

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)





1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

The Priest's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4

8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Ann Haring

12 noon Walter Humm, Sr. +

Tuesday, December 5

8:30 a.m. Anne Williams +

12 noon Dan Keller +

Wednesday, December 6

8:30 a.m. Henry Pozar +

12 noon Julianne Ivins +

Thursday, December 7

8:30 a.m. Frances Louise Raftery +

12 noon Ruben Romero Romero +

7 p.m. In Thanksgiving (St. Michael)

Friday, December 8

8:30 a.m. Maria Ngo Nguyen +

12 noon Thanksgiving Prayer: Soriente Family

7 p.m. Michael Barrett

Saturday, December 9

8:30 a.m. Fallen Away Catholics

5 p.m. Mary Antoinette Spenger +

Sunday, December 10

7 a.m. Ivan Tette

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Giang Van Joseph Nguyen +

12:30 p.m. Larry & Cheryl Biven

A Word from Fr. Drummond

Every seven years Christmas falls on a Sunday which gives us an Advent Season that is exactly four weeks long. That means, however, the following year when Christmas falls on a Monday the Advent Season is three weeks in length. Last year Christmas fell on a

Sunday so this year we have a very short Advent Season. Three weeks is a small amount of time to spiritually prepare for the Christ Mass and we need to use it wisely.

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin *ad venire* which means to come to, or coming to. There is a sense of anticipation in the word. There is a twofold nature to our Advent preparation: on the one hand we are preparing to celebrate and commemorate Christ's first coming, that is, His birth in Bethlehem. But equally, we must prepare ourselves for His second coming: in looking backward in time, we also look forward. This apocalyptic aspect of Advent is usually lost, as is, the penitential aspect of the season.

Lent is known for "giving things up," and as such is clearly marked in our minds and imaginations as a season of penance. The penitential aspect of Advent, by contrast, is almost completely swallowed by the secular and markedly consumerist onslaught of what is mistakenly thought of as the "Christmas" season. Our senses are besieged by advertisements for sales and bargains as well as by shallow and insipid music which has little if anything to do with the Babe of Bethlehem. Added to which we have the inevitable "Christmas" parties. The challenge of maintaining a penitential attitude amid all these distractions is almost as great as scaling the heights of Mount Everest. How do we do it?

First we look to the liturgy. For example, we do not sing or recite the Gloria during Sunday Mass in the Season of Advent. The vestments themselves are somber, purple or violet in colour. Church decorations should be minimal with fewer flowers than usual and more greens. The Advent Wreath is itself a symbol of the darkness of the season which is gradually illuminated as we get closer to the birth of Christ. In our own lives, we should exercise increased works of charity as well as setting aside more time for prayer both on an individual basis and together with our respective families. Here, too, the Advent Wreath can be useful. By a solemn observance of the lighting of the candles of the Advent Wreath at home on each Sunday of the Season we begin to interiorize the spiritual significance of the Season. Gathering together as a family around the Advent Wreath each Sunday to light the appropriate candles, a short reading from Sacred Scripture, particularly the Prophet Isaiah, accompanied by a hymn and even a decade of the Rosary we can enter more fully into the true meaning of this time of year. Distancing ourselves from all the worldly hub-bub around us, we are better able to make room in our hearts for the Coming of Christ, and so may also bear better witness to Him in the world about us. It is but three weeks this year — let us make good use of the time.

In Our Parish

the 3rd of December. For more information, please call Pavo James at 703-642-8378 or Bill Deshler at 703-321-9730.

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.

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.

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>.

Is God calling you to serve as a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion 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.

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 with your email and password; if you did not already register, go to 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) if there are any questions.

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.

Diaper Collection -- this weekend December 2/3, especially sizes 3, 4, and 5. Donations benefit clients of: A Woman's Choice, a Pro-Life pregnancy Resource Center. www.AWomansChoiceCenter.com.

Coffee and Donuts -- Please be sure to come to coffee and donuts in All Purpose Room after 8:30 and 10:30 Masses on Sunday, December 3. This event, sponsored by the St. Michael Knights of Columbus, is a great way to make new friends and stay in touch with parishioners.

Poor Box -- during Advent monies collected in the Poor Box will go to Catholic Charities.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary -- a Holy Day of Obligation, is Friday, December 8th. Masses will be held at 7 p.m. (vigil), 8:30 a.m., 12 noon, and 7 p.m.

Christmas with the Parish Priests -- will take place on Saturday, December 23rd, after the Vigil Mass. The party will be held in the All Purpose Room. All are invited; mark your calendars!

Family of Month and Knight of Month -- Please be sure to congratulate members of the Perkins family on their selection as Saint Michael Family of Month for December. The Knights recognize the Perkins family for their many contributions to Parish. Dr. Joe Provenzano is December Knight of Month for December. Joe's work on the November Blood Drive was a great act of charity helping many in need.

BLOOD DRIVE -- A big "THANK YOU" to the 77 willing donors who walked into the Gym doors on November 12th in the hopes of saving a life with their blood donation. 56 of those donors were able to donate and that has raised our total of saved lives to 2,244. Red Cross has credited us with 141 saved lives! Tip your hat to anyone you know who gave their time and blood to make our 2017 Blood Drive another big success. See you again next year!

Commencing on 10 December 2017, the Sunday Scripture Study Group -- will conduct a 20-session study of Church History called EPIC, published by Ascension Press and featuring the program creator, Steve Weidenkopf, on DVD. The program covers the Catholic story from Pentecost to Pope Benedict XVI. We meet (as noted) on Sundays from 9:45 to 11:45 AM in Room 3 on the lower level of the Junior School. Sessions are facilitated by fellow parishioners. Cost of study materials is \$30.00. Come early and enjoy refreshments and good fellowship. We will be pre-registering attendees after all Masses on

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.

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: 12/16, 12/17.**

Please Pray for: 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*; 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*; Rosemary Dooley*; Ariadne Pasa; Maria Kerrinckx*; Richard Owen*; Diana Bethea*; Marissa Ann Wuerthele*; Diana Pascoe; *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.]

Perpetual Adoration -- St. Michael is one of the few parishes in our 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.

Faith Direct -- is an easy, convenient, and secure way to make your weekly donations to St. Michael parish! Supporting your parish through e-giving is an innovative solution to tracking your contributions, and a statement is sent to you at the end of the year for your tax purposes. Enroll online today by going to www.faithdirect.net. If you have any questions about the Faith Direct program, please call 1-866-507-8757 [toll free] or e-mail info@faithdirect.net.

The Second Collection -- next week will be for Catholic Charities.

School News

The Giving Tree -- is now up in the church library. Please consider taking an angel from the Giving Tree and donating a gift card to those less fortunate in our school and parish. We thank you for all your support. Gift Cards are due to the school office by December 13th.

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

Religious Education

Advent Coffee Talks -- For too many, Advent has been supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season" and so by Christmas Day, there is no longer any joy in the feast day itself nor is there any desire to continue feasting over the next 'Twelve Days of Christmas.' Join us for "Coffee Talks" November 26, December 3rd, 10th, & 17th in the All Purpose Room (1:45 - 3 PM) to find out why there is more to December than going shopping in cold weather.

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

In Our Diocese

Birthday Party for Baby Jesus! -- On Saturday, December 9 (11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.), the Daughters of St. Paul will host their annual Baby Jesus Birthday Party at Pauline Books and Media (1025 King St., Old Town Alexandria). Kids of all ages are invited for picture-taking with Baby Jesus (bring your own camera; costumes provided); birthday cake, crafts, story-telling, and more! 703-549-3806 or alexandria@paulinemediamedia.com for more information!

"Lessons and Carols" -- Sunday, December 10th at St. Raymond of Peñafort, 8750 Pohick Road, Springfield, VA 22153. Please join us in the church at 7:00 pm for a program of beautiful Advent music and Scripture readings, called "Lessons and Carols." Weaving together prophetic readings from the Old Testament and pre-nativity readings from the Gospels, the readers lay out God's breathtaking plan for the birth of Our Savior. The choir adds to the atmosphere of joyful expectation by leading us in popular hymns and stretching their vocal wings in a few more complicated choral pieces. Afterwards, everyone gathers downstairs for some seasonal refreshments and Christian fellowship. All are invited to attend. (Snow Date is Sunday, December 17th.)