

# *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**

## The Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 2024

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### The Priest's Mass Intentions

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#### Saturday, May 11

8:30 a.m. Paul Due Hoang +  
5 p.m. Joseph Blazevich, Jr.  
Sunday, May 12  
8:30 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:30 a.m. Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet  
12:30 p.m. Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet  
Monday, May 13  
8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet  
12 noon Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet  
Tuesday, May 14  
8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet  
12 noon Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet  
Wednesday, May 15  
8:30 a.m. Joseph Afriyie  
12 noon Pauline Boyne +  
Thursday, May 16  
8:30 a.m. Eric Olson  
12 noon Joseph Blazevich, Jr.  
Friday, May 17  
8:30 a.m. David Lee, Jr.  
12 noon Norma Provenzano +  
Saturday, May 18  
8:30 a.m. Christian Mothers  
5 p.m. Maria Emilia Pereira +  
Sunday, May 19  
8:30 a.m. Pro Populo  
10:30 a.m. Maria Teresita Basilio +  
12:30 p.m. Robert K. Tette +

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### Fr. Drummond's Word

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My mother's birthday is May 7th. As Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May in this country, there were times when my mother's birthday and Mother's Day would be back to back — Saturday and Sunday, but never on the same day. The close proximity of these two days means that this time of year my thoughts inevitably go to my mother — who would have been 93 years old. So this is a tribute to her.

My mother was born in Germany just two years before Hitler's rise to power and because of that her entire childhood was passed under the dark cloud of the Nazis. She was born in a 16th century half-timber house in the beautiful, medieval town

of Dreieichenhain. Her father was the pastor of the Lutheran (and only) Church there. At an early age she learned discretion knowing almost instinctively that her parents' criticisms of the Nazi regime could land them all in jail. My grandfather was part of a Protestant movement known as the "Confessing Church" which opposed the Nazi's antisemitism and attempts to paganize Christianity. This also brought my mother and her family to Frankfurt am Main where her father served at Three Kings Church which was part of the Confessing Church movement.

As a ten year old girl, my mother preferred to spend the air raids on the roof of the house with a waterhose to put out sparks from nearby burning buildings than to cower in the makeshift shelter in the basement. The last two years of the war they spent in a village in the Odinwald. My grandfather although a clergyman was serving in the Luftwaffe where he ironically found refuge from the Gestapo!

After the war she studied education and was among the first in Germany to join the AMI, Association Montessori Internationale. In the early 50's she received a scholarship to study in the United States, going to Michigan where she met my father who was in the Air Force. My father says that the first time he saw her and her smile he knew she was the one for him. She spoke perfect English having lived in London for a year and everybody thought she was British. She had to go back to Germany, however, once her student visa expired. And the next few months were the longest time my parents were ever apart from one another. My older brother was born in this country, I was born in France, and my sister in Germany. My formative years were spent in Germany thanks to the U.S. Airforce.

In 1970 we settled permanently in the U.S. spending the next 6 years in Alexandria. Then in 1976 my mother realized her long held dream of opening a Montessori School, doing so in Blacksburg. My parents ran the Children's House of Blacksburg until the mid-1990's when they sold it to the current owner. In retirement she continued to help out at the school when not taking trips.

In the last ten years of her life my parents made numerous Atlantic crossings with Cunard lines on both the QE2 and the QM2. This was rather fitting as she first came to this country on the original Queen Elizabeth. Her final crossing was a year before she died when my parents and I took the QM2 from Southampton to New York with the QE2 in tandem before its retirement.

My mother's struggle with cancer brought about the conversion to the Church of both my parents. It was a great comfort to her that I could give her the Sacraments. There is much for which I have to thank her — the deep faith in Jesus Christ in which she raised us, a love of teaching, and a passion for books and reading, as well as a sense of humour and a taste for Champagne. *Thanks Mummy!*

Happy Mother's Day.

In Our Parish

**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!

**Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet** -- will take place May 12-14. If you would like your mother, grandmother, godmother, etc. included in the Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet, please fill out the appropriate envelope and submit it in the collection basket. Extra envelopes can be found in the main vestibule or in the parish office.

**Perpetual Adoration** -- \*\*\*Please note that some maintenance work will be done to the Adoration Chapel on Wednesday, May 15th, from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Therefore, it will be CLOSED over that time period.\*\*\*

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.

Wednesday 4 p.m., 7:30 a.m., and 8:30 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.

**Is God calling you?** -- The Secular Carmelite vocation may be the answer to your prayers, for it 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. 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](mailto:kizquierdo2@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers** -- In 1917, Our Lady of Fatima asked us to pray the rosary for world peace. To help comply with that request, we have here at St. Michael's, Our Lady's Rosary Makers to make rosaries for our use and to send to the missions and to other countries. We meet every 2nd Monday of the month at St. Michael's School, Lower Level room 3, at 9:30 a.m. Please join us at our meetings or make them in your home. For further information, please contact Aileen Bashista at 703-978-8373.

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**Knights of Columbus** -- is the largest Catholic men's organization in the world! The Msgr. Scannell Council here at St. 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, please contact Grand Knight Javier Almodovar, [jalmodovar.kofc@gmail.com](mailto:jalmodovar.kofc@gmail.com), or any Msgr. Scannell Council members.

**The Christian Mothers** -- will meet on Saturday, May 18th, for the 8:30 am Mass in the main Church. A meeting will follow in the All Purpose Room. If you have questions, please call Patrice on 703-941-0017.

**Legion of Mary** -- was founded by Servant of God, Frank Duff, with the primary goal of the sanctification of its members, by supporting the parish via apostolic works and evangelization. To find out more about what this group does for our parish, or how to become an active participant or an auxiliary (praying) member, please contact their President, Jim Caruso, at [carusofairfax@gmail.com](mailto:carusofairfax@gmail.com).



**Please Pray for:** 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; 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; 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 Hochgerle; Bob Cafarella; Gianna Sieve (Baby); Micheline Kawalczyk\*; 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\*; Daniel Randall\*; John Carlson; Courtney Villareal\*; Tracy Wilson; Tom & Charlene Sheffler\*; Mark & Jennifer McGowan; Laura & Collin McGowan; Carol Lloyd\*; Ariadne Pasa; *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. Clark USAArmy; and.... [call Mary at the parish office, 703-256-7822, and we'll keep our prayers going for our military in harms way.]

## Faith Formation/Religious Education

**SUMMER ATRIUM** for children ages 3 to 6 - Session 1: June 10-14. Session 2: June 17-21. Join us for a week of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a special Religious Education program hosted in our very own "Atrium," a place described "not a place of religious instruction, but of religious life." During this summer "retreat" children will learn to recognize Jesus in simple activities, as they listen to the Parable of the Good Shepherd, learn the names of the sacred vessels and other objects used on the altar, and learn why certain gestures are made during the Mass. Give your child(ren) this opportunity to learn about Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and help them grow in their love of God. More information about our Atrium can be found at [stmichaelannandale.org/atrium](http://stmichaelannandale.org/atrium).

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Be Sure to Join Flocknote

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  2. Log on to [stmichael1@flocknote.com](mailto: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.

## In Our Diocese

**Witness the Ordination to the Priesthood!** -- The ordination of men to the priesthood is a beautiful and inspiring event for our entire diocese, and all are welcome to witness them. The Mass of Ordination to the priesthood for Deacons James Joseph and Deacon Sean Nypaver is Saturday June 1 at 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gainesville. Come and pray for our future priests! The ceremony will also be livestreamed. Learn more at [www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations).

**30th Annual Memorial Mass** -- for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 4th Street and Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., honoring the men and women of the Armed Forces. The principal celebrant and homilist will be The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services. Parking is limited, carpooling is advised. Military personnel are encouraged to be in uniform. Dress: civilian - business attire; military - service dress. To request seating or to obtain additional information, please visit: <https://www.milarch.org/memorial-mass/laity-registration/>.

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. Tickets forms are available in Flocknote, in the back of the church and on the school's website.

**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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