

# St. Michael Church

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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](http://stmikes22003.org). Principal: Daniel V. Cinalli, [daniel.cinalli@stmikes22003.org](mailto: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](mailto: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)



23rd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018

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The Priest's Mass Intentions

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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

Monday, September 10

8:30 a.m. Betty Drazenovich +  
12 noon Maria Ngo Nguyen +

Tuesday, September 11

8:30 a.m. Rocco Hung Pham +  
12 noon Maria Christine M. Maramba

Wednesday, September 12

8:30 a.m. Nickles Family  
12 noon Joe D. Lawson +

Thursday, September 13

8:30 a.m. Angela Terzo +  
12 noon Erlinda M. Chua

Friday, September 14

8:30 a.m. Fritz & Elisabeth Creter +  
12 noon All Souls +

Saturday, September 15

8:30 a.m. Rose Guinan +  
5 p.m. Edward Rabil +

Sunday, September 16

7 a.m. James (Raphael) Lee & Grace Yang  
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Benjamin Wenger +  
12:30 p.m. Abigail Ryan +

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A Word from Father Drummond

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Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Feast has been celebrated at least since the Sixth Century AD and probably even earlier. Sacred Scripture does not give us many details about the Life of Mary and although she is a pivotal figure in the Gospels, her words and appearances are few. What other details we do “know” about Mary come from the *Protoevangelium of James*.

The Protoevangelium of James is an apocryphal work which dates to somewhere around the middle of the Second Century AD. The tradition is that it is written by the Apostle James who is referred to as “the brother of the Lord.” (James was not a sibling but most probably

a cousin). Although the work is viewed with suspicion by Origen who debunked the Gnostic Gospels in his work “Against the Heresies” in the Third Century, and was excluded from the Official Canon of Sacred Scripture by the early Church and even condemned by Pope Innocent I in 405, it has maintained popularity over the ages exactly because it satisfies a very human need and desire many have to know more about Mary, the Mother of God. And it should be read with the understanding that it is no more than projection or speculation, much as one might read Michael O’Brien’s Theophilus.

The Protoevangelium is something of a hodgepodge, presenting the story of Mary’s parents Joachim and Anna as similar to that of Hannah the mother of the prophet Samuel in the Old Testament with elements of the story of John the Baptist’s parents as well; Mary’s Magnificat is foreshadowed, and more details are added to the story of Christ’s own birth. Joachim and Anna are childless, Anna bewails this and is comforted by an angel. She conceives and bears a daughter, Mary who is presented in the Temple at the age of three. Later she is betrothed to Joseph, an old man. We get some detail of Joseph’s torment when he initially discovers Mary with Child. It is also in the Protoevangelium that we get the detail that Jesus was born in a cave, something not mentioned in the Gospels. (However, caves were often used as stables and that may be why). Other details of the Birth of Christ are given such as the presence of a midwife (again not present in the Gospels), which I believe may in fact be an unconscious nod to the midwives of Israel at the time of Moses’ birth. All in all it makes for good reading, so long as we remember that it is not necessarily true.

Part of our brokenness as human beings is that we have an innate desire for *all* the details, we want to *own* the story. But Sacred Scripture is not like that: Scripture gives us what we *need* to know, all else really being superfluous. We know that Mary, a Virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit and gave birth to Jesus, Who is the Son of God. We know from the Angel’s salutation that Mary was “full of Grace” which we understand as being free from Original Sin. We know that Mary silently followed Jesus to the Cross and that from the Cross Jesus entrusted her to John, and John to her. Nine months ago, we celebrated her Immaculate Conception so it is natural that we should now have celebrated her birth. Theologically speaking Mary is the “new Eve,” her “yes” to God’s plan undoing Eve’s “no.” And it is through Mary’s yes that we have our hope for Salvation in Jesus Christ. That makes for a very good reason to celebrate Mary’s birthday whatever the particulars of her own childhood and background may have been.

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In Our Parish

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**The Second Collection** -- next weekend will be for CCD (Religious Education).

**Masses of Reparation & Healing** -- will be held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, September—December 2018, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael.

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

**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 [dsmjr1@gmail.com](mailto:dsmjr1@gmail.com)).

**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 prefigures 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."

**Weekly Holy Hour/Benediction** -- will resume on Friday, 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](mailto: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, September 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. We are also in great need of volunteers! If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, 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 commuting.
- "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** -- *"My Jesus! What a lovable contrivance this holy Sacrament was - that You would hide under the appearance of bread to make Yourself loved and to be available for a visit by anyone who desires You!" ~ St. Alphonsus Ligouri* We are currently in most need for adoration members on: Tuesdays: 3-4 a.m.; Wednesdays midnight-1 a.m.; Saturdays 1-2 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:** 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; 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\*; Irma Barrera; Jean Kratochvil\*; John Carlson; Charles Salvo\*; Elizabeth Medved\*; Robert and Courtney Villareal\*; Tracy Wilson; Rosa Ramirez; *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 USNavy; 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.]

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CCD/Religious Education  
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**CCD CLASSES begin** -- on **Sunday, September 9 and Monday, 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 Ordonez ([ccdstm@outlook.com](mailto:ccdstm@outlook.com) or 703-941-9403).

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School News  
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**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](mailto:michelle.kennedy@stmikes22003.org) to schedule your tour!

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In Our Diocese  
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**Teams of Our Lady is forming in St. Bernadette parish area.** Teams of Our Lady is an international lay movement of married couples founded over seventy years ago to foster the love of God and spouse and to put into practice the gathering of couples as a "domestic church." Each Team, consisting of five to seven couples and a spiritual counselor, meets monthly to share a meal, prayer, scripture, and discussion to enrich their marriages and spirituality. Just as important are the activities each couple undertakes between meetings. It is the opportunity for husband and wife together to develop their married spirituality by seeking the presence of God and carrying out His will in the ordinary circumstances of life. An information meeting for interested couples will be held on September 25 at 7:30 pm in the Bradican Room at St. Bernadette (7600 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield, VA 22152). If you would like further information or wish to attend the information meeting, contact Jim and Ruth Wagner at 703-764-0872 or by email at [wagnerfamily@villawagner.com](mailto:wagnerfamily@villawagner.com). Information on Teams can also be obtained at [www.teamsofourlady.org](http://www.teamsofourlady.org).