

# *St. Michael Church*

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**SCHOOL, 7401A St. Michaels Lane**      **703-256-1222**

**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

## **CONFSSIONS:**

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 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](http://stmikes22003.org). Principal: Annie Fernandez, [annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org](mailto:annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org).

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

For all children attending public school, Grades 1-12. Director of Religious Education: Adina Ordóñez, 571-385-0085 or [reled@stmikes22003.org](mailto: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 Vicar: Rev. Michael J. Folmar**

**Permanent Deacons: Deacon David S. McCaffrey**

PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

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The Priest's Mass Intentions

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Saturday, March 23

8:30 a.m. Dan Mataya +  
5 p.m. Jeffrey M. Perkins +

Sunday, March 24

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:30 a.m. Pedro Iraneta +  
12:30 p.m. Catherine Huynh +  
Monday, March 25

8:30 a.m. Rose Afriyie  
12 noon Anna Maria Hoang, Thi Sen +

Tuesday, March 26

8:30 a.m. Catherine Huynh +  
12 noon CANCELLED due to Chrism Mass

Wednesday, March 27

8:30 a.m. Mary Alexandra Nguyen +  
12 noon Katheryn Wimer +

Thursday, March 28

7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Good Friday, March 29

12 noon—3 p.m. Tre Ore

3 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
Holy Saturday, March 30

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil  
EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:30 a.m. Harry Coupe +  
12:30 p.m. Fritz Creter +

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A Word from Fr. Drummond

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Last Saturday the Federal Association of the Order of Malta held its annual Anointing Mass where "malades" or those suffering from any disease receive the Sacrament of Anointing. This year I attended the Mass both in my capacity as a Chaplain of the Order and as a malade so as to receive the anointing myself. Far more important than a physical healing or cure is a spiritual healing. I received the Sacrament in the hope that it will strengthen me to bear with joy whatever trials lay before me and when the time comes to die a Happy Death.

This month marks four years that I have been taking the oral chemotherapy Alecensa. According to my oncologist it is "amazing" that the drug continues to be effective and that my tolerance for it has been rather high. Personally I thought I would be dead by now but I'm not, not yet.

When a person is diagnosed with cancer other people

are often at a loss at what to say. All that is needed is, "I'm sorry to hear that, I will keep you in my prayers." And if we are close to that person we might add, "If you need me to do anything, please ask."

Then there are others who are well meaning but misguided and want to know what treatment you are doing and then offer whatever remedy or cure that they have heard, or the "superfoods" they either use themselves or have heard of. That can, frankly, be annoying. Similarly there are those that have their own special devotions which they see as a remedy. I have had about a half dozen people approach me with as many different "Blesseds" who need just one more miracle to be canonized and they want me to be that miracle. However, with so many different Blessed being invoked on my behalf, if I were miraculously healed no one of them could claim credit over the others. This might cause some to say, "Don't you want to be healed?" My response is simply that all I want is for God's Will for me to be done *whatever* that may be and that when my time comes — sooner or later — I may be found in a State of Grace and so have a Happy Death.

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Holy Week/Easter

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**CONFESIONS:** On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, confessions will be available in the evening at 6:30 p.m. sharp. On Good Friday, confessions will be heard from 12 noon – 2:30 p.m. On Holy Saturday, confessions will be heard from 9 – 10 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Special Eucharistic holy hour with music and meditation by Mark Forrest at 7 p.m.

**THE SACRED TRIDUUM**

**Holy Thursday:** *Mass of the Lord's Supper* will be at 7 p.m.

**Adoration Chapel Schedule:** Just before the Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper at 7 p.m., the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed and the Adoration Chapel will be closed. Directly after the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be returned to the chapel for adoration until Midnight. At Midnight, the Chapel will close and will remain closed through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, until after the Easter Vigil Mass.

**Good Friday:** *7 Last Words (Tre Ore)* from 12 – 3 p.m.  
*Celebration of the Lord's Passion* will be at 3 p.m.

Good Friday is a day of **Fast & Abstinence**. *Fast* means one main meal per day and two smaller, meatless meals (that do not equal the large meal) for all between the ages of 18 and 59 (inclusive). *Abstinence* means no meat or meat products are to be eaten and is applicable to all who are 14 years or older. These are minimum standards for the observance of the Lenten penitential period of preparation and no Catholic may lightly excuse him/herself from them.

**Holy Saturday:** *Blessing of the Easter Baskets* will be at 10:15 a.m. on island in front of the church.

\*\*\*There are NO Confessions from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**Easter Vigil:** Sunset, approx. 8:30 p.m. (note: no 5 p.m.)

**Easter Sunday Mass:** 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

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## In Our Parish

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**Please be mindful, and drive with caution, following the speed limit, slowing down at speed humps, and come to complete stop at stop signs. Be courteous to other parishioners, as well as to our local neighbors!**

**Holy Land Woodcarvers** -- On the weekend of March 23/24, 2024, there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land in our church. These carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their main source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships especially now because of the volatile situation in their home country. Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. There is less than 1% now. As Christians of Faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. YOU can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass. For more information, contact us at 202-302-5889 or visit [www.BethlehemCarvings.org](http://www.BethlehemCarvings.org).

**The Second Collection** -- this weekend is for the Monsignor Scannell Scholarship Fund.

**FaithDirect** -- Getting started with eGiving is easy; sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/VA409](http://faith.direct/VA409). Extra pamphlets can be found in the main vestibule, or inquire at the parish office. Thank you for your support of the St. Michael Church family!

**FASTING & ABSTINENCE on Good Friday** -- *Fast* means one main meal per day and two smaller, meatless meals (that do not equal the large meal) for all between the ages of 18 and 59 (inclusive). *Abstinence* means no meat or meat products are to be eaten and is applicable to all who are 14 years or older. These are minimum standards for the observance of the Lenten penitential period of preparation and no Catholic may lightly excuse him/herself from them.

**Pontifical Good Friday Collection (March 29)** -- Pope Francis has asked us to support this collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org) or [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org).

**2024 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)** -- This annual appeal provides support to various programs, ministries and services helping tens of thousands of people throughout our Diocese. After reflecting upon God's blessings to you, please consider a pledge to the



BLA. Each donation is vital to the success of the appeal and the important work that it funds. You may complete a pledge card at church (extra envelopes available in the vestibule or parish office), or mail in your pledge, go online to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code.

**Please note that for Holy Week** -- the parish office will be closed on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. It will also be closed on Easter Monday.

**Perpetual Adoration** -- *"I see the angelic choirs giving you honor without cease."* ~ St. Mary Faustina Kowalska  
We are currently in need of weekly adorers for these hours:

**Sundays 3-4 a.m.**

**Wednesdays 3-4 a.m., 4-5 a.m., and 6-7 p.m.**

**Thursdays 2-3 a.m., 9-10 a.m., and 11 p.m.—12 midnight**

**Fridays 1-2 p.m.**

If you can help fill any of these spots, or if you need more information, please contact Rosemary Duffy at 703.256-4468.

**The Knights of Columbus** -- is the largest Catholic men's organization in the world! The Mgsr. Scannell Council here at S. Michael does many good works of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism for our parish and community. It is very easy to join online; go to [www.kofc.org/un/newjoin/en/](http://www.kofc.org/un/newjoin/en/) and put in the St. Michael Council Number 14523. If you have any questions on membership, contact Grand Knight, Javier Almodóvar, [jalmodovar.kofc@gmail.com](mailto:jalmodovar.kofc@gmail.com), or any Mgsr. Scannell Council member.

**Please Pray for:** Daniel Randall\*; John Carlson; Courtney Vilareal\*; Tracy Wilson; Tom & Charlene Sheffler; Carol Lloyd\*; Ariadne Pasa; Maria Gorey\*; Thomas Siemer\*; Diana Pascoe; Lauren Hagelin; Evelyn Lang\*; Cindy Hall; Cecile McNeill\*; Gloria Tansey\*; Tuy Nguyen\*; Paul B. Haring\*; Ellen Louise Daily; Steve Maitland\*; Carolyn Newgent Cole; Carroll Walker; Dan Keller; Robert John Nicaise, Sr.; Ruth Nicaise Smokowski; Joan Urban\*; Barbara (Babby) Dashiell; Joe Armstead; Jane O'Connor; Joyce Bryant; Joseph Jose; Lili Lang; Diane McGill\*; Loretta A. Wack; Eileen Carroll-Doshier; Norman Grimm\*; Patino family\*; Edward Imperati\*; Julia & Sophia Lattanzio; Mauricio Posada; Pat Daly\*; 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; Mark & Jennifer McGowan; 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 Spragans; Christopher Solomon\*; Debi Hochgertle; Bob Cafarella; Gianna Sieve (Baby); Micheline Kwalczyk\*; Elsa Noriega\*; David Randall\*; Paul McEnrue\*; Julia Garcia; John and Marie Sibenik\*; George Szele; Robert Candler\*; Peter Pometto; John Kennelly\*; Bernard & Miriam Kennelly\*; Priscilla Chaney\*; Irma Barrera; Michael and Patricia Cole; Lucie Le\*; Charlene Morison; James Vitalie\*; Maria Castro; Arianne Yzabelle; Lucy Cole\*; *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; LTJG Andre Acevedo, USNavy; Lt. Col. John D. Barringer, III, USAF; John P. Hoang USMC; ENS Stephan Acevedo USNavy; David Hayes, Jr. USNavy; David Blincoe, USMC; Kevin Coleman, USAF; Tommy Do, USAArmy; Sgt. Edward E. Imperati, USMC; PFC Charles D.

**Salt and Light Ministry (SALM)** -- is a vibrant community of young adults (18-39 years old) at St. Michael's. Their mission is to be the SALT of the earth and the LIGHT of the world. Matthew 5:13-16. For more details or questions, email us at [saltandlightyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:saltandlightyoungadults@gmail.com). Visit <https://linktr.ee/saltandlightyoungadults> to get connected!

**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>.

#### Faith Formation/Religious Education

Information on our Religious Education, Atrium & Adult Bible Study programs, as well as information on the reception of First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation, can be found at [stmichaelannandale.org/religiouseducation.org](http://stmichaelannandale.org/religiouseducation.org).

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):** Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? Please call or email Adina Ordonez ([cdstm@outlook.com](mailto:cdstm@outlook.com), 571-385-0085).

A diocesan-sponsored catechist certification course is being offered in Front Royal starting in January. David Wallace, who has served the diocese for 16 years as a DRE and teaches at Christendom College, will guide parents, catechists, and teachers through the Creed, the Sacraments, the Church's moral teachings, and her life of prayer to provide a solid foundation for family faith formation and traditional catechesis. Let David's expertise answer your questions and help you share the faith. All are welcome to this free series of training sessions. To register: <https://forms.office.com/r/Dg8ht7Eadm>

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3. Email Dcn. McCaffrey at dsmjrl@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.

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#### School News



**St. Michael School's annual fundraiser and auction** -- will be held this year on Saturday, May 18th starting at 6pm. This casual event will feature VA beer and wines for tasting as well as a BBQ dinner. Tickets are \$50 per person. More information will be forthcoming.

**CYO Track & Field Spring 2024** -- has begun! St. Michael Parish CCD, Homeschool and School students in 3rd-8th grades should sign up at <https://reg.sportspilot.com/106554> by April 2. Practices are Wednesdays 6:30-8PM at Annandale High School and Fridays 3:30-5:00 PM at St. Mike's. Diocesan meet will be on May 18. Fees are \$15 per runner. Questions? Contact CYO Coordinator Eric Williams at [cyo@stmikes22003.org](mailto:cyo@stmikes22003.org).

**Rescheduled:** St. Michael's CYO will host its Annual 8th Graders vs Coaches exhibition basketball game in the school gym on Thursday, March 21, after the 5:00 PM Mass. We will be raffling off merch from U.S. Catholic colleges. All parishioners, CYO, and school families welcome! Join us for a fun-filled evening!

**Congratulations** -- to the St. Michael's CYO girls 4th grade basketball team on winning the Division 2 championship with an undefeated season.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION** – We are currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 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 call the school office at 703-256-1222 or e-mail [office@stmikes22003.org](mailto:office@stmikes22003.org).

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS** – We are currently seeking engaging, reliable substitute teachers. Ideal candidates should have the ability to lead the class in an orderly fashion. Responsibilities include, but not limited to, assisting with classroom instruction, providing support to students and supervising students during non-classroom time and recreational activities. Send your resume to Annie Fernandez at [annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org](mailto:annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org).

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** – Saint Michael Catholic School is seeking: **full time Primary Teachers** for the 2024-25 school year. Email resumes to Annie Fernandez at [annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org](mailto:annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org).

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