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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. Principal: Annie Fernandez, annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

For all children attending public school, Grades 1-12. Director of Religious Education: Adina Ordonez, 571-385-0085 or ccdstm@outlook.com.

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

In Residence: Rev. Stefan P. Starzynski

Permanent Deacons: Deacon David S. McCaffrey

3rd Sunday
of Easter

April 23, 2023

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The Priest's Mass Intentions

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5 p.m.	<u>Saturday, April 22</u> Robert Dooley +
8:30 a.m.	<u>Sunday, April 23</u> Pro Populo
10:30 a.m.	Jean Caroline Edwards-Ripley +
12:30 p.m.	May Coupe +
8:30 a.m.	<u>Monday, April 24</u> Joan Iraneta +
12 noon	Teresa Avila Nguyen, Ty T. +
8:30 a.m.	<u>Tuesday, April 25</u> Richard Owen +
12 noon	Erlinda Hermano +
8:30 a.m.	<u>Wednesday, April 26</u> In Thanksgiving
12 noon	Ed Peregrino +
8:30 a.m.	<u>Thursday, April 27</u> Agnes Tette
12 noon	Tim Jarvis
8:30 a.m.	<u>Friday, April 28</u> Natalie Bar
12 noon	Andrew Horvath +
8:30 a.m.	<u>Saturday, April 29</u> Jane Pisano +
5 p.m.	Vincent Bui & Magdeline Nguyen +
8:30 a.m.	<u>Sunday, April 30</u> Pro Populo
10:30 a.m.	Lorgio Jordan +
12:30 p.m.	Special Intention

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Fr. Drummond's Word

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This past Monday the Commentary Section of The Washington Times featured a piece by Everett Piper entitled, "What became of sin? Let's call the LGBTQIA+ movement what it is." Mr. Piper, a former university president, is a regular columnist for The Washington Times. Although he is not a Roman Catholic, I do wish more Roman Catholics thought as he thinks.

Mr. Piper begins his article with a tweet from a former Trump Administration Official, William E. Wolfe, who describes the LGB etc. movement as "an inorganic, manufactured social contagion spread by the media." Piper then goes on to say, "Why don't we just call it what it is — sin?" He then goes on to cite Karl Menninger who already in 1973 wrote a book called, "Whatever Became of Sin?" That is most assuredly the question of our time.

When we begin the celebration of the Mass, the first thing that happens after the Priest's greeting is the Penitential Act. A few hours after reading Mr. Piper's article when pri-

vately celebrating Mass, the words of the Penitential Act seemed to jump up out of the page at me. I had not given a great deal of thought before to the fact that *every* Mass begins with the confession of sin. But if we do not have a real awareness of sin in our own lives, what is the meaning of it? Indeed what is the meaning of it *all* — the fact is that our Lord Jesus Christ became Incarnate, underwent His Passion, Death and Resurrection to redeem us from our sins but our failure to truly acknowledge our sinfulness makes a mockery of it all. At Mass we say the words of the Penitential Act but do we really mean them, giving thought to what we are actually saying, or do we just rattle them off without a thought about them?

The general confession of the Penitential Act is composed of eleven lines broken into three parts. Let us take a look at them. The first part

- 1.) I confess to Almighty God,
- 2.) and to you, my brothers and sisters,
- 3.) that I have greatly sinned
- 4.) in my thoughts and in my words
- 5.) in what I have done and in what I have failed to do

We confess our sinfulness firstly to God and secondly to one another. Note the order, the hierarchy — God first. Then we admit our sinfulness in thought, word and act: again, here a progression getting steadily worse, and then finally *failure* to act in ways we should have.

The second part of the Penitential Act is when we take full responsibility

- 6.) through my fault, through my fault
- 7.) through my most grievous fault

Three times we take responsibility — it was me, me, me! We do not say "the devil made me do it," or "I was tempted beyond my control," — no we take responsibility for our own actions.

Thirdly, we seek the help of others:

- 8.) therefore, I ask Blessed Mary ever-Virgin
- 9.) all the Angels and Saints
- 10.) and you my brothers and sisters,
- 11.) to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Note the hierarchy as we ask for intercessions: First, Mary, then the Angels and Saints, and finally all of us together. All directed to God in an effort to overcome our sinfulness. We have to truly think about what we are saying and mean it. The first step to holiness is the sorrowful acknowledgement of our sinfulness. Without that the words are meaningless.

The moral collapse of society today — and this goes well beyond the LGB etc. movement — is the lack of awareness of sin and what that means — separation from God. Mr. Piper ends his column by noting that if we confess our sins God will both forgive and cleanse us of all unrighteousness.

At Mass do not say the Penitential Act but pray it from your heart. In preparation for Mass make use of the Sacrament of Confession, and in daily life seek always to turn to God and away from Sin.

In Our Parish

Attention Class of 2023 Seniors! -- The Associates of St. John Bosco invites rising college freshmen to attend a **College Night** at one of the following parishes:

June 28th - St. Mark's (Vienna)

July 5th - St. Michael's (Annandale)

July 12th - Holy Trinity (Gainesville) *NEW*

July 19th - Basilica of St. Mary (Alexandria)

July 26th - Holy Cross Academy (Stafford)

College Nights help rising college freshmen and transfer students network with other Catholics heading to college, and give students the tools to navigate the often difficult transition of faith life in college. Students hear from upperclassmen who give their personal testimonies about how they transitioned to college and maintained a strong faith life. There are small groups divided by students' universities and students walk away with a free bundle of Catholic books called the "Bosco Bundle" to bring to college that will help them deepen their faith while away at school. The events come with a free pizza dinner, too. Please encourage your student to sign up! There will be five nights across the Diocese and all nights will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, please visit www.asjb.org. Registration is limited to 50 students per night.

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. Visit <https://linktr.ee/saltandlightyoungadults> to get connected!

- Praise and Worship Adoration Night. Join us to worship our Lord together on Saturday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. at *St. Philip Catholic Church* in Falls Church. Our SALM Band will provide prayerful music during Adoration. Father Briggs will also give a fervorino on the gospel with Benediction to follow. We'll be headed to Coldstone Icecream Creamery afterwards for fellowship! Address: 8190 Strawberry Ln, Ste 7, Falls Church, VA 22042.

Perpetual Adoration -- "It is there in His Eucharist that He says to me: "I thirst, thirst for your love, your sacrifices, your sufferings. I thirst for your happiness, for it was to save you that I came into the world, that I suffered and died on the Cross, and in order to console and strengthen you I left you the Eucharist. So you have there all My life, all My tenderness." ~ Mother Mary of Jesus, foundress of the Sisters of Marie Reparatrice

Adorers are needed for:

Monday 1 p.m.—2 p.m., and 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Tuesday 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Thursday 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Friday 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

To sign up for an adoration hour, or for more information, contact Rosemary Duffy at 703-256-4468.

The Car Ministry -- If you have an operable, used car you wish to have help a working poor family in the area, please contact "The Car Ministry." The Car Ministry is supported by local churches and also received a financial gift from Catholic Charities to help re-condition the cars they receive. The ministry is

currently the only local charity that provides the gift of a car directly to Catholic Charities' clients, families referred by pastors, and by Society of St. Vincent de Paul. A car was recently provided to a single mom who is part of Catholic Charities' St. Margaret of Cortona housing program for unwed mothers. This is just one example of a family whose life was transformed by the gift of a vehicle. Select the "Donate Your Car" link from the ministry's website (www.carministry.org) for information on how to donate or contact Larry Gordon via email, donate@carministry.org or via phone, 703-237-8479.

Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) -- ACCA Food Pantry supplies non-perishable food and toiletries at no cost to families in the greater Annandale/Bailey's Crossroads area. You can bring donations to the collection box in the narthex of our Church. (It is monitored weekly.) You can also bring donations to ACCA directly. Their location, hours of operation, and items needed can be found at the ACCA website (<https://accacares.org/foodpantry/>).

Please Pray for: Stone Uhre; Sean and Cynthia Clark*; Mimi Clark*; Hailey Steiniger; Sr. Paul Marie; Yoshimi Kadota; Stephan Nguyen*; Mr. Nhuong Le; Alvin Anceravage*; Carmen Deshler*; Julie Molony Lee; Andrew F. Zaccardi*; Christopher Tran; Marco Tulio Gamba; Mary C. Doss; Ethel Apostolico*; Richard & Norma Geiger*; Patrick Pearring; Sean & Chrissy Campbell; Terry Spragens; Christopher Solomon*; Debi Hochgertle; Bob Cafarella; Micheline Kawalczyk*; Elsa Noriega*; Jr.; Paul McEnrue*; Julia Garcia; Diane Miller; John and Marie Sibenik*; George Szele; Priscilla Chaney*; Irma Barrera; Michael and Patricia Cole; Peter Pometto; John Kennelly*; Bernard & Miriam Kennelly*; Charlene Morison; Maria Castro; Arianne Yzabelle; Lucy Cole*; Daniel Randall*; John Carlson; Courtney Villareal*; Tracy Wilson; Tom & Charlene Sheffler; Carol Lloyd*; Ariadne Pasa; Maria Gorey*; Thomas Siemer*; Richard Ames; 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; Jennifer McGowan; 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; Lauren Brockman-Balla; Diane McGill*; Loretta A. Wack; Karen Kinsey; Eileen Carroll-Doshier; Norman Grimm*; Patino family*; Edward Imperati*; Julia & Sophia Lattanzio; Mauricio Posada; 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; LTJG Andre Acevedo, USNavy; Lt. Col. John D. Barringer, III, USAF; John P. Hoang USMC; ENS Stephan Acevedo USNavy; David Hayes, Jr. US-Navy; David Blincoe, USMC; Kevin Coleman, USAF; Tommy Do, USAArmy; Sgt. Edward E. Imperati, USMC; 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 -- The KoC is the largest Catholic men's organization in the world! The St. Michael Knights of Columbus do many good works for St. Michael parish and the community. It is very easy to join online. Go to www.kofc.org/un/newjoin/en/ and put in St. Michael Council number 14523. If you have any questions on membership, please contact Grand Knight, Tom Howard, tomw5486@gmail.com.

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>.

Please Note -- next Sunday, April 30th, that the weekend's 10:30 a.m. Mass will include First Holy Communion.

The Second Collection -- *next weekend* is for Home Missions.

Note well: the church is private property. It CANNOT be used as an area to walk your dog, to learn how to drive, for skateboarding, playing on the fields, etc.

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.

Faith Formation/Religious Education

Many of us are looking for guidance and help in our Faith Journey, our journey from this mortal life on earth to eternity. Our diocese is offering a series of podcasts dedicated to adult catechesis, apologetics, and faith formation. (Don't worry if you aren't quite sure what apologetics and catechesis mean.) The important thing is we are all searching for something more than the natural or physical.

One offering that has just started is a series of short podcasts (video and audio) that will inform and inspire us in our search/our journey. It is all about our yearning for a deeper and stronger relationship with Jesus. The podcasts can be accessed at "arlingtondiocese.org/searching-for-more-podcast". As of this writing, there are podcasts dated January 31, February 6, February 22, and March 6. (Some of us have to do things in chronological order). More will be coming. If you find other topics of interest at our diocesan website, go for it. They are relevant to life today and can be trusted to be reliable.

The diocese also provides links to reliable resources at FORMED, and the Institute of Catholic Culture (ICC). These two are mentioned because St. Michael Church has a subscription to FORMED and ICC may ask you to subscribe or join but there is no cost to doing so.



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – Please make plans to join our school community for a night of celebration and fundraising to support our excellent teachers and thriving students. Our annual fundraiser evening is set for Saturday, May 13th at 6pm. Dinner, drinks, games and a silent and live auction are included in your ticket. Visit the school's website for more information as it becomes available.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION – We are currently accepting applications for the 2023-2024 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.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES – Saint Michael Catholic School is seeking a full time School Nurse for the 2023-24 school year. Email resumes to Annie Fernandez at annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org.

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