

St. Michael Church

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SCHOOL, 7401 St. Michaels Lane 703-256-1222
CONVENT, 7421 St. Michaels Lane, Annandale, VA 22003
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) 703-941-9403

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 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, 703-941-9403 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 Friday.

PREGNANT AND NEED HELP? CALL 1-800-848-5683

CLERGY OF PARISH

Pastor: Rev. Alexander R. Drummond

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Brian B. McAllister

In Residence: Rev. Stefan P. Starzynski

Permanent Deacons: Deacon David S. McCaffrey, Deacon Roger T. Ostrom (retired)



4th Sunday
of Easter

April 25, 2021

The Priest's Mass Intentions

- Saturday, April 24
- 5 p.m. vigil Gloria Guerrero +
- Sunday, April 25
- 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Richard Owen +
- 12:30 p.m. Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan +
- Monday, April 26
- 8:30 a.m. William Gorey +
- 12 noon Mary C. Fisher +
- Tuesday, April 27
- 8:30 a.m. Agnes Tette
- 12 noon Noreen A. Canestro +
- Wednesday, April 28
- 8:30 a.m. Natalie Bar
- 12 noon Bryan Dodge +
- Thursday, April 29
- 8:30 a.m. Ferd Heider, Jr. +
- 12 noon Laura Dodge & Family
- Friday, April 30
- 8:30 a.m. Miya Monica, Jeon
- 12 noon Ellen M. Ruperto
- Saturday, May 1
- 8:30 a.m. Seth Martin & Family
- 5 p.m. vigil Marie Han
- Sunday, May 2
- 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Lorgio Jordan +
- 12:30 p.m. John Thanh Le +

A Word from Fr. Drummond

Every year just before Christmas and Easter we see an uptick in the use of the Sacrament of Confession. Of the two holidays, this is especially true of Easter. On Wednesday evening of Holy Week, Fr. Brian heard confessions for two hours, and we both

heard confessions nonstop for two and a half hours on Good Friday. Part of the reason for this is the old concept of the "Easter Duty," and part of it is a genuine desire to be spiritually prepared for the celebration of Easter. For many this is sadly the only time of year they get to confession.

The precepts of the Church set once a year as the *minimum* for the use of confession and this is reinforced by Canon Law which stipulates *at least* once a year for serious sin (Canon 989). Frankly, even as a bare minimum I find this ridiculous: it is the moral equivalent of saying "to maintain your health, take your vitamins once a year." The *need* for confession is far, far greater than once a year. I recommend *at least* once a month, and in the case of serious sin, which prevents the valid reception of Communion, as soon as possible. For this reason I try to be available for confession every weekday morning from 7:30 to 8 in addition to our Saturday confessions.

When coming to confession we should remember that we are there only for the confession and absolution of sin. This is not a time to socialize with the priest, nor to seek formal spiritual direction, or even to seek advice on anything other than the sins we are confessing. If we need advice on how to deal with family members or on other relationships or if we are seeking more in depth spiritual direction we should make an appointment to see the priest at another time. Even if we think that we are the last in line, we should be aware that people could be queuing up while we are in the box and, indeed, should assume that to be the case.

When confessing our sins, we need to remember that we are confessing *our own* sins, not somebody else's. We should be succinct while not leaving anything important out, an overabundance of detail is not necessary. If the priest needs clarification, he will ask for it. We should also remember that it is confession of sin, not virtue. So often people will come in and start to list all the good things they do — that is not what they are there for. Nor should we worry about what the priest might think of us. We are not there to impress him. What is important is that we make an honest, heart felt confession of sin with the resolution to strive to sin no more. If at times the priest may seem to be cranky, we should not take that personally but remember that although he represents God, he is still a frail human being himself and that it is not always easy sitting in the Confessional — especially after the first hour or so. This sacrament is sadly neglected by too many. If we neglect to use this sacrament we do so to our own detriment.

Readings for the Week

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Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

In Our Parish

WEDNESDAY ADORATION -- "As a man must be born before he can begin to lead his physical life, so he must be born to lead a Divine Life. That birth occurs in the Sacrament of Baptism. To survive, he must be nourished by Divine Life; that is done in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist." ~ Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Please join us for adoration this Wednesdays from after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m. in the main church. For more information, please contact Rosemary Duffy, 703-256-4468.

ACCA Food Donations -- non-perishable items can be dropped off in the food bin located in the main vestibule of the church. Low sodium and low sugar, as well as the following items continue to be in demand: canned soup, canned pasta, juice 64oz, hamburger helper type meal prep kits, canned peas (carrots, mixed vegetables, or potatoes), beef stew, canned chicken, powdered milk, gravy, stuffing mix, Ziplock bags, aluminum foil, and paper grocery bags. For more information or to help at the pantry, please contact pantry@accacares.org.

FaithDirect -- Our ministries need your support today. After the uncertainty, unemployment and isolation caused by COVID-19, families in our community will be turning to St. Michael for help in astonishing numbers during the holiday season. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA409. Thank you for your support of our parish family!

Frassati Annandale Young Adult Ministry (FAYA) -- Parishioners aged 18-35 years old are welcome to join the St. Michael's Young Adult Ministry. For more information on FAYA events, please e-mail: frassatiannandale@gmail.com.

Please Pray for: Lucas Velleco; Sean & Chrissy Campbell; Terry Spragens; Madelyn Respicio Cabatic; Bob Cafarella; Elsa Noriega*; Paul McEnrue*; Julia Garcia; Kathleen Johnston*; John and Marie Sibenik*; Priscilla Chaney*; Cindy Pierato*; Irma Barrera; Ruth Nicaise Smokowski; Peter Pometto; Charlene Morison; Maria Castro; John Carlson; Courtney Villareal*; Tracy Wilson; Ariadne Pasa; Maria Gorey*; Marissa Ann Wuerthele*; Thomas Siemer*; Diana Pascoe; Cecile McNeill*; Tuy Nguyen*; Ellen Louise Daily; Steve Maitland*; Dan Keller; Lili Lang; Eileen Carroll-Doshier; June & Norman Grimm*; Edward Imperati*; Julia & Sophia Lattanzio; Paul and Gloria Haring*; Mauricio Posada; Pat Daly*; Carlos Reguerin*; Bill Evans; Stone Uhre; Sr. Paul Marie; Yoshimi Kadota; Stephan Nguyen*; Alvin Anceravage*; Rick Webb; Carmen Deshler*; Matt Skube, Jr.; Robert John Nicaise, Sr.; Julie Molony Lee; Andrew F. Zaccardi*; Joe Meister; Mary Roche*; Michael Anthony Urban; Marco Tulio Gamba; Ethel Apostolico*; Richard & Norma Geiger*; 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; Maj. John D. Barringer, III, USAF; John P. Hoang USMC; ENS Stephan Acevedo USNavy; David Hayes, Jr. USNavy; Sgt. Edward Imperati, Jr. USMC; David Blincoe, USMC; and.... [call Mary at the parish office, 703-256-7822, and we'll keep our prayers going for our military in harms way.]

Interested in Evangelization? Did you know it is a commandment from Christ to share the faith with non-believers? Team Shield is a resource group of persons of all types and temperaments, who would like to respond to Christ's commandment to spread the Gospel - contact the office for more information if you are interested in joining.

In Our Diocese

The Associates of St. John Bosco -- offers scholarships to undergraduate students who demonstrate an intense desire to serve the Church in some capacity after graduation. They are pleased to offer three scholarships in the amount of \$3,500 and one scholarship, the Vincent T. Vaccaro Education Scholarship, in the amount of \$5,000 to a student who will be engaged in education or work with young adults after college. The application is due May 18th. For more information, please visit: https://www.asjb.org/scholarship-program.

John Paul the Great 9th Annual Gala -- Join the Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School community for an evening of fun, food, and fundraising on Saturday, May 8! Enjoy dining al fresco under a beautiful open tent on JP's beautiful campus. Visit jpthegreat.org for ticket information.

Lenten Faith Growth Opportunities

He is Risen!! He is risen, indeed!!

“Formed.org” has a brief reflection on the scripture readings for Easter Sunday morning (Acts 10: 34a, 37 – 43 and John 20: 1 – 9). Here is how to get to FORMED where the reflection is available. There is no cost to you.

1. Go to a fresh browser page and type in <https://watch.formed.org/login>. If necessary, sign in by registering as a member of a parish. This will require your identifying St. Michael Church as our parish, and this is most easily done with our zip code (22003).

2. Once at the FORMED homepage, use the search feature typing “Easter Cycle B”. You want to click on Easter Sunday which should be the first one listed.

Second, we will start a short course on the significance of the Resurrection from Bishop Robert Barron and Word on Fire. Starting tomorrow morning and for the first six Mondays of the Season of Easter, you will receive an email from FLOCKNOTE with a link to an episode. Reflect, and offer your thoughts in the comment section after viewing the episode.

In Christ,
Deacon Dave McCaffrey

Be Sure to Join Flocknote



There are three options for joining:
1. Text to Join: Text “STMICHAEL1” to 84576. This will generate a return text which will collect the needed information (**first and last names, email address, and smart phone number**).

2. Use the internet: go to “stmichaelchurch1.flocknote.com”. This should bring you to a place where you can supply the needed information.

3. Send Deacon McCaffrey an email with the needed information at dsmjr1@gmail.com. Flocknote is an important link for us to be able to communicate with you about many things from the sublime (helping you experience the joy and consolation of our Catholic faith) to the mundane (weather closings and schedule changes).

School News



JOIN THE WONDERFUL STAFF AT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL – We are currently looking for teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are interested in sharing your love of learning and enjoy working with children, our current open positions are elementary teacher (full-time), music teacher (part-time), religion teacher (part-time), Math Teacher (part-time). Any part-time position can be combined to make a full-time position. If interested, please send your resume to our principal at annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org or call 703-256-1222.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION – Registration for the 2021-2022 school year has begun. Please contact the school office for Registration Information 703-256-1222.

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. Please send your resume to Annie Fernandez at annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org

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We, the children of God at Saint Michael Catholic School, live the Gospel message by fostering a spirit of worship, a commitment to service and a continuous love of learning.

