete Pistolesi, 703-354-7047.

**FORMED.ORG has several opportunities for you and your
family to enrich your prayer life.** Our Catechism starts the
section on prayer this way: "Great is the mystery of our
faith!" The Church (that is us) professes this mystery in the
Creed, and celebrates it in the sacramental liturgy, so that the life
of the faithful may be conformed to Christ in the Holy Spirit to
the glory of God the Father. This mystery, then, requires that the
faithful believe in it, that they celebrate it, and that they live from
it in a vital and personal relationship with the living and true
God. This relationship is prayer. (CCC 2558) Some suggestions
you can find at FORMED.ORG (our parish code is (6VZDHB)
are as follows:

- "Lectio: Unveiling Scripture and Tradition" on prayer is a
six part study that includes a study guide.
- "Praying the Rosary like Never Before" is a video talk by
Dr. Edward Sri that will bring new understanding and life to
praying the Rosary.
- Pray like a Saint is audio talk only by Matthew Leonard
laying out practical steps to achieve union with God through
deeper prayer, even with all our busy-ness. This is great for com-
muting.
- "Introduction to the Devout Life" is a classic by St. Francis
de Sales available as an eBook.
- For children, try the video "Brother Francis: Let's Pray." It
covers a lot of topics in only twenty minutes. For youth, the
YDisciple video material includes a four session mini-course on
"Prayer."

Perpetual Adoration -- *"If we but paused for a moment to
consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am
sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform
the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."* ~
St. Angela of Foligno We are currently in most need for adora-
tion members on: Tuesdays: 3-4 a.m.; Thursdays 1-2 p.m.;
Saturdays 1-2 p.m.; and Sundays 10-11 p.m. If you would like
to sign up for an adoration hour, or for more information,
please contact Rosemary Duffy at 703-256-4468.

Please Pray for: Tracy Wilson; Michael Malovic*; Rosemary
Dooley*; Ariadne Pasa; Maria Kerrinckx*; Richard Owen*; Ma-
rissa 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 Lattan-
zio; Mauricio Posada; Carlton Hanson; Sr. Paul Marie; Yoshimi
Kadota; Delia Sinn; Julie Molony Lee; Joe Meister; William
Jeoff Robbins; Mary Roche*; Marco Tulio Gamba; Sean Camp-
bell; 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*; Irma Barrera; Jean Kratochvil*; John Carlson; Charles
Salvo*; Elizabeth Medved*; Robert and Courtney Villareal*;
*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; LTJG Andre Acevedo,
USNavy; Maj. John D. Barringer, III, USAF; John P. Hoang
USMC; LCpl Gabriel P. Martino, USMC; Brian Blincoe US-
Navy; ENS Stephan Acevedo USNavy; and.... [call Mary at the
parish office, 703-256-7822, and we'll keep our prayers going for
our military in harms way.]

School News

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 CLASSES begin -- on **Sunday, September 9 and Mon-
day, September 10.** Students must be registered *before* classes
begin. Re-enrollment in the program is not automatic. If your
child was attending classes this past spring, you must register
your child to attend classes this fall. To schedule a registration
appointment, please contact Adina Ordenez
(ccdstm@outlook.com or 703-941-9403).