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CONVENT, 7421 St. Michaels Lane, Annandale, VA 22003
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) **571-385-0085**

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



3rd Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

The Priest's Mass Intentions

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 +

Monday, March 24

8:30 a.m. George Goodman
12 noon Darlene Slovan +

Tuesday, March 25

8:30 a.m. Rose Afriyie
12 noon Abe Castillo +

Wednesday, March 26

8:30 a.m. Olga Maldonado +
12 noon Fred Sergio +

Thursday, March 27

8:30 a.m. Hung Pham +
12 noon Grace Sherry

Friday, March 28

8:30 a.m. Maria Nga Duong +
12 noon Matthew Schnur

Saturday, March 29

8:30 a.m. The Lavin Family
5 p.m. Pat Santiago +

Sunday, March 30

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo
10:30 a.m. Jaime Athill Sr. & Jr.
12:30 p.m. Fritz Creter +

A Word from Fr. Drummond

One of the most mysterious figures of the Old Testament is Enoch son of Jared and the father of Methuselah (the longest lived man in Sacred Scripture). The Book of Genesis gives us a brief account, telling us that Enoch was the son of Jared who was 162 years old at the birth of Enoch and then lived an additional 800 years! Enoch himself fathered Methuselah at the

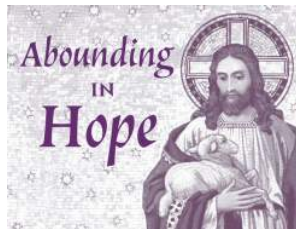
age of 65 and then "walked with God" for another 300 years. His story ends abruptly when Scripture repeats that "Enoch walked with God," then adding, "and he was not for God took him."

This is where it gets mysterious. For Jared, Methuselah and Lamech, Methuselah's son, Scripture notes that at the end of their years they died. But in Enoch's case, Scripture tells us, "and he was not for God took him." This is generally taken to mean that Enoch bodily went to Heaven, although the text is oblique. At the time God took Enoch he had reached an earthly age of 365. The notes in The Navarre Bible cite 365 as being a perfect number since it is the number of days in a year. At the time, Enoch's father Jared was still alive.

In the New Testament, there is a bit more clarity on Enoch's fate as we read in Hebrews 11:5, "By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death and he was not found because God had taken him." Hebrews adds that Enoch had pleased God, and that this could only be done by faith. In the Epistle of Jude, Enoch is cited as having prophesied against the sinfulness of the people, but does not mention him being "taken."

There are a number of apocryphal books attributed to Enoch. These are of a later date and are not accepted as Scriptural (except in the Ethiopian Coptic Church which has an Ethiopic version). These works are imaginative and sometimes interesting, but they really tell us more of what their anonymous authors believed than they tell us of the actual Enoch.

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 BLA 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 online to make a donation at www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla.

Lenten Lecture Series

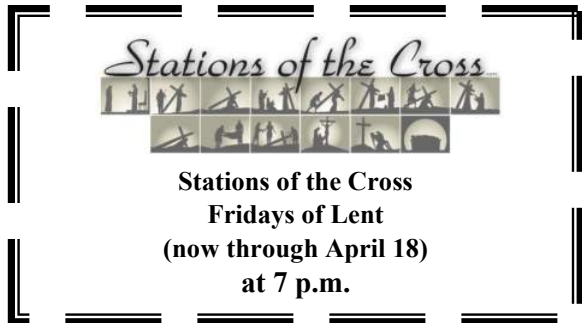
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Passion to Pentecost

March 24, 31, April 7
7 p.m.

All Purpose Room

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.



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>.

Join the Knights of Columbus! --

Simply scan QR code; click sign up...

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Any questions/issues, email:

JoinTheKnights@VAKofC.org or

gk14523@vakofc.org. For more information on the Knights of Columbus, log onto: <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>.

- The MaRiH Center (pronounced Mariah-Mary Arose in Haste) was founded in 1974 by Joan and Jim Coleman, long-time parishioners at Saint Michael Church. The MaRiH Center, worked 100% by volunteers, is located in Alexandria and helps women with crisis pregnancies. All operation costs and items are donated. More information on the MaRiH Center can be found at <https://marih.org/>. The Knight of Columbus will be holding a diaper and wipes drive for the MaRiH Center the weekend of April 5, 2025. All sizes of children's diapers, especially sizes for 4 through 6, are always needed.

Perpetual Adoration -- *Come spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament this Lent, and beyond!* 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.

- Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary in your home: dedicate yourself and your family to the Divine Heart of Jesus and the pure heart of Mary to live in union with them by love, grace, and obedience to Our Lord's commandments. Enthronements are conducted on Saturdays and Sundays and can also be done in connection with Pilgrim Virgin Statue visitations. If you wish to have an Enthronement in your home, please contact Jim Caruso 703-303-8927 or Linda Roberts 571-216-4841 by phone or text message.

Please Pray for: Carlos Reguerin*; Stone Uhre; Sean and Cynthia Clark*; Joanne Pearring*; 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; 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 Pistolesi*; 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; Pat Daly*; *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.]

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.

Be Sure to Join Flocknote



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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.

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)
- **OCIA** weekly meetings for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. The OCIA 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).



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: 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



Seminarians to be ordained Transitional Deacons -- On April 26, 2025, Bishop Burbidge will ordain twelve seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate: James Harbour, Donghan Lee, Sean Mazary, Eric McDade, Alexander Solsma, Teko Teko-Agbo and Aaron Zanca. The Mass will be held at The Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington at 11:00 a.m. and will also be livestreamed. Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations to learn more about these men, what led them to seminary, and about the ordination events. Pray for our future priests!

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