**St. Michael Church**

**ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA 22003**
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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 (*not available on Ash Wednesday). 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, 9:30 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: Annie Fernandez, annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**
For all children attending public school, Grades 1-12. 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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**
are held on Fridays during Lent at 7 p.m.

**PREGNANT AND NEED HELP? CALL 1-800-848-5683**

**CLERGY OF PARISH**
Pastor: Rev. Alexander R. Drummond
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Brian B. McAllister
In Residence: Rev. Stefan P. Starzynski
Permanent Deacons: Deacon David S. McCaffrey, Deacon Roger T. Ostrom (retired)
Saturday, March 21
12 noon   Alelu James +
8:30 a.m. Mary Suchan +

Sunday, March 22
5 p.m. vigil Joellyn Ostrander +
8:30 a.m. Marian Ackerman +
10:30 a.m. Joe Santamaria +
7 a.m.  Jaisley Tibayan

Monday, March 16
12:30 p.m. Ricardo Pagsibigan +
10:30 a.m. Dennis Suddarth +
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
7 a.m.  Justine K. Rood +

Tuesday, March 17
12 noon   Jean Peterson +
8:30 a.m.  Cherry McMahon

Wednesday, March 18
12 noon   Special Intention (CEJ)
8:30 a.m.  All Souls +
12 noon   Al Urban, Findlay Urban,
and Nicholas Nicaise +

Thursday, March 19
12 noon   Mr. Andrew Vaccaro
8:30 a.m.  Mary Suchan
12 noon   Alelu James +

Friday, March 20
8:30 a.m.  Cherry McMahon
12 noon   Special Intention (CEJ)
8:30 a.m.  Patricia C. Glass +
12 noon   Alelu James +

Saturday, March 21
8:30 a.m.  Al Urban, Findlay Urban,
and Nicholas Nicaise +
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A Word from Fr. Drummond

Ignoratio scripturarum, ignoratio Christi est. Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ. This famous line was written roughly sixteen hundred years ago by St. Jerome, the great translator of the Bible out of Hebrew and Greek into Latin. St. Jerome’s motivation in translating the Bible into Latin was to make it more widely accessible to the people of the Roman Empire. It was and still is referred to as the Vulgate, meaning common language. Ironically Latin is today a language considered to be intellectually elite and uncommon. But at the time of St. Jerome, Latin was the most widely used language through the Mediterranean Basin and in translating the Bible into Latin, St. Jerome was anything but elitist. Today we have many translations of the Bible available to us in English, some good, others not so good. When asked which Translation to use, I generally recommend the Ignatius Bible, so called because it is published by Ignatius Press, and for the ambitious, the multivolume Navarre Bible. Both use the text of the Revised Standard Edition, Catholic version which is taken from the translation originally authorized by King James VI and I. Although it was a Protestant undertaking, nevertheless it is a first rate translation. For Catholics, however, the normative text is the Latin Vulgate as emended over the years.

The Lenten Season is a good time for us to reacquaint ourselves with the Bible. The Bible is, indeed, a daunting book with thin paper pages and small type setting and depending on what Translation one use, interminable these and thous. And while most of us think we know it, we generally confuse Bible stories we have heard with the actual text and delving into the text we find much to surprise and even challenge us. The meanings of the texts can be subtle and multilayered so that we can often return to the same text and find new meaning and application which may differ from one another without contradiction.

For someone who is seeking to read the Scripture on their own and without a formal course of study, I would suggest they begin with the Book of Judges. The seventh book in the Bible, Judges depicts the Israelites after having settled in the Promised Land but before the time of the Kings. It is the story of not just a people but a society as it spirals away farther and farther from God and the deadly consequences which ensue. There are parallels to be drawn with our own times and it can make for truly sober reading — but it is never dull!

Another option would be to start with the Psalms. These read somewhat differently as they are both poetry and prayers and even prophecies at times. Traditionally attributed to King David, there are psalms for every aspect of life — joy, sadness, love, loss, sorrow and contrition. Particularly for the season of Lent, I would recommend the Seven Penitential Psalms which are very useful for comfort and for preparation for the Sacraments, especially confession. They are not grouped together but spaced throughout the whole: Psalm 6, Psalm 31, Psalm 37, Psalm 50, Psalm 101, Psalm 129 and Psalm 142.

St. John Fisher wrote a wonderful commentary on the Seven Penitential Psalms, a modern English version of which is available from Ignatius Press. St. John Fisher’s commentary takes on an even deeper significance when we remember that he was a martyr, dying along with St. Thomas More rather than giving into the secular authorities of the day that would have them deny the Faith.

In whichever way you may choose, I do encourage everyone to augment their Lenten practices and disciplines with a serious re-engagement with the Scriptures.

In Our Parish

“Steadfast in Faith and Joyful in Hope”: 2020 BISHOP’S LENTEN APPEAL -- The BLA is critical to our diocesan needs and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord’s work — works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people. Thank you!
**St. Michael Parish Lenten Suppers**

*March 20, 27, and April 03*

Please join us Fridays this Lenten Season from 5:30 PM - 7 PM in the All Purpose Room, as we start off our 13th year of Parish Lenten Suppers!

This season our menu (while supplies last) will include:
(2) Meatless Soup choices, Fish Sticks & Fries, Bread and Salad; **Trail Life Troop VA 0894** will provide cheese pizza; Drinks include Water, Lemonade or Iced Tea, & Coffee.

Free-will donations received will benefit a Pro-Life charity.

**Regarding inclement weather, the Fairfax County Schools Policy will be followed.**

++If you would like to volunteer (preparations, serving, clean-up), please contact: Jermaine Perkins at 703-658-4876 or e-mail wrauthor@gmail.com.

**++All adult volunteers need to be fully compliant with the Diocese of Arlington.**

**ABSTINENCE -- on Fridays during Lent. Abstinence** means eating no meat, and no soup or gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholic over the age of 14. Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc. automatically excuse a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious obligations. In cases of doubt or question, the priest who hears a person’s confession should be consulted.

**Stations of the Cross -- will be held at 7 p.m. on Fridays during Lent. This traditional practice is a great way to enhance your prayer life this season. All are encouraged to attend; bring your family!** *Note it takes the place of the weekly Family Holy Hour.

**Perpetual Adoration -- We are currently in most need for adoration members on:** Sundays 3 a.m.-4 a.m.; Tuesdays midnight-1 a.m., 4-5 a.m. and noon-1 p.m.; Wednesdays 1-2 a.m.; Thursdays 1-2 p.m.; Fridays 3-4 a.m., 6-7 a.m., 3-4 p.m., and 4-5 p.m.; Saturdays 5-6 p.m. To sign up for an adoration hour, or for more information, contact Rosemary Duffy at 703-256-4468.

**St. Michael's Seniors Group (50+) -- has cancelled March activities.**

**American Heritage & Trail Life VA 0894 Corner**

**AHG’s Recycling Program -- AHG Troop's next recycle program collection date will be on 3/21 - 3/22. Collection of aluminum cans, recyclable metal, and food cans will take place AFTER the following masses: 5 PM Saturday Vigil and Sunday's 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. Want to learn more about our programs and programs? Please contact Jim Perkins at jim@jimperkins to attend a Trail Life troop meeting and Jermaine Perkins at wrauthor@gmail.com to attend an AHG troop meeting.**

**Please Pray for:** Marco Tulio Gamba; Ethel Apostolico*; Lucas Velleco; Sean Campbell; Terry Spragens; Madelyn Respicio Catic; Rose Bledsoe; Bob Cafarella; Elsa Noriega*; Paul McEnrue*; Julia Garcia; John and Marie Sibenik*; Priscilla Chaney*; Irma Barrera; Peter Pomotto; Jean Kratochvil*; John Carlson; Elizabeth Medved*; Robert and Courtney Villareal*; Tracy Wilson; Michael Malovic*; Rosemary Dooley*; Ariadne Pasa; Maria Kerrinckx*; Marissa Ann Wuerthele*; Diana Pascoe; Cecile McNeill*; Tuy Nguyen*; Ellen Louise Daily; Steve Maitland*; Rosemary Furcher*; Dan Keller; Lili Lang; Eileen Carroll-Doshier; June & Norman Grimm*; Russell King*; Julia & Sophia Lattanzio; Mauricio Posada; Robert Peternell*; Carlton Hanson; Sr. Paul Marie; Yoshimu Kadota; Stephan Nguyen*; Carmen T. Deshler*; Delia Sinn; Matt Skube, Jr.; Julie Molony Lee; John Bresnaham*; Andrew F. Zaccardi*; Sr. Maria Jordan; Joe Meister; Mary Roche*; Michael Anthony Urban; with apologies to anyone we dropped; to re-add names call the Parish Office.

**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; LUG Grace Dalton, USNavy; LTJG Andre Avevedo, USNavy; Maj. John D. Barringer, III, USAF; John P. Hoang USMC; ENS Stephan Avevedo USNavy; David Hayes, Jr. USNavy; Sgt. Edward Imperati, Jr. USMC; LCpl Ethan Anderson; David Blincoe, USCg; and…. [call Mary at the parish office, 703-256-7822, and we’ll keep our prayers going for our military in harms way.]

**The best way to have a happy and joyful Easter is to have a Lent that is a season of preparation (prayer, fasting and almsgiving).** To help you enter the spirit of Lent, we are offering two opportunities for personal and communal reflection: a short daily reflection and a weekly course on the Last Things (Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell). You will get these items if you join Flocknote. Just under three hundred of you have already joined, but our parish is many more than three hundred. **There are three options for joining:**

1. Text to Join: Text “STMICHAEL1” to 84576. This will generate a return text which will collect the needed information (first and last names, email address, and smart phone number).

2. Use the internet: go to “stmichaelchurch1.flocknote.com” and last names, email address, and smart phone number)

3. Send me an email with the needed information to dsmjr1@gmail.com. Flocknote is an important link for us to be able to communicate with you about many things from the sublime (helping you experience the joy and consolation of our Catholic faith) to the mundane (weather closings and schedule changes).
**40 Days for Life** -- From now through April 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 3PM - 6PM on every Thursday for the following six weeks on: March 19th, March 26th and April 2nd. In case you are not available on these dates and times, please come pray any days and any time between 7AM - 7PM at your convenience. Sign in sheets for Thursdays from 3PM to 6PM is available at the table by the Adoration Chapel. Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you would like more information and/or you would like to volunteer to help, please contact: Anh Tu Do at 703-919-4370 or e-mail anhdo18@gmail.com. Feel free to visit www.40daysforlife.com for more information.

** CCD/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our CCD/Religious Education Program is in need of catechists and aides. If you enjoy talking about God, the saints, and the Church, come and give teaching the Faith a try. Experience is lovely but not a requirement. The Diocese offers a wonderful and free certification program. If you are interested in joining our merry little band of teachers, please contact Adina Ordonez at ccdstm@outlook.com.

**In Our Diocese

The Falls Church-Annandale Lions Club -- is holding its last Fruit Sale Fundraiser for the season on 21 March, 2020 from 8:15 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. or sold out. The sale will be held on the grounds of the Annandale Swim and Tennis Club, next to the Wendy's on Little River Turnpike. The Lions appreciate the support of our community in raising funds that are used for sight and hearing conservation, as well as community support and youth activities.

**THE SHROUD OF TURIN TALK AND REPLICA IS COMING TO SEVERAL CHURCHES IN THE DIocese DURING MARCH AND APRIL.** -- Considered one of the greatest mysteries of our time, the Shroud of Turin continues to amaze and baffle scientists, doctors, historians, artists and theologians. Scientists cannot explain the source of the image which contains photographic and 3-D properties on a cloth that is centuries old. Is this the actual burial cloth of Jesus Christ? You can be the judge. Bill Wingard will present the case for authenticity that has already been delivered on the east and west coasts, including at M.I.T. Come, see a full-size replica of the Shroud and the photographic negative images that sparked an explosion of scientific interest and debate over a century ago and which continues to this day. Presentations will be at Our Lady of Lourdes (3/15 @ 6PM); St. Lawrence (3/22 @ 2:30 PM); Our Lady of Hope (3/29 @ 7 PM); St. Bridget (4/5 @ 7 PM); St. Mary of Sorrows (4/6 @ 7 PM) and Holy Trinity (4/8 @ 7PM).

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS** -- Saint Michael Catholic School is looking for Substitute Teachers. If interested, please contact Mau reen Carls at maureen.carlstrom@stmikes22003.org or 703-256-1222.

**KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE** -- Please join us on March 18th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. for a Kindergarten Open House. We offer a safe, caring and nurturing kindergarten program that will benefit you and your child. Come learn first-hand what it is like to be part of our school family! A presentation will begin at 9:15am followed by a tour of our school and a visit to the kindergarten classroom. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Michelle Kennedy at michelle.kennedy@stmikes22003.org or call the school office at 703-256-1222 for more information.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION** -- Registration for the 2020-2021 School year is now Open. Our seats are filling fast. Please contact the school office for Registration Information. FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications will be completed electronically online at: www.factsmsgt.com Deadline is March 18, 2020. No assistance will be given without completed FACTS application and you must be registered with the school. You must submit financial aid assessment application and all supporting tax documentation by due date. Come and take a tour to see why your children should attend Saint Michael School. Our next for PreK3-8th grade OPEN HOUSE is on March 26th, 9:00am-11:00am. If you have any questions, please call Michelle Kennedy at 703-256-1222 or michelle.kennedy@stmikes22003.org.

**SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION** -- Paradise Island...Put on your Hawaiian shirt and come enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship! The Saint Michael’s PTO would like to invite all parishioners to the Annual Auction event on Saturday, March 21st, from 6:30-11:00 pm in the school cafetaria. Tickets are $40/single and $75/couple. Cash and checks accepted. Tickets will be sold at the door for $50/single and $90/couple. Contact Auction@stmikes22003.org with questions or if you would like to donate an item or service to be auctioned off at the event!

**VOCATIONS MASS** -- Our 8th Grade Students attended a Vocations Mass at All Saints Church in Manassas this past Monday. This was attended by all current 8th grade students in the Diocese. The theme was Go Forth: Called and Chosen. Each student received a Daily Prayer Card to Discover their Vocation and a Vocations medal that they had blessed by Bishop Burbidge after Mass.

**A CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR CHILD’S FUTURE

We, the children of God at Saint Michael Catholic School, live the Gospel message by fostering a spirit of worship, a commitment to service, and a continuous love of learning.