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SCHOOL, 7401A St. Michaels Lane **703-256-1222**
CONVENT, 7421 St. Michaels Lane, Annandale, VA 22003
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MASSES:

Saturday Vigil:

5:00 p.m.

Sunday:

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses: See Inside Bulletin

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. SHARP.

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 assistance and more information.

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 Communion Calls to the sick and shut-in.

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: Zachary Beckman, 571-385-0085 or reled@stmikes22003.org.

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.

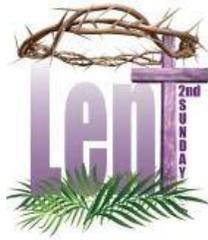
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

9:30 a.m. — 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and until 4 p.m. on Friday.

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

CLERGY OF PARISH

Pastor: Rev. Alexander R. Drummond
Parochial Vicars: Rev. Michael J. Folmar
Rev. John F. Heisler
Permanent Deacon: Deacon David S. McCaffrey



**2nd Sunday
of Lent**

March 16, 2025

The Priest's Mass Intentions

- Saturday, March 15
- 8:30 a.m. Christian Mothers
- 5 p.m. Lorraine Rabil +
- Sunday, March 16
- 8:30 a.m. Pro Populo
- 10:30 a.m. Cherry McMahon
- 12:30 p.m. William Swingler +
- Monday, March 17
- 8:30 a.m. Therese of Child Jesus Trang
- 12 noon Beatriz Masilang +
- Tuesday, March 18
- 8:30 a.m. Jon Schnur
- 12 noon Femme Santos +
- Wednesday, March 19
- 8:30 a.m. Garufi Family
- 12 noon Taylor Garcia
- Thursday, March 20
- 8:30 a.m. Catherine Huynh +
- 12 noon Al Urban, Findlay Urban,
& Nicholas Nicaise +
- Friday, March 21
- 8:30 a.m. Carleton & Lucrecia Hanson
- 12 noon Julieta/Getulio Fuster +
- Saturday, March 22
- 8:30 a.m. Fantu Bekelu +
- 5 p.m. Lorraine Rabil +
- Sunday, March 23
- 8:30 a.m. Pro Populo
- 10:30 a.m. Paul Hoan Pham
- 12:30 p.m. Peter Huong Le +

A Word from Fr. Drummond

Miriam, the sister of Moses, is not generally seen as prophetess of the rank of Deborah or Huldah, even though she is called a prophetess in Exodus 15:20. Moses's sister does play a key role in this infancy story, watching the baby in his basket floating in the reeds and then volunteering to find a Nurse maid for him

when he is taken from the water by Pharaoh's daughter. However, no name is given to the sister and we simply assume it is the same Miriam who later appears.

When Miriam is finally mentioned by name in Exodus 15:20, she is described as Aaron's sister. However, in numbers 26:59 a brief Levite genealogy lists Miriam as a sister to both Aaron and Moses, all three being the children of Amram and his wife Jochebed daughter of Levi. According to Exodus 12:20, Miriam timbrel in hand leads the women in dancing after Pharaoh's army has been washed away in the Red Sea.

Her next appearance is less positive. In numbers 12, both Miriam and Aaron suffer a pique of sibling rivalry as they speak against Moses. They are upset that Moses has married a Cushite woman. "Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also?". The text then continues that Moses himself is a meek man, the implication being that he is being picked on. And indeed, the Lord immediately comes to Moses's defense. "With prophets, God tells them He speaks in dreams but with Moses, He speaks "mouth to mouth". This is actually quite a frightening moment as God manifests His anger. When He departs, Miriam is leprous, "white as snow ". It is curious to me that only Miriam is afflicted. Aaron is perhaps spared because of his role as priest. At any rate Aaron pleads with Moses and after a period of seven days outside the camp Miriam is cleansed.

This episode is given to us, I believe, to demonstrate two things. First Moses's unique relationship with God. The Lord Himself says that Moses is superior to the prophets (with whom He only speaks in dreams). And it is through Moses's intervention that Miriam is cured. Secondly, this episode speaks to the character of Moses. He is a man without prejudice as the marrying of a Cushite wife indicates, and the text stresses that he is meek. He seems to endure silently the complaints of his siblings: it is God who takes offense on his behalf. And when his sister is punished, he intercedes for her. There is no gloating - "You got what you deserved." Such an attitude is indeed alien to him.

So we really do not know that much about Miriam. Her great claim to fame is that she is Moses's sister. There are no recorded prophesies of hers but there is an account of her punishment. She is also called a prophet in Exodus 15, but we really only have her word that God also speaks through her.

Lenten Lecture Series

With Fr. Heisler

Passion to Pentecost

March 24, 31, April 7
7 p.m.
All Purpose Room

In Our Parish

“Abounding in Hope” - is the theme for this year’s 2025 Bishop’s Lenten Appeal (BLA). Your pledge will help sustain the good works funded by the BLS which offer vital services and assistance to those in need across our communities. We are asking every family to participate to help our parish make our goal. By participating in the BLA, we renew our commitment to the Lord with a response to His call to serve our brothers and sisters. You may go on line to make a donation at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla

Salt and Light Ministry (SALM) -- is open to young adults (18-39) at St. Michael’s. The mission is to be the SALT of the earth and the LIGHT of the world! Matthew 5:13-16. Visit <https://linktr.ee/saltandlightyoungadults> to get connected.

- Please join the SALM Young Adults (age 18-39) at St Philip Catholic Church on Saturday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. for a night of Praise and Worship. For more information and to RSVP: <https://partiful.com/e/S0lqjrHKwK6DeB1mcEZk>.

Perpetual Adoration -- *St. Augustine says, "Look upon the beauty of your Lover."* Spend time with Him in front of the Blessed Sacrament this Lent! We are in need of adorers at these times:

- Monday 2-3 p.m.**
- Wednesday 7-8 a.m. and 2-3 p.m.**
- Friday 2-3 a.m. and 2-3 p.m.**
- Saturday 7-8 a.m.**

Please consider spending an hour with the Lord! If you would like more information about perpetual adoration at St. Michael, or to sign up, contact Rosemary Duffy at 703-256-4468.

Legion of Mary -- was founded by Servant of God, Frank Duff, with the primary goal of the sanctification of its members, by supporting the parish via apostolic works and evangelization. To find out more about what this group does for our parish, or how to become an active participant or an auxiliary (praying) member, contact their President, Jim Caruso, at carusofairfax@gmail.com.

- **Pilgrim Virgin Visits:** Our Lady of Fatima brought the world a message of conversion, prayer, and penance for the salvation of souls and peace in the world. In honor of Our Lady, the Legion of Mary brings a Pilgrim Virgin Statue to homes in the parish on a Saturday or Sunday for a weeklong visit. It is a simple installation ceremony with prayers and a rosary before the statue of Our Lady. We will retrieve the statue with closing prayers at the end of the week. To request a visitation, please contact Jim Caruso 703-303-8927 or Linda Roberts 571-216-4841 by phone or text message.

Please Pray for: Pat Daly*; Carlos Reguerin*; Stone Uhre; Sean and Cynthia Clark*; Joanne Pearing*; Hailey Steiniger; Sr. Paul Marie; Yoshimi Kadota; Stephan Nguyen*; Mr. Nhuong Le; Carmen Deshler*; Julie Molony Lee; Andrew Christian; Paul Klimavicz; Vicki D. Fox*; Ironda Dos Santos; Mary Fontaine*; Christopher Tran; Marco Tulio Gamba; Mary C. Doss; Ethel Apostolico*; Richard & Norma Geiger*; Sean & Chrissy Campbell; Terry Spragens; Christopher Solomon*; Debi Hochgertle; Bob Cafarella; Elsa Noriega*; David Randall*; Paul McEnrue*; Julia Garcia; John and Marie Sibenik*; George Szele; Robert Candler*; Peter Pometto; John Kennelly*; Miriam Kennelly*; Priscilla Chaney*; Irma Barrera; Michael and Patricia Cole; Lucie Le*; Charlene Morison; James Vitalie*; Maria Castro; Arianne Yzabelle; Daniel Randall*; John Carlson; Courtney Villareal*; Tracy Wilson; Tom & Charlene Sheffler*; Mark & Jennifer McGowan; Laura &

Collin McGowan; Carol Lloyd*; Ariadne Pasa; Maria Gorey*; Thomas Siemer*; Diana Pascoe; Lauren Hagelin; Evelyn Lang*; Cindy Hall; Cecile McNeill*; Gloria Tansey*; Micah Nguyen; Mohammad E. Musa; Joan Pistolessi*; Tuy Nguyen*; Zoe Green*; Paul B. Haring*; Ellen Louise Daily; Steve Maitland*; Carroll Walker; Dan Keller; Ruth Nicaise Smokowski; Carolyn Nugent-Cole; Lucy Cole*; Barbara (Babby) Dashiell; Joe Armstead; Jane O’Connor; Gerry Connolly; Fred Caovan*; Richard Fox*; Kathleen Foster*; Joyce Bryant; Joseph Jose; Lili Lang; Diane McGill*; Loretta A. Wack; Eileen Carroll-Doshier; Norman Grimm*; Patino family*; Julia & Sophia Lattanzio; Mauricio Posada; Virginia Hukill: *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; LtJG Grace Dalton, USNavy; Lt. Col. John D. Barringer, III, USAF; John P. Hoang USMC; David Hayes, Jr. USNavy; David Blincoe, USMC; Kevin Coleman, USAF; Tommy Do, USArmy; PO3 Daniel Hash, USN and.... [call Mary at the parish office, 703-256-7822, and we’ll keep our prayers going for our military in harms way.]



Knights of Columbus -- is the largest Catholic men's organization in the world! The Msgr. Scannell Council here at Saint Michael does many good works of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism for our parish community. If you have any questions on membership, please contact Grand Knight Javier Almodovar, gk14523@vakofc.org, or any Msgr. Scannell Council member. It is very easy to join; scan the QR code or go to www.kofc.org/un/newjoin/en/ and put in the Saint Michael Council Number 14523. All Catholic men from our parish wanting to make a difference are encouraged to join our fraternity.

The Secular Carmelites -- Is God calling you? Secular Carmelites are those lay faithful, who by a special vocation, undertake to live an evangelical life in the world, imbued with the spirit of contemplation, in imitation of our Carmelite Saints and the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is open to all, men and women, married or single. A local Community of Secular Carmelites meet here the **second Sunday of each month**, and we invite you to reach out to us and arrange for a visit to learn more. Contact Kathy Izquierdo at kizquierdo2@yahoo.com for more information.

Stations of the Cross
Fridays of Lent
 (now through April 18 at 7pm)

Stations of the Cross

ABSTINENCE on Fridays during Lent -- *Abstinence* means eating no meat, and no soup or gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics 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. confession should be consulted.

Faith Formation/Religious Education

CONTINUE INVESTING IN YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH! St. Michael's Religious Education offers many opportunities to continue learning and growing in your own faith, while also supporting your fellow parish families. Learn more about our programs by clicking the "FAITH FORMATION" tab on our website, stmichaelannandale.org/. We offer:

- **Monday Night Religious Education** classes for Grades 1-8 and High School. We are always looking for catechists and assistants - get in touch with our DRE, Zachary Beckman, to find out how you can share your time, talents, or treasure (email: reled@stmikes22003.org, phone: 571-385-0085).
- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** sessions for ages 3-12. To learn more, visit stmichaelannandale.org/atrium, and get in touch with our Atrium Coordinator at [st.michael.atrium@gmail.com!](mailto:st.michael.atrium@gmail.com)
- **Adult Bible Study** weekly meetings to deepen your understanding of our Liturgy and the Bible. To learn more, visit [stmichaelannandale.org/adultbiblestudy/!](http://stmichaelannandale.org/adultbiblestudy/)
- **RCIA** weekly meetings for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA classes are for those who have not been Baptized, those who are Baptized but not as Catholics, or for those who have been Baptized Catholic but who have not yet received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Interested, or know someone who is? Get in touch with our DRE, Zachary Beckman, to find out how you can get started (email: reled@stmikes22003.org, phone: 571-385-0085).

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1. Text to Join: text "STMICHAEL1" to 84576. There is a return text. Supply the requested information (first and last name, email address, smart phone number), or

2. Log on to

stmichael1@flocknote.com. That gets you to a place for you to supply the above information, or

3. Email Dcn. McCaffrey at dsmjr1@gmail.com with the above information.



If there is any disturbance, or if you see a person acting erratically, do not hesitate to call 911.

School News



Do you love FRESH Krispy Kreme and supporting the students at St. Michael School? Support the SMS Angelic Choir by Pre-Ordering delicious Krispy Kreme donuts! We order bi-weekly, donuts are available for pickup from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the school lobby for parishioners NOT picking up students from school. Scan the QR Code or use the link bit.ly/SMSChoirDonuts to order yours now! Pickup dates are: 3/21, 4/4 and 4/17. Support our Choir as they make their way to competition in Hershey, PA! For any questions, please email christine.norris@stmikes22003.org.



Do you like working with children? Would you like to be a part of our team? We are in need of substitute teachers for this school year. Please call the school office at 703-256-1222. Or email the school principal Annie Fernandez at annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org

REGISTRATION INFORMATION – We are currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 School Year. We invite you to call the school office and schedule a tour to see all the wonderful things that happen at Saint Michael School. Our classes are filled on a first registered basis. For more information please call the school office at 703-256-1222 or email office@stmikes22003.org.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

We, the children of God at St. Michael Catholic School, strive to learn and embody the Gospel message, achieve academic excellence, and selflessly serve others.

Around the Diocese

Spiritual Date Night -- Join with married and engaged couples for an evening highlighting the practical aspects of Living Forgiveness in Marriage and emphasizing Healthy Conflict Resolution. The Saturday, March 29th, 7 -9 pm event will be held at Divine Mercy University located at 45154 Underwood Lane; Sterling, VA 20166. Kindly go to <https://regnumchristidc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2768954> to register.



Christendom College Open House -- on April 26: visitors can tour campus, hear from the college President, attend a sample class, and get their questions answered on all topics including Christendom's outstanding alumni employment rates, financial aid, and even what students do with their free time. Christendom College is the only Catholic College in the Arlington Diocese on the *Newman Guide for Choosing a Catholic College*. To register, please visit www.christendom.edu/openhouse.

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