

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.

12:30 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. 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: 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)



31st Sunday
in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2017

The Priest's Mass Intentions

	<u>Monday, November 6</u>
8:30 a.m.	All Souls Novena
12 noon	All Souls Novena
	<u>Tuesday, November 7</u>
8:30 a.m.	All Souls Novena
12 noon	All Souls Novena
	<u>Wednesday, November 8</u>
8:30 a.m.	All Souls Novena
12 noon	All Souls Novena
	<u>Thursday, November 9</u>
8:30 a.m.	All Souls Novena
12 noon	All Souls Novena
	<u>Friday, November 10</u>
	<i>(Veteran's Day Observed)</i>
10 a.m.	All Souls Novena
	<u>Saturday, November 11</u>
8:30 a.m.	Coleman 50th Wedding Anniversary
5 p.m.	Mary Antoinette Spenger +
	<u>Sunday, November 12</u>
7 a.m.	Anne Williams +
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Oh Youn Shik +
12:30 p.m.	Hung Pham +

A Word from Fr. Drummond

This past week we celebrated the two great feasts of All Saints and All Souls. In addition we also had two funerals, one of which was for a long-time parishioner and member of the counting team, Bob Stevens. It has been a busy—if solemn—week. The Feast of All Saints is a day of obligation. This feast celebrates not just all the known saints many of which are commemorated throughout the year but also that countless number of souls in heaven (for that is what a saint is, a soul in heaven) whose names we do not know. Since they are already in heaven, they really have no need either of our prayers or of our praise — they are totally fulfilled. Our celebration of them is more for our benefit, a reminder that we were made for Heaven.

The Feast of All Souls on November 2nd is not, however, a day of obligation. This has always puzzled me as the Saints have no need of our prayers but the Souls we celebrate on the feast most certainly do. To my mind All Souls should be a day of obligation. We do traditionally celebrate a novena of Masses for the Souls of the Dead in which we have the opportunity to quite literally bring the names of our beloved dead to the Altar of God. This is a uniquely Catholic tradition which like the Feast of All Souls itself is rooted in the Dogma of Purgatory.

Sadly, Catholics are becoming increasingly Protestant when it comes to the death of a loved one assuming that he or she is gone to Heaven. In this we do a great disservice to those who have gone before us. Even the best among us is a sinner and to remember this of the deceased is not to be unkind — in fact just the opposite if in remembering this we pray for their souls. God, being All Good cannot be experienced in His Glory by anyone who still has even the slightest stain of sin on his or her soul. Even though we may die in a state of grace, we may still have some stain of sin on our souls which must be purged before our souls may enter into the Presence of God, Heaven. This is where Purgatory comes in. Purgatory is where our souls are cleansed of any remaining effect of sin, and only after all stain of sin is removed can the soul enter Heaven. Much ink has been spilt on the nature of the suffering endured in Purgatory, most of which probably says more about the person writing than about Purgatory itself. However, we do know that by *our* prayers for the dead that we can help and hasten their souls' journey to Heaven. This we see in Second Maccabees 12 when the general Judas Maccabeus took a collection for his men fallen in battle to provide for "an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way inasmuch as he had the resurrection in mind... Thus he made atonement for the dead that they may be absolved from their sin." These lines form the scriptural basis for the Dogma of Purgatory even though the actual word is not used.

Protestants do not accept the *canonicity* (or inspired status) of the Books of Maccabees because we do not have an original Hebrew text for them, only having the Greek text of the *Septuagint*. The Septuagint is the 2nd century BC translation of the Hebrew text of the Old Testament into Greek. Because Greek was the working language of the early Church (the New Testament was written in Greek) there was never a question of the canonicity of the Septuagint until the Protestant Revolution —misnamed the Reformation— "threw out" any Old Testament works for which there was no Hebrew text and with that intercessory prayer for the dead.

Purgatory is, however, a comforting Dogma for without it most of us would be lost. As mentioned previously we tend to presume that those who have died are immediately in Heaven, but that is not the case, all of us being sinners. Making such a presumption does an injustice to those who have gone before us. Our prayers for the deceased can help their souls' journey to Heaven, and if they are already there our prayers may be applied to those who need them. And, in any case, as we pray so we are formed. By praying for the dead and making acts of penance for them we ourselves are sanctified.

The nine days following the Feast of All Saints are celebrated as a novena for the deceased not just here in the Parish of St. Michael's but throughout the Catholic Church. Those who have gone before us need our prayers. We *need* to pray for them. Our ultimate goal for ourselves and for those we love should be Heaven. This is a time in which we remind ourselves of that goal and reorient ourselves toward it.

In Our Parish

All Souls Novena -- is taking place now through November 10, 2017. Be sure to turn in your novena envelopes with the names of your deceased loved ones. Extra envelopes can be found in the main vestibule entrance.

Veterans Day -- please note that the observance of Veterans Day falls on Friday, November 10th. Therefore, there will be only one Mass celebrated that morning, at 10 a.m. There will be no early morning confessions. The parish office will be closed.

Mass of Remembrance -- The annual Mass of Remembrance will be held here at St. Michael's Church on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. This Mass will be offered for all those parishioners and loved ones of parishioners who have died this past year. The names of the deceased will be remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful. A reception with light refreshments will be held in the Senior School cafeteria immediately following. We invite all members of the parish to attend this special memorial Mass and join together in prayer for our fellow parishioners who have been called home to Our Lord.

Please remember to vote in Virginia Governor -- and other State office elections on Tuesday, November 7. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. US Catholic Bishops teach us in their letter "Faithful Citizenship" to form Catholic consciences on candidates for public office and vote according to our conscience. *If Parishioners would like to use the voter education items developed by the Virginia Catholic Conference, please go to their website vacatholic.org*

HAPPY 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY -- to Joe and Natalie Coleman. Please join us for light refreshments in the All Purpose Room, following the regular 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, November 11, 2017. We wish to extend thanks for the many kindnesses shown to our family by St. Michael Parishioners. RSVP to shac_clan@yahoo.com or 703-476-3939.

Is God calling you to serve as a Eucharistic minister to patients and families in hospitals? -- Inova Fairfax Medical Campus at 3300 Gallows Rd. in Falls Church, VA is seeking volunteers to serve with the Catholic Spiritual Care Volunteer Team in this capacity. Volunteers visit Catholic patients and their families in the hospital to offer presence, prayer and Communion. Training is provided. Please contact Rosa Villegas at Inova Fairfax at 703-776-3767, M-F, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. if you would like additional information about volunteering.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE -- One more week to go for our 2017 Blood Drive on November 12th. Last week we signed up 51 people; we need about 20 or more to reach our assigned goal. Look for the sign up tables this weekend outside the two main entrances of the church, Saturday, November 4th and Sunday, November 5th.

Here is a bit of info I'm sure you'll be proud of: since 2003 the Donors here at St. Michael's have donated 708 units of good blood (90 gallons of blood), times that by 3 possible saved lives per unit, will give you 2,124 saved lives!!! Don't miss the chance to be a part of this life-saving event. See you on 11-4 or 11-5 and bring a friend. 16 year olds are welcome, but will need parental approval.

For more information contact either Joe Provenzano, phone: 571-331-4051; email at: jprov51@yahoo.com or Pete Pistoletti, phone: 703-354-7047 You may also make your reservation via phone by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS; let them know you are signing up for the St. Michael's Drive. You can furthermore 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.

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIORS (50+) GROUP --

What: Bingo and Lunch
When: Saturday, November 11, 2017
Where: Senior School Cafeteria
Time: 1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$12 for group members; \$16 for non-group members
Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Come and enjoy lunch and a fun afternoon and maybe win some money. There will be door prizes, game prizes and the ever popular 50/50. Everyone is welcome to join us and bring a friend. Not too late to become a member — annual dues are \$10, covers October 1, 2017—September 30, 2018. We ask that you bring a donation of peanut butter, jam/jelly for our local food pantry. This will help those in need at Thanksgiving. Mail reservation checks, payable to St. Michael's Seniors (SMS), to Bill Fietze, 6919 Richard Place, Annandale, VA 22003. Any questions, call Geri, 703-941-3848 or Bill, 703-256-4563.

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. Currently, we are in most need for members on: Mondays 2-3 p.m.; Thursdays 12 noon-1 p.m.; Fridays 4-5 a.m.; and Sundays 5-6 p.m.

Dibujando Sonrisas -- (which translates to Drawing Smiles) is a non-profit organization that collects various necessities and gives them to families living in extreme poverty in Mexico. Natural disasters, like the recent earthquake make these needs all the more urgent. St. Michael's will be collecting school supplies, which can be dropped off in the designated box in the vestibule. Items particularly requested are: markers, crayons, pencils, colored pencils, pens, erasers, notebooks, folders, paper, stickers, and backpacks and lunchboxes. If you are able to, new or almost new supplies would be most appreciated. *Please bring in your donations by November 19th.* If you have any further questions, contact Jae Sung Kim at jaeskim11@gmail.com.

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:** 11/18, 11/19, 12/16, 12/17.

Trail Life Troop 894 -- Meetings for the newly formed St. Michael TL Troop 894 have begun. The Trail Life Boy's Scouting Program is open to all boys in grades Kindergarten thru Grade 12. Both youth members and adult leaders are needed to help make our new program successful. Please contact Jim Perkins at 703-615-2607 or 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 or wrauthor@gmail.com with any questions.

Please Pray for: 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; Michelle Soumier; 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*; Beatrice Clark*; Robert and Courtney Villareal*; Tracy Wilson; Maria Pozar*; 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; 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.]

School News

Saint Michael School is growing! -- We have added a 2nd PreK 4 class, and a 2nd Kindergarten class. We still have spaces available if you are interested. If you would like a tour of our school please contact Michelle Kennedy at 703-256-1222 or michelle.kennedy@stmikes22003.org

POINSETTIA SALES -- Saint Michael PTO will once again be selling Poinsettia Plants. They will be sold after Masses on November 10-11 and 17-18. The plants come in 4 colors (red, white, pink, marble) and in 3 sizes (the size is based on the base of the pot) 6" - \$10, 8" - \$15 and 10" - \$20. Plants will also be sold to decorate the church for the Christmas Season. This can be noted on the order form. If you have questions please contact the PTO at PTO@stmikes22003.org.

Religious Education

"Who am I to Judge?" Over the next few weeks, we will continue to explore (during the 'Coffee Talks' hour) this series by Edward Sri on how to respond to relativism with logic and love. Many of us have been affected by the relativistic outlook that pervades the modern world. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality - that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. Maybe some of us wonder whether there really is an absolute right and wrong for everyone. Or maybe we accept that there is a moral standard for all, but we don't know how to explain our moral convictions in a convincing way. Maybe some of us are afraid of saying something is immoral because we're afraid of offending others or of being labeled intolerant. Join us for 'Coffee Talks' from 2-3 PM All Purpose Room. We will explore how we talk about morality in a relativistic world.

Youth Group -- meets Sunday evenings at 6 PM in All Purpose Room of the Junior School Building.

In Our Diocese

Volunteers Needed at Christ House

~ We need Receptionist to assist with our Emergency Assistance on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Answer our phone and provide those who call seeking assistance with information and referrals. Experience with Microsoft Office needed, particularly Word and basic Excel.

~ We need help in our Thrift shop to receive, sort donations and mark & display the sorted items. Provide support to all clients & shoppers. Volunteer serves at least 3 hours a week.

Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

~ Christ House Food pantry needs volunteers on Monday & Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Help receive/ unload/ weigh /incoming food deliveries and donations and assemble food bags & kits. Also we need volunteers on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist in the food distribution.

~ Please contact Sr. Annie Juan at 703-548- 4227 extension 101 & AJuan@ccda.net. 131 S. West St. Alexandria, VA 22314