

# St. Michael Church

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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.

12:30 p.m.

**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 12:30 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.

## 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 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:** Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Novena of The Miraculous Medal, unless otherwise noted.

## CLERGY OF PARISH

**Pastor:** Rev. Alexander R. Drummond

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Richard T. Carr, Rev. Brian B. McAllister

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



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

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The Priest's Mass Intentions

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- 10 a.m. Monday, October 9  
Lorna Malovic +
- 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 10  
Jackie Stapor +
- 12 noon Luisa Llacuna & Family
- 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 11  
Carl Castle
- 12 noon Ricco Thomas Amadio +
- 8:30 a.m. Thursday, October 12  
Nguyen Tan Binh & Le Thi Sen +
- 12 noon Olivia Mattingly +
- 8:30 a.m. Friday, October 13  
Johann Stahl +
- 12 noon Julian & Felicitas Soriente +
- 8:30 a.m. Saturday, October 14  
\*\*\*MASS CANCELLED\*\*\*
- 5 p.m. Barbara Jean Hluboky +
- 7 a.m. Sunday, October 15  
Robert & Rose Dooley
- 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Juan Centeno +
- 12:30 p.m. Tuyet Chuppe

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A Word from Fr. Drummond

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Occasionally as I am driving along I pass a church with a sign proclaiming St. So and So Community or St. So and So Catholic Community, and visible behind the sign is a Church. To be honest, I find that really annoying, especially in the case of a Catholic Church. The identity should clearly be that of a Church or, at last, a Parish. True a Parish or Church is a Community but a Community is not necessarily a Parish or a Church. When we speak of St. Michael's Church or St. Michael's Parish we speak of a community that is oriented to the Greater Glory of God. St. Michael's is made up of many "communities" or, if you will, ethnicities, but despite many differences in background, we all come together as ONE. The whole point of St. Michael's Church is to give Glory to God and get all its parishioners to heaven. Our focus is on heaven but at the same time we do not dismiss the here and now. St. Michael's is a spiritual entity dwelling within some very concrete, material structures. And as parishioners, we all have a stake in the well being of the physical plant that makes up St. Michael's.

The Diocese of Arlington requires that each year every parish conduct a *stewardship campaign*. This is a time when we look at our Parish and reflect on its strengths and weakness and on its needs. At the same time we reflect on how and how much we may share our time, talent, and treasure with the Parish. Every Church has need of its Parishioners to give both of their time and their treasure. We have need of ushers, of lectors, of

choir members, of adorers for the Chapel, and many other volunteers — at school, at CCD, and even grounds keeping. We also have need of the financial wherewithal to support the large plant that we have — Church, two school buildings, convent, rectory or work building, all on thirty plus acres of land. Buildings are like living creatures — they have needs that must be attended to or they will fall apart. And that doesn't come cheap!

When my predecessor, Father Pokorsky, first came to St. Michael's, the Parish was in financial straits. Through careful economics and wise management he was able to restore St. Michael's to good financial health and handed over to my care a Parish in good physical and financial shape, much better than what he received when he first came here. For this I am truly grateful. As Father Pokorsky handed on to me a Parish in good shape, when my time comes to leave I hope to hand to my successor a Parish just as good if not perhaps even better. But then I also hope to be here almost twice the amount of time as Father Pokorsky.

In the Bulletin this week (and also available at the entrances of the Church) are copies of a financial statement of St. Michael's, showing our income, expenses, and savings. In the last year giving dropped over eighty thousand dollars, and this is an alarming development. In order to both maintain the Parish physical well being as well as its ability to help others, we need to reverse this trend. The Bishop has very generously sent us a second Parochial Vicar, Father Brian McAllister, a good and holy priest. But when the Diocese contacted me, they did not say, "Do you need another Vicar?" [Yes] or "Do you want another Vicar" [YES], but rather, "Can the Parish afford to support another Vicar?" The amount by which our collection dropped during the past year is roughly the amount of what a Priest costs all told, factoring health insurance, pension, room and board and salary. Although Arlington Priests are among the hardest working priests in the country, they are not —by a long shot— the highest paid. Here at St. Michael's we get quite a bang for our buck and not just in our priests (although we can indeed boast of the two finest Parochial Vicars in the Diocese). We have here twenty-four hour Adoration, a fine school that is in the process of recovering its former glory under the most talented principal in the Diocese. We have wonderful music with three different choirs led by an amazing music director. We have various adult religious education opportunities, including two Scripture Classes. Our CCD programme is among the best. While our confirmation programme is perhaps the most demanding in the Diocese, we strive to ensure that when our young men and women are confirmed they are not merely going through the motions but are grounded in the Faith, understanding the basics of the Church's teaching, not just what but also why and having a deeper appreciation for our spiritual and cultural heritage as Catholics.

In the next few weeks we will have an in-pew registration, similar to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal, in order both to update our parish records and to maintain our financial health. I ask everyone to prayerfully consider what they can give, both in talent and in treasure. Many Protestant Churches regularly ask for a 10% tithe of income. We are asking that you consider a 3% tithe if you are not already doing so, a real bargain when you consider it! In Matthew 6:21 our Lord tells us: "For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." Please, let your hearts be with St. Michael's Church.

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In Our Parish

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**The Secular Carmelite Vocation** -- is open to all men and women, married or single. The Carmelites are those faithful who, by special vocation, undertake to live an evangelical life in the world imbued with the spirit of contemplation, in imitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Carmelites in the Capital Area, meet the 2nd Sunday of the month from 1-4:30 PM in the St. Michael Senior School. Please contact Dr. Amadea Tette, 703-570-6478 or Janet Hillier, 703-280-1595 for further information.

**On Monday, October 9th** -- Columbus Day, there will be only one Mass, celebrated at 10 a.m. Also, the parish office will be closed; it will re-open on Tuesday, October 10th.

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers** -- in 1917, Our Lady of Fatima asked us to pray the rosary for world peace. To help comply with that request, we have here at St. Michael's, Our Lady's Rosary Makers to make rosaries for our use and to send to the missions and to other countries. We meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month at St. Michael's School, Lower Level, Room 3, at 10 a.m. Please join us at our meetings or make them in your home. For further information, please contact Aileen Bashista at 703-978-8373.

**Afternoon of Recollection** -- A priest of Opus Dei presents an Afternoon of Recollection for women on the second Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 3 p.m. in the church, and consists of two meditations, scriptural reading or the Holy Rosary, and the opportunity for confession. Additionally, a priest of Opus Dei hears Confessions every Wednesday afternoon (except on the 1st Wednesday) from 1:00 to 4 p.m. For more information regarding either of these, please contact Lorraine Anderson, 703-425-0921.

**Please note on October 14th** -- the 8:30 a.m. Mass has been cancelled due to the Diocesan Pilgrimage.



**“Totus Tuus,” the Biennial Diocese of Arlington Pilgrimage**

-- Bishop Burbidge invites you to join him at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 14th. Rosary, Confessions, Mass, and Holy Hour with reflections on the Message of Fatima will be available.

*Lunch not provided; bring your own bagged lunch, or purchase something at one of the available food stands or cafeteria.* St. Michael will be taking a bus, leaving here at 8 a.m. (meet in front of the church), returning sometime mid-

afternoon. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule and are on a first-come first-served basis. Please write name and contact information clearly!

**NVJCYO Basketball Beginning Soon!** -- Inviting parish members attending our CCD/Religious classes in grades 3-8 to register and join our St. Michael Parish teams to play in the upcoming Northern Virginia Catholic Youth Organization (NVJCYO) basketball program. Teams being formed, with practices soon to begin and games starting the 1st weekend of December. Volunteer Coaches may also be needed! Please contact Jermaine Perkins at [703-658-4876](tel:703-658-4876) or [wrauthor@gmail.com](mailto:wrauthor@gmail.com) for information. No basketball experience needed to participate.

**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>.

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

**40 Days for Life** -- Now through November 5th, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Falls Church Healthcare Center at 900 S. Washington Street.

**St. Michael Sponsor's Dates & Time for the Vigil hours are from 7AM - 7PM on every Friday for the following weeks on: October 13th, October 20th, October 27th, and November 3rd.**

Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Anh Tu Do at [703-919-4370](tel:703-919-4370) or e-mail [anhdo18@gmail.com](mailto:anhdo18@gmail.com). Feel free to visit [www.40daysforlife.com/fallschurch](http://www.40daysforlife.com/fallschurch) for more information. [703-941-4573](tel:703-941-4573).

**Perpetual Adoration** -- St. Michael is one of the few parishes in the entire Diocese with perpetual adoration — and vocations are one of the many fruits! To sign up for an hour or for more information, contact Rosemary Duffy at [703-256-4468](tel:703-256-4468). Currently, we are in most need for members on: Mondays 2-3 p.m.; and Fridays 4-5 a.m.

**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. Go to [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org) with your email and password; if you did not already register, go to [FORMED.org](http://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](tel:571-643-6895)) if there are any questions.

**Save the Date and Call for Volunteers** -- The Fall 2017 St. Michael Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2017 in the gym. We will need volunteers to help sign up donors after masses in the weeks prior to the drive and we will need help managing the event on November 12. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact one of the blood drive coordinators, Joe Provenzano, phone: 571-331-4051; email at: jprov51@yahoo.com or Pete Pistoletti, phone: 703-354-7047 We will be holding an organizing meeting next week, so please consider volunteering and let us know as soon as possible. Note: If you are interested in donating blood and are ready to sign-up, you can reserve your slot NOW by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS and let them know you are signing up for the St. Michael's Drive. You can also sign up ONLINE by going to www.redcrossblood.org and typing STMICHAELSANNANDALE into the "Find a Blood Drive" box. If you have ELIGIBILITY questions, please contact the Red Cross Help Line at 1-866-236-3276.

**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; Lt. Matthew Becker USNavy; and.... [call Mary at the parish office, 703-256-7822, and we'll keep our prayers going for our military in harms way.]

**Next Week's Special Collection** -- will be for Special School needs.

**Faith Direct** -- is an easy, convenient, and secure way to make your weekly donations to St. Michael parish! Enroll online today by going to www.faithdirect.net. If you have any question about the Faith Direct program, please call 1-866-507-8757 [toll free] or e-mail info@faithdirect.net.

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 School News  
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**Registration is NOW OPEN for Preschool 3 – through 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**"COFFEE TALKS"** -- does not meet this holiday weekend. Join us next Sunday for "Followers of Jesus Christ — slave or free man?" from 2-3 PM in the All Purpose Room.

**HIGH SCHOOL** -- age students meet Sunday evenings (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.

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 In Our Diocese  
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**Future with Hope Conference** -- for Catholic women 40+, October 20-21, 2017 at Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park. Fee: \$175. Speakers: Mary Beth Bonacci, Pat Gohn, Mary Lenaburg. Co-sponsored by the Arlington Diocese Council of Catholic Women and Joyful Spirit Gifts (Catholic store). For more information to go www.futurewithhopewomen.com.

**Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist (OLME)** -- invites you to a retreat entitled, "A Time Apart with Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life" and led by Sr. Joan Noreen, Co-Founder of OLME and EWTN host of "Eucharistic Journey." November 3-5, 2017 at Ave Maria Retreat, Doylestown, PA. For more information please contact OLME directly: 610-582-3333; olme@olme.org; www.olme.org.

**St. Michael Parish's Scouting Corner**

**Recycling Dates** -- AHG's Troop VA0894 collection of aluminum cans/recyclable metal will take place on the following dates **AFTER the Saturday, 5 p.m., and Sunday, 8:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. Masses:** 10/21, 10/22, 11/18, 11/19, 12/16, 12/17.

**Trail Life Troop 894** -- Meetings for the newly formed St. Michael TL Troop 894 has begun. The Trail Life Boy's Scouting Program is open to all boys in grades Kindergarten thru Grade 12. Our next meeting is scheduled for 10/27/17 in the All Purpose Room from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Please join us. Both youth members and adult leaders are needed to help make our new program successful. Please contact Jim Perkins at [703-615-2607](tel:703-615-2607) or [jim@jim-perkins.com](mailto:jim@jim-perkins.com) with any questions.

**AHG Troop VA0894** -- Our parish's AHG girls scouting troop has officially begun another year of scouting. Our program is open to all girls in grades Kindergarten thru Grade 12. We meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in the All Purpose Room from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Both youth members and adult leaders are needed to help continue to make our program successful. Contact Jermaine Perkins at [703-658-4876](tel:703-658-4876) or [wrauthor@gmail.com](mailto:wrauthor@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Please Pray for:** Beatrice Clark\*; Robert and Courtney Vilareal\*; 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\*; Julia Garcia; John and Marie Sibenik\*; Margaret Johnson\*; Charlie Wisecarver\*; Theresa Corcoran\*; Jean Kratochvil\*; Irma Barrera; John Carlson; Charles Salvo\*; Elizabeth Medved\*; *with apologies to anyone we dropped; to re-add names call the Parish Office for next week.*