

St. Michael Church

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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

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, 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

The Ascension
of the Lord
May 21, 2023

The Priest's Mass Intentions

	<u>Saturday, May 20</u>
5 p.m.	Jennifer Gray
	<u>Sunday, May 21</u>
8:30 a.m.	Pro Populo
10:30 a.m.	Sr. Maria S. Jordan +
12:30 p.m.	Rosa Paniagua +
	<u>Monday, May 22</u>
8:30 a.m.	Bertha Dickens
12 noon	Woody Woolridge +
	<u>Tuesday, May 23</u>
8:30 a.m.	Annie Avornytse
12 noon	Edmond D. Moreno
	<u>Wednesday, May 24</u>
8:30 a.m.	Helene Katzenbeisser +
12 noon	Fiammetta Santos +
	<u>Thursday, May 25</u>
8:30 a.m.	Norma Provenzano +
12 noon	Joan & Peter Pistolesi
	<u>Friday, May 26</u>
8:30 a.m.	John Paul Garufi
12 noon	Sr. Mary Rose Bingham
	<u>Saturday, May 27</u>
8:30 a.m.	Jerry Pearing +
5 p.m.	Claire Jarvis
	<u>Sunday, May 28</u>
8:30 a.m.	Pro Populo
10:30 a.m.	John Baptist Thang Nguyen
12:30 p.m.	Maria Hong Nguyen

Fr. Drummond's Word

May 21st this year marks the twenty-ninth anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. The day before is the thirtieth anniversary of my ordination to the diaconate. It recently struck me that I have spent just over a third of my presbyterate, ten years here at St. Michael's: first, from 1998 until 2002, and again since 2016. Little did I realize how wrapped up my life would be with St. Michael's when I first arrived in 1998. But that is part of the nature of the priesthood — it is an adventure that twists and turns and leads to we know not where.

As a priest I have experienced many things that I would otherwise have not known. I have been to churches, cathedrals, and shrines as well as hospitals, schools, nursing homes, and even jails. I have been to the homes of some very rich people and to the homes of some very poor people. I have been with people as they died but also with others as they were born. I have prepared I don't know how many couples for marriage before witnessing their vows but I have also advocated for others seeking annulments. There have been times when I have gone to court to lend support. However the two greatest things that I have done as a priest —and continue to do— are to celebrate the

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and to hear confessions and absolve people from their sins. None of this is unique to me as a priest — just the opposite in fact. My experiences are typical of a parish priest.

One of the special blessings I have had which is not all that typical is that as Pastor of St. Michael's. I know or have met *all* the previous pastors of the parish. When I first came to St. Michael's Monsignor Browne, the second pastor, was still here. After I was here two years Monsignor Browne retired and was replaced by Father Daly who had trained me when I was a deacon at St. Leo's. These two priests were the best pastors I ever had either as a cleric or a layman. Monsignor Browne had the greatest sense of humour and was full of stories from before the Diocese of Arlington was formed and we were still "Richmond." He also had many stories of St. Michael's and his long tenure here. Unfortunately, he and Monsignor Scannell did not have the most amicable relationship but I trust they are good friends now.

Father Daly likewise had stories to share but his were mostly from his experiences in the Army and particularly from Vietnam. Ordained later in life he brought a sense of military precision with him to the priesthood and had a very no nonsense approach. Although he could initially appear gruff, he had a great generosity of spirit and a deep quiet devotion. He started his days very early —before 5 a.m.— and was often in the Chapel before sunrise. Both of these priests serve as models for me as a priest and pastor. I may be somewhat unusual as a pastor in that I was formed to such a degree by two of my predecessors.

A third priest I feel that I have to mention is Monsignor John Conahan from Philadelphia. As the pastor of Immaculate Conception in Jenkintown, PA, he took me in when I was a seminarian. I spent two Summers under his tutelage and learned much in the compassion and understanding from him.

There are many other priests to whom I owe a great deal both in the Seminary and here in the Diocese. In this, as in so many ways I have been truly blessed. But these three priests stand out in a special way as I celebrate this anniversary and begin the 30th year of my priesthood. Please keep me in your prayers as I know so many of you have been doing, and may God bless you all.

Faith Formation/Religious Education

SUMMER ATRIUM for children ages 3 to 6 - June 19 - 23. Join us for a week of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd hosted in our own "Atrium," a classroom that is 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. Registration details can be found at stmichaelannandale.org/atrium.

TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: GRADES 1 - 12

Registration ends on August 31. To register, go to stmichaelannandale.org/religiouseducation and click on the REGISTRATION button. Classes for **Grades 1 through 8** will be on Monday evenings, from 6 – 7:30 PM. Classes for **High School students** will be held every two weeks on Monday evening, from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) CLASSES

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone (family, friend, neighbor, co-worker) who is interested in learning more about Catholicism and/or who is thinking about becoming a Catholic? The RCIA classes are for those who (a) have not been baptized, or (b) who have been baptized but not as a Catholic, or (c) for those who have been baptized Catholic want to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. For more information, check out our webpage at stmichaellannandale.org/RCIA. Our weekly meetings will begin on September 16. If you have questions or would like to register for classes, please call or email Adina Ordonez (ccdstm@outlook.com, 571-385-0085).

In Our Parish

Perpetual Adoration -- *“Jesus taught a new sacrifice which the Church received from the Apostles and offers throughout the whole world.” ~ St. Irenaeus* Adorers are needed for:

- Mondays 2-3 p.m.**
- Tuesdays 1-2 p.m.**
- Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.**
- Fridays 5-6 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.**

To sign up for an adoration hour, or for more information, please 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.

Seven Sisters Apostolate -- will be starting at St. Michael. The focus of this group is to gather seven women to pray for one priest one hour on one day of the week. This hour takes place inside a church or before the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass time. You can go to sevensistersapostolate.org for more information and materials. If you would like to sign up, please e-mail mariapiafernandez08@gmail.com. Once there is at least a group of seven (preferably fourteen) women, and hopefully a couple of substitutes, we can meet virtually and get started praying for Fr. Drummond and Fr. Folmar. Hoping to start praying in June!!!

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!

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.

- Special news: St. Michael School 8th grader, James Fitzwater, was selected for a \$1,000 Scholarship for High School, granted by the Knights of Columbus, Council #14523, because he is a singularly engaged and dedicated student. He is inquisitive, thoughtful and persistent in trying to understand the world. And yet, he maintains a humble regard for that world and God's creatures in it. His contribution to class projects is remarkable: he is not first or loudest in contributing "bright ideas," but he is consistently the one who figures out how to bring those ideas about. He is steady, good humored and attentive; a combination full of promise for High School. Congratulations, James!

Please Pray for: 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*; Sean & Chrissy Campbell; Terry Spragens; Christopher Solomon*; Debi Hochgertle; Bob Cafarella; Micheline Kawalczyk*; Elsa Noriega*; Jr.; Paul McEnrue*; Julia Garcia; 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*; Stone Uhre; Sean and Cynthia Clark*; Mimi Clark*; Joanne Pearring; *with apologies to anyone we dropped; to read 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, USArmy; 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.]

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.

Memorial Day -- please note that on Monday, May 29th, there will be only ONE daily Mass celebrated at 10 a.m. There will be no morning confessions, and the parish office will be closed.

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

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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 stmichaell1@flocknote.com. That gets you to a place for you to supply the above information, or
3. Email Den. McCaffrey at dsmjrl@gmail.com with the above information.

 Catechism in a Year

THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR – Have you ever wanted to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life? If so, Ascension Press has a podcast for you: *The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)*. In 365 days, Fr. Schmitz will read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, providing explanation, insight, and encouragement along the way. Find out more about *The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)* and how to listen at www.ascensionpress.com/ciy.

 School News



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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IN YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE**

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.

 IN OUR DIOCESE

A Jubilee Journey with Mary – During this second year of preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese in 2024, we are all encouraged to focus upon Mary and her role in pointing us to Jesus. To this end, Bishop Burbidge has invited all of us to visit as many of the 11 churches in the Diocese of Arlington named after Our Lady, and spend time in prayer at each! Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney/ for more information about this Jubilee Journey with Mary! We hope that this initiative encourages you to grow in your understanding of Mary and your devotion to her!

Day of Prayer and Healing After Abortion Care for Women

– After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, July 29 and Saturday, September 30, 2023. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model. There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

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