

St. Michael Church

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RECTORY, 7401 St. Michaels Lane 703-256-7822
SCHOOL, 7401 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 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. Brian B. McAllister

In Residence: Rev. Stefan P. Starzynski

Permanent Deacons: Deacon David S. McCaffrey

6th Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

The Priest's Mass Intentions

- 5 p.m. Saturday, May 21
Sr. Maria Jordan +
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday, May 22
People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Bertha Dickens
- 12:30 p.m. Huy & Nghi Nguyen
- 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 23
Annie Avornytse
- 12 noon E dmond D. Moreno
- 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 24
Patrina Dare
- 12 noon Helen Gallagher +
- 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 25
Brian & Jen McNamara
- 12 noon Helena Metzger +
- 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 26
Sebalda Tette +
- 12 noon Fai Lee +
- 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 27
Pedro Iraneta +
- 12 noon Nory Costa +
- 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 28
John Baptist Ng Long Thang +
- 5 p.m. Claire Jarvis
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday, May 29
People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Edem Tette
- 12:30 p.m. SK Ronald Edward Ray, PGK

A Word from Fr. Drummond

Many years ago when I was Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena, there was a knock on the Rectory door, and when I answered a young, recently discharged, veteran stood there and asked if he could play with my dog, Gregory. Gregory, a Border Collie, was extremely active and I was glad to have someone to tire him out a bit. I recognized the young man, who was often at St. Catherine's Wednesday evening Holy Hour. It turned out that he had had a Border Collie when younger, and when, new to the area, he looked for a parish he saw me outdoors playing with Gregory which encouraged him to join St. Catherine's. Soon he began to volunteer with CCD. Sometimes after Mass he would question me about a point in my homily. In short, he became a regular but always attended alone. So I wasn't overly surprised when one day he asked me for a sponsor letter so as to enter the Seminary. Not only did I write the letter for him but I also invited him to use the Rectory as his home base when not at seminary as he did not have any family in the area. And that is, more or less, how I got to know Father Brian McAllister.

Fr. Brian attended Mt. St. Mary Seminary for six years receiving an M.A. in Philosophical Studies, an M.Div., and an

M.A. in Theology. When he was a deacon, my dog Gregory died, and Deacon Brian helped me to bury him out behind the Rectory and mourned his loss with me. At his priestly ordination he gave me the great honor of vesting him as a priest. Thus it was with great joy that I accepted to have him as a Parochial Vicar four and a half years ago. But time passes quickly. The usual term for a parochial vicar is three years so we have been lucky to have Fr. Brian for almost five. But the Bishop has decided that it is now time for him to move on.

It will be a much quieter place here without the roar of his motor bikes. It has been a great joy for me to see him continue to grow and mature spiritually during these last four and a half years. The last two years have had special challenges for him as he has taken on wider duties and responsibilities. His impact on this parish has been great and he will be much missed as he moves on to St. John's in Warrenton.

The sadness of Fr. Brian's departure is mitigated somewhat by the arrival of our new parochial vicar, Father Michael Folmar, who was ordained four years ago. I don't really know him but when I spoke with him earlier this week he told me that he feels a special calling to be with the sick and the elderly. "Then you're coming to the right place," I told him. But I think he will also be a good and positive presence among our young at the school. I am very much looking forward to his arrival.

In closing, I would just like to reiterate what a pleasure it has been for me to have had Fr. Brian here these past years. We go back a long way and have had many formative years together. St. Michael's loss will truly be St. John's gain. God bless you, Fr. Brian — *ad multos annos!*

Faith Formation/Religious Education

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 are thinking about becoming a Catholic? The RCIA classes are for those who have not been Baptized, or 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. For more information, check out our webpage at stmichaelannandale.org/RCIA. Our weekly meetings will begin on August 22. If you have questions or would like to register for classes, please call or email Adina Ordonez (ccdstm@outlook.com, 571-385-0085).

REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL HAS BEGUN. New this year, you can register and pay for classes online at stmichaelannandale.org/religiouseducation. Classes for **Grades 1 through 8** will be on Monday evenings, from 6 – 7:30 PM in the Junior School Building. Classes for **High School students** will be held every two weeks on Monday evening, from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

CATECHISTS & AIDES -- We are always in need of catechists and aides. Experience is lovely but not required. The Diocese offers excellent certification programs, tuition free. If you would like to assist us, please contact the Religious Education Office (ccdstm@outlook.com, 571-385-0085).

In Our Parish

Diocesan Retired Priests' Second Collection -- There will be a second collection for our diocesan retired priests on the weekend of May 21/22. This collection is an opportunity for you to give back to our retired priests who have given the greater part of their lives to serve each of you and our diocesan Church. Currently, there are 31 retired priests and an additional 15 diocesan priests who will retire in the next ten years. Please consider donating to this important collection, and thank you for your kind support.

FaithDirect -- Through eGiving, you can help sustain and build up the parish. The need is great all around us, and generous online gifts will help our church community. We ask you to consider signing up via computer, smartphone, or tablet to set up a recurring donation, or make a one-time gift. Visit faith.direct/VA409. Thank you for your continued support!

FOCUS (The Fellowship of Catholic University Students) -- Be a part of the new evangelization by supporting a missionary family from our own parish! On Sunday, May 22, our parishioners, Niru and Sarah De Silva, will be hosting two informational meetings to talk about the missionary work they are doing with FOCUS (The Fellowship of Catholic University Students). Learn about how FOCUS is helping young people encounter the Catholic faith and how you can support this young missionary couple. Join them at one of two sessions on Sunday, May 22, after the 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Masses in the All Purpose Room (APR) of the school.

Frassati Annandale -- Are you interested in getting involved in young adult ministry? All young adults 18-39 are welcome! Here are a couple of our next events:

- Are you a young adult woman? Are you interested in joining Frassati Annandale Young Adult Women's "UpperRoom" Bible Study? Meetings are bi-monthly and foster a sense of community and service. The next meeting will be hosted at Sandie's house on Thursday, June 2nd at 6:30 PM.
Join young adult ministry for their monthly Core Team Dinner on Saturday, June 3rd at 6:00 PM. To RSVP, please email the coordinators.

For more information, or to let us know that you are coming, email the Frassati leadership team at frassatiannandale@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Membership -- With almost two million members the Knights 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, please contact Grand Knight, Richard Stavros at stavros@thomas-dwight.com, or Tom Howard, tomw5486@gmail.com.

Perpetual Adoration
"King of Kings yet born of Mary
As our Lord on earth He stood
Lord of Lords in human vesture
In the body and the blood
He will give to the faithful
His own self for heavenly food,"
~ from "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent
We are currently in dire need of adorers for all time frames! To sign up for an adoration hour, or for more information, call Rosemary Duffy at 703-256-4468.

ACCA Food Pantry -- Needed items:

- beef stew
canned ham
cereal
dish soap
jelly/jam
maseca/masa
paper towels
sugar
tooth brushes
canned chicken
coffee (instant preferred),
deodorant
honey
laundry detergent
mayonnaise/ketchup/mustard
shampoo
tortillas
toilet paper

Monetary donations are always welcome; checks can be written to ACCA Inc. and mailed to ACCA, 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale VA 22003. Pantry volunteers are needed; if interested in volunteering, or for more information, please contact pantry@accacares.org.

Please Pray for: Patrick Pearring; Sean & Chrissy Campbell; Terry Spragens; Debi Hochgertle; Bob Cafarella; Elsa Noriega*; Paul McEnrue*; Julia Garcia; John and Marie Sibenik*; Priscilla Chaney*; Irma Barrera; Ruth Nicaise Smokowski; Peter Pometto; Charlene Morison; Maria Castro; John Carlson; Courtney Villareal*; Tracy Wilson; Tom & Charlene Sheffler; Amy Keady; Ariadne Pasa; Maria Gorey*; Thomas Siemer*; Diana Pascoe; Lauren Hagelin; Cecile McNeill*; Tuy Nguyen*; Ellen Louise Daily; Steve Maitland*; Carolyn Newgent Cole; Jennifer McGowan; Dan Keller; Joe Armstead; Jane O'Connor; Lili Lang; Diane McGill*; Eileen Carroll-Doshier; June & Norman Grimm*; Patino family*; Edward Imperati*; Julia & Sophia Lattanzio; Mauricio Posada; Pat Daly*; Carlos Reguerin*; Jerry Pearring, Sr.*; Stone Uhre; Sean and Cynthia Clark*; Mimi Clark*; Hailey Steiniger; Sr. Paul Marie; Yoshimi Kadota; Stephan Nguyen*; Mr. Nhuong Le; Alvin Anceravage*; Carmen Deshler*; Robert John Nicaise, Sr.; Harriet Fallon; Julie Molony Lee; Andrew F. Zaccardi*; Christopher Tran; Mary Kay Pistolesi; Michael Anthony Urban; Marco Tulio Gamba; Mary C. Doss; 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; 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; and.... [call Mary at the parish office, 703-256-7822, and we'll keep our prayers going for our military in harms way.]

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>.

In Our Diocese

Catholic Family Night: Comedy and Big Band Jazz! -- Join us for an evening of good clean family fun and laughter; an evening of vibrant Big Band Jazz and improv comedy radiant in the happy life we have in Christ. First, our very own local Catholic improv group, FOOLS! Comedy Improv, will warm up the crowd with some good laughs. Then enjoy the cool tones of local award-winning big band, the Hot Lanes. A reception will accompany both evening performances. Date: Saturday, June 11 at 7 p.m. at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Lake Ridge, VA. Free and open to the public.

Entering Canaan: Day of Prayer & Healing for Women -- Post-Abortion Healing Retreats for Women in English and Spanish: An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry 703-841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Gifts for Education Endowment Fund (SEEF) -- Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact John French at john.french@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-3819 with questions.

Diocesan Resource Page on Issues Affecting the Catholic Church Available -- The Catholic Diocese of Arlington website includes a resource page where parishioners can access information regarding events affecting the Church. Read the policies on child protection and responses from Bishop Burbidge and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection.

Junior Choir

Singing in the Junior Choir is a way for children to enter more deeply into the beauty of the Mass. The value of singing at Mass is an experience which is simply unmatched by any other choral experience. We do more than make music, we come together to worship the Living God with one voice. Singing in Choir is a way to deepen a child's faith through Sacred Music and promote a life-long love and devotion to the Holy Mass. Open to children in grades 2 through 8!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1156) states that: *"The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value"*. Over the course of the year, we will sing many beautiful traditional songs, including learning the Gregorian Chant and other musical treasures of the Catholic Church.

Interested in joining? Please contact Sarah Shafer: 540-252-4472.

School News



REGISTRATION INFORMATION – We are currently accepting applications for the 2022-2023 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.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS AN INVESTMENT
 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.