

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 this Friday, 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)



24th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018

The Priest's Mass Intentions

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 +

Monday, September 17

- 8:30 a.m. Sabalda Tette
- 12 noon Jeidree Plunkett

Tuesday, September 18

- 8:30 a.m. Gatewood & Colson Families
- 12 noon Dong Sok Han

Wednesday, September 19

- 8:30 a.m. All Souls +
- 12 noon Charles W. Drummond

Thursday, September 20

- 8:30 a.m. Jose Manuel Santamaria +
- 12 noon Martha Butler

Friday, September 21

- 8:30 a.m. Bridget & Frank Garcia
- 12 noon Frank J. Culosi +

Saturday, September 22

- 8:30 a.m. Unborn Helpless Souls +
- 5 p.m. Sr. Philip Marie, Burle, CSPP

Sunday, September 23

- 7 a.m. Veronica Yi
- 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. David Boone +
- 12:30 p.m. Edward Dansereau +

A Word from Father Drummond

In last week's "Word" I wrote about the *Protoevangelium of James* as a "source" for background on the Blessed Virgin Mary. While of great antiquity it is not as old as the newest parts of the New Testament and has never been considered canonical, that is belonging to the Bible. The *Protoevangelium* belongs to a genre of literature known as *pseudepigraphal* (falsely inscribed) and sometimes as *apocryphal* which can mean hidden or obscure. These are different from Gnostic writings which were never accepted by orthodox Christians.

The New Testament consists of (in the order presented) as the Four Gospels, the Book of Acts (which can be seen as a continuation of the Gospel of Luke), the Epistles, and the Book of Revelation. All of these were in place before the end of the First Century. The oldest parts are the Epistles, followed by the Gospels. Matthew and Mark are the oldest Gospels (the current trend among scholars is that Mark is the oldest), followed by Luke/Acts and finally John. Current "wisdom" is that John dates to the 90's AD. Personally, I

believe that all four Gospels were pretty much in place as we know them by 70 AD. The year 70 AD was pivotal in Jewish History, the most traumatic year since the Babylonian Captivity with the complete destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by Rome. In John 2:19 Jesus says, "Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up." This is referenced in Matthew and Mark as well (Matt. 26:61 and Mk 14:58 and 15:29). While John makes immediately clear that Jesus was speaking of the Temple of His Body and predicting His Resurrection, it is still a bit much to believe that had the actual Temple since been destroyed that he would not have mentioned *that* in his clarification. Whether before 70 AD or by the 90's AD, the New Testament was in place very early, much earlier than the so-called Apocryphal Gospels or Pseudepigrapha which date no earlier than the mid Second Century.

Scripture scholar M.B. Riddle in his introductory to Alexander Walker's translation of *Apocrypha of the New Testament* writes, "...much of the literature resembles modern "Lives of Christ" written to present a view of the Person of our Lord which is not in accordance with the obvious sense of the New Testament." He further speculates (I think rightly) that "...the Apocryphal Gospels and Acts were not intended to be forgeries but only novels with a purpose." If someone today were to write a biographical novel of Abraham Lincoln as an "autobiography," today's readers would take it for what it is — a fictional account. But in two millennia, a copy might be dug up and thought to be the real deal! And that is pretty much the situation with many non canonical works that date from the second and later centuries. At worst they were intended forgeries (as in the case of Gnostic works) but for the most part were pious imaginings which may have incorporated some oral traditions but for the most part tell us more about the person writing them than their purported subject.

Among the more benign works in addition to the *Protoevangelium* are "The Gospel of the Nativity of Mary,"; "The History of Joseph the Carpenter,"; "the Gospel of Nicodemus," ; and "The Acts of Peter and Paul."

Some of these works were used in The Golden Legend by Jacobus de Varagine, a popular medieval collection of stories of the Saints.

Much more important than any of the spurious or apocryphal "Gospels" are the various works of the Apostolic Fathers. This was the generation succeeding that of the Apostles. Among these are the *Epistle of St. Clement to the Corinthians*. Clement is one of the early successors of Peter, usually considered to have been the fourth Pope, reigning from 88-101 AD. There are several such epistles attributed to him but only the first is undeniably authentic. Then there are the Epistles of St. Ignatius of Antioch, third successor to St. Peter in that See. Among my favourites, however, is *The Martyrdom of Polycarp*. Polycarp was taught by St. John the Evangelist and was martyred around 155 AD, and the account written just a few years later. And, of course, there is the *Didache*, The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles, which may be called the first catechism. Although not actually written by the Twelve Apostles it dates to about 115-120 AD. Lost for many hundreds of years, it had been cited by both Irenaeus of Lyon and Athanasius. All of the works can be found in a single volume published by Penguin Classics as Early Christian Writings. For the most part earlier than the apocryphal works mentioned, the Apostolic Fathers were not included in the Canon precisely because they were the generation after the Apostles.

BLOOD DRIVE 2018 -- Sunday, OCTOBER 7th! Look for sign up sheets in the vestibules next week. We are in great need of volunteers the day of the drive (entrance sign ups, refreshment table, and clean up)! 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.” For youth, the YDisciple video material includes a four session mini-course on “Prayer.”

Perpetual Adoration -- “*Until we have a passionate love for our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament we shall accomplish nothing.*” ~ St. Peter Julian Eymard 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: Rosemary Dooley*; Ariadne Pasa; Maria Kerinckx*; 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; Michael Malovic*; *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.]

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!

In Our Diocese

26th International Week of Prayer and Fasting -- in collaboration with the Marians Fathers, Legion of Mary, and Priests for Life, are asking for individuals, families, prayer groups and parishes to unite for nine days (September 29—October 7, 2018) of prayer and fasting for the following goals: conversion of all peoples and nations to build a culture of life, to defend the sanctity of marriage and family life, to pray for peace and to implore God’s mercy. For the opening day, on Saturday, September 29th, please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m. for the International Day of Prayer. Registration is FREE, but please register online at www.iwopf.org to receive a free prayer card at the Basilica event. The celebrant and homilist for the noon Mass is Bishop Roy Edward Campbell, Jr., Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Speakers to date include Fr. Francis J. Peffley, parochial vicar at St. Mary of Sorrows in Fairfax, VA; Colleen Willard, prolific speaker on life and healing; and Ted Flynn, author, speaker, and film producer on Catholic issues; other speakers to be confirmed. For more information visit www.iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY (7729).