

St. Michael Church

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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.

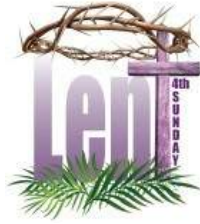
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

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



4th Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

The Priest's Mass Intentions

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 +

Monday, March 31

8:30 a.m. The Anderson Family

12 noon Mr. John Bashista +

Tuesday, April 1

8:30 a.m. Paul Schweisthal +

12 noon Paul Russell Davenport +

Wednesday, April 2

8:30 a.m. Frances Beach

12 noon Maria Elena J. Moreno

Thursday, April 3

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory +

12 noon Mrs. Donna Casey +

Friday, April 4

8:30 a.m. Albert Couture +

12 noon Mrs. Frances Fonzi +

Saturday, April 5

8:30 a.m. Hung Pham +

5 p.m. Philip H. Family

Sunday, April 6

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

10:30 a.m. Fr. Drummond

12:30 p.m. Fr. Folmar

A Word from Fr. Drummond

Laetare Sunday opens the fourth week of Lent. Laetare Sunday gets its name from the beginning of the Introit proper to that day: "Laetare Hierusalem et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam," or in English: "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad all who love her." This Sunday is marked by the use of Rose coloured vestments and even though it is still Lent, flowers are al-

lowed for decoration of the altar. Within the otherwise drab season of Lent, Laetare Sunday reminds us that the Lenten disciplines will soon give way to the joyful celebration of Easter.

Laetare Sunday helps to make the point that during the season of Lent we do not practice penance for the sake of penance: our Lenten disciplines and penances have a goal. And that goal is our spiritual purification and preparation for the proper celebration of Easter in which our salvation is made possible by the raising of Christ from the dead.

Thus this Sunday in the middle of the Lenten Season is a good time for us to stop and take stock of how successful we have been in our Lenten practices. Do we remember to observe abstinence on Fridays? How have we fared in our other Lenten practices, have we truly resisted those things we "gave up" or did we cheat, or even fail completely? If that is the case, this is the time to now redouble our efforts. We still have time for a fruitful Lent. If we have been successful in our Lenten disciplines we may try increasing them gradually. Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the marks of the season but the first two will only be successful if covered by prayer. All our Lenten practices—as indeed all our spiritual practices throughout the year— have to begin and end in prayer.

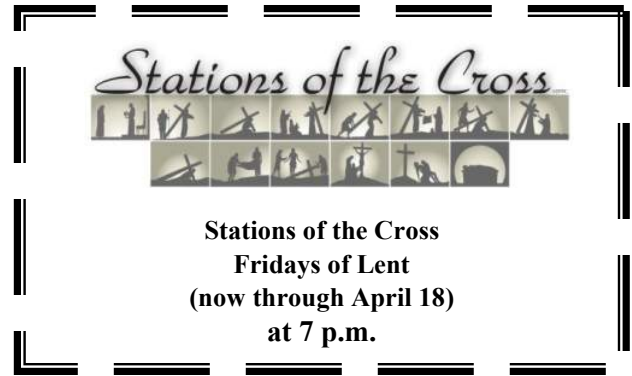
The Stations of the Cross are a prayerful devotion that is particularly suitable to Lent. We need not wait until our public Friday Stations in order to pray them but can—and should—also do them on our own. The Rosary is, of course, always appropriate and helpful as well. In addition, prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture can be very profitable—or just sitting in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament. However we do it, we need to always and continually intensify our prayer lives.

Lenten Lecture Series With Fr. Heisler
PASSION TO PENTECOST
March 31 and April 7
7 p.m.
All Purpose Room

In Our Parish

The Second Collection -- this weekend is for Catholic Relief Services.

Thank you to those who have pledged to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)! If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on your blessings and consider making a commitment. Every donation to the BLA, large or small, is essential. You may mail a pledge, go online to arlingtondiocese.org/BLA to make a gift. Thank you for your generosity!



- *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.

Please Pray for: 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; 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; Pat Daly*; Carlos Reguerin*; *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.]

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.

Perpetual Adoration -- 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.

Join the Knights of Columbus! --

Simply scan QR code; click sign up...

Parish: Saint Michael Catholic Church, Annandale, VA, Council #: 14523

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Check your email from KoC and hit "CONFIRM"

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>.



- *March Family of the Month:* William "Bill" and Rosemary Duffy are the Msgr. Scannell Council 14523 Family of the Month for March 2025. Bill has been a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus. Rosemary manages the Perpetual Adoration Program at Saint Michael Church ensuring there is someone in Jesus' presence day and night. Always gentle and understanding, Rosemary goes to work to fill any last-minute vacancy to support Adoration Chapel. Congratulations Duffy Family!
- *March Knight of the Month:* Paul Walhout is the Msgr. Scannell Council 14523 Knight of the Month for March 2025. Paul has been married for over 37 years to Kimberly Walhout. They have two children, both of which attended Saint Michael School. Paul is a long-time member of Saint Michael Church and is very involved with the Knight of Columbus as he supports all Parish events, as he is a regular at Doughnut Sundays and Pancake Breakfasts helping out with set up, cooking, or whatever needs to get done. You may have recognized Paul as he has led the Keep Christ in Christmas Card sales here at Saint Michael Church. Congratulations Paul!

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.

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.

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).

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.

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

School News



Support the SMS Angelic Choir as they work their way to Hershey Park! Our students are competing in May, and we are working to fund our trip! On Sunday, April 6, choir students and parents will be present after the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Mass, outside, singing and selling dozens of FRESH THAT MORNING Krispy Kreme donuts in a variety of flavors. You can preorder your selection by going to our site: bit.ly/SMSDonuts25 or by using the QR code. Not ready to commit? You can just stop by our table to take a dozen home with you!



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.

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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

Musical Meditations for Lent -- at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA on March 30th at 3:30 p.m. The concert is free, with a reception of Lent-friendly snacks! This will be a prayerful concert of Lenten organ music interspersed with congregational hymns and meditations, featuring all of the Saint Thomas More Cathedral organists.

A Woman's Choice (a Pro-Life, Crisis Pregnancy Resource Center) -- is seeking someone to co-manage our Falls Church office. Qualifications include being Pro-Life, with a Medical or Counseling background, and bilingual (Spanish-English). Position is 30 hrs/week with benefits. Hours are 9-3 or 10-4 with a 2 hour shift one Saturday per month. For more information contact Tessy Trissell at AWomansChoiceCenter@gmail.com or text message to 703-304-6522.

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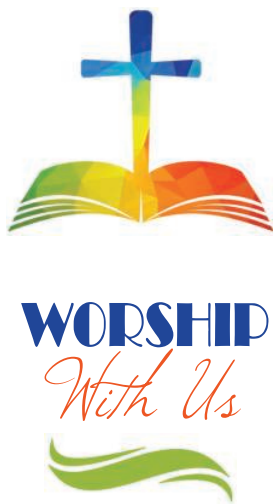
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