

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

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.

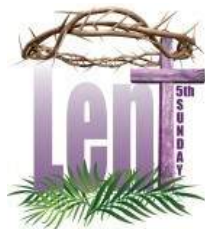
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

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



5th Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

The Priest's Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 7

8:30 a.m. Charles Drummond +
12 noon Beatrice Peternell & Tony Vaudry +

Tuesday, April 8

8:30 a.m. Miaie Helena Clare Sung
12 noon Joan Urban +

Wednesday, April 9

8:30 a.m. Edward William Imperati +
12 noon Richard Joseph Albrecht +

Thursday, April 10

8:30 a.m. Vincente Nguyen +
12 noon Albert Couture +

Friday, April 11

8:30 a.m. Joan Urban +
12 noon Hanson, Carleton, Peternell,
Bidar, & Faulkner Families

Saturday, April 12

8:30 a.m. Christian Mothers
5 p.m. Maria Magdalen Le Thi Kim Huong +

Sunday, April 13

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo
10:30 a.m. Fr. Heisler
12:30 p.m. Sr. Catherine Howard, OP +

A Word from Fr. Drummond

As Holy Week drawn near, it is a good time to stop and take stock of how we are doing with regard to our Lenten disciplines. If we have found it easy to follow through with our chosen discipline then now is the time to increase or expand it. If we have not found it easy to keep our disciplines or have, perhaps, even dropped them completely, then now is the time to recommit.

A difficult Lenten Season can be a fruitful Lenten Season. Did we try too much or did we not try enough? How serious was our attitude toward our disciplines? For example, did we give up sweets with more of an idea of losing weight than of growing closer to the Lord. Ultimately that is what determines how fruitful our Lenten was — how much closer our disciplines have brought us to the Lord Jesus. It is not too late to commit for Lent. Consider that Jesus loved each and every one of us enough to die for us, can we not then try to live for Him?

In Our Parish

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!

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

FAITH! FELLOWSHIP! FOOD! FUN!
FINAL LENTEN PIZZA SUPPER
Please join Fr. Drummond and the St. Michael Community on Fridays during Lent for a cheese pizza supper for you and your entire family.
Where? All-Purpose Room of St. Michael School (Jr. Building)
When? 5:30-6:30 April 11th (Last one)
How Much: Free! (Donations Gratefully Accepted)
Following the Pizza Supper, please join us for Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross
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Fridays of Lent
(now through April 18)
at 7 p.m.

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.

Join the Knights of Columbus! --

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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 April 5th & 6th. All sizes of children's diapers, especially sizes for 4 through 6, are always needed.

The Christian Mothers -- will meet on Saturday, April 12th this month for 8:30 a.m. Mass in the main Church. A meeting will follow in the All Purpose Room immediately following Mass. Please remember that this prayerful group is open to mothers of all ages. Questions may be directed to Patrice. Please call her at 703-941-0017.

Bethlehem Woodcarvers -- on the weekend of April 12/13, 2025, there will be a display of beautiful olive-wood handmade carvings from the Holy Land. 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 important to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. You can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass. For more information, please contact us at 202-302-5889 or visit www.BethlehemCarvings.org.



Please Pray for: 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*; 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*; Michah 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*; Stone Uhre; *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.]



St. Michael AHG Troop VA 0894 -- 2nd Stars & Stripes Candidate Service Project: May 2nd, 3rd, & 4th. Parishioner & AHG girl member, Jade-Michelle Perkins, will be working on her Stars & Stripes project involving adding to the landscape & refurbishing areas around our parish's statues, stations & gardens. Invasive plants will be removed, Native Virginian plants added, as well as trimming, edging, power-washing, painting etc. **Volunteers** are needed for my project weekend. Equipment use of gardening tools are needed, donations, gift cards, garden materials welcomed and will help with the project. Please send your contact information & questions to wrauthor@gmail.com. Thank you for your time and support!

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.



Divine Mercy Sunday -- April 27th: please join us at 3 p.m. – the Great Hour of Mercy – for a Divine Mercy Holy Hour.

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.

The Secular Carmelites -- is open to all, men and women, married or single. 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. Is God calling you? 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.

SPECIAL NOTE: APRIL 15TH -- Please note that there will be NO DAILY MASSES on Tuesday, April 15th, due to the priests attending the Chrism Mass.

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!
- **Adult Bible Study** weekly meetings to deepen your understanding of our Liturgy and the Bible. To learn more, visit 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

Stay up to date on Parish Announcements and Receive a Variety of Faith Growth/Enrichment

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.

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

Holy Year of Hope Hotline -- As we journey through this *Holy Year of Hope*, we invite you to be a beacon of light and encouragement. Call us on the Holy Year Hope Hotline **703-778-9100** and share your personal messages and stories of hope. Your words may be featured in the *Walk Humbly Podcasts* throughout the year—uplifting others in both joyful moments and challenging times. By sharing your story, you're offering a gift to the community—a reminder that no one is alone, and that hope lives in all of us. Let's inspire one another with hope.




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

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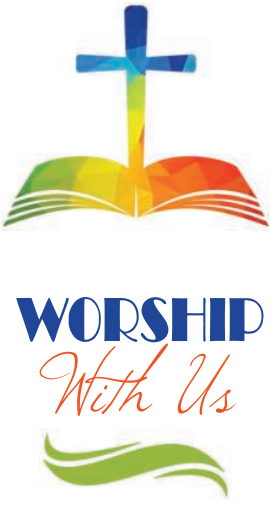
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