

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) 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

16th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

July 18, 2021

The Priest's Mass Intentions

	<u>Saturday, July 17</u>
5 p.m. vigil	Robert K.N. Tette
	<u>Sunday, July 18</u>
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Rosemary Furcher +
12:30 p.m.	Phero Huy Nguyen
	<u>Monday, July 19</u>
8:30 a.m.	William Deshler +
12 noon	Florence Gorey Lavin +
	<u>Tuesday, July 20</u>
8:30 a.m.	Teresa Avila Ty Nguyen +
12 noon	Elizabeth Medved
	<u>Wednesday, July 21</u>
8:30 a.m.	Jose D. Moreno, Sr. +
12 noon	Ben Roodhouse
	<u>Thursday, July 22</u>
8:30 a.m.	Floyd Nunnully +
12 noon	Cristobal Munoz +
	<u>Friday, July 23</u>
8:30 a.m.	David Lee, Jr.
12 noon	Elizabeth Medved +
	<u>Saturday, July 24</u>
8:30 a.m.	Edward Smerecki
5 p.m. vigil	Maria Hoang Thi Bao +
	<u>Sunday, July 25</u>
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Ethelvina Justiniano +
12:30 p.m.	Cecilia Nghi Nguyen

A Word from Fr. Drummond

Reprinted from July 23, 2017

The prophetic part of the document is paragraph 17 “Grave Consequences of Methods of Artificial Birth Control”. Among these consequences are “conjugal infidelity and the general lowering of morality.” In addition he notes the loss of respect for women — “to the point of considering her as a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment...” The encyclical also notes that contraception could come to be “a dangerous weapon... in the hands of those public authorities who take no heed of moral exigencies.” (Think: the United Nations Cairo Conference on Population in the mid-1990’s). And further: “Who will stop rulers from favoring, from even imposing upon their peoples... the method of contraception which they judge to be most efficacious?” (Think: Communist China.) The Pope’s final warning was man thinking he has limitless domination over his own body and its functions. Although the Pope does not mention it, this runs the gamut from test tube babies to euthanasia.

In all the uproar over paragraph 13 and its upholding of traditional Catholic teaching on the subject, the prophetic angle of paragraph 17 was ignored if not lost. The laity’s recourse to infertile periods was — and continues to be — ridiculed: “Oh the rhythm method — that doesn’t work!” Such ridicule being a show of ignorance even in the sixties.

The tragedy of this is that ALL that Pope Paul VI predicted in paragraph 17 of *Humanae Vitae* has come to pass — and with a vengeance! Janet E. Smith, author of *Humanae Vitae — A Generation Later* and the editor of *Why Humanae Vitae Was Right — A Reader* writes of this perceptively in 1993 (28 years ago!). Supporting the prediction that conjugal infidelity and the general lowering of morals, Smith says, “The availability of contraception has led them [young people] to believe that they can engage in premarital sexual activity “responsibly”. But teenagers are about as responsible in their use of contraception as they are in all other phases in their lives — such as making their beds, cleaning their rooms and getting homework done on time.” She also notes the connection between contraception and abortion: “Contraception leads to more extra-marital sexual intercourse; more extra-marital intercourse leads to more unwanted pregnancies; more unwanted pregnancies lead to more abortions. Not many women intend to use abortion as a “back up” to failed contraception, but it is undeniable that it is often so used.”

The very fact that abortion was legalized (some five years after the release of *Humanae Vitae*) is a fulfillment both of the prediction of the general lowering of morality and the concept of Man having limitless control over his body. The coarsening of the culture in film, movie, television and literature, often in ways that were unimaginable in 1968, also bears out the prophecy of the lowering of general morality.

Pope Paul’s prediction that contraception would lower Man’s respect for Woman, seeing Woman as an object for his own gratification with no concern for physical and psychological well-being, is more than borne out in today’s society, abetted by the internet, in which pornography is accessed by increasingly younger and younger men, and indeed by many who would otherwise never have dreamed of entering an “adult” book store or even opening a pornographic magazine. The idea that pornography is a “victimless” crime is one that should stagger the imagination.

The lack of mutuality in a relationship is something that is specifically condemned in *Humanae Vitae* in paragraph 13: “It is in fact justly observed that a conjugal act *imposed* upon one’s partner without regard for his or her condition and lawful desires is not a true act of love...” And the lowering of Man’s respect for Woman as a true partner in love rather than an object for gratification is exactly what happens as Paul VI predicted. This is testified to in a number of ways, not least of which is the divorce rate which is at 50%!, but also the increase of date rape and the rape drug that incapacitates a woman so that man may use her as an inanimate object. Things have gotten so bad that a number of years ago there were well-meaning billboards around Baltimore that proclaimed in large letters “Virgin”, then smaller letters “It’s not a dirty word.”

In Our Parish

SUMMER GATE HOURS -- please note the Summer hours of the Pine Street gate: Monday-Friday it will be open until 1 p.m. On the weekend, it will be open from 3 p.m. Saturday until 3 p.m. Sunday.

Friday Family Holy Hour -- with Fr. Brian will be suspended for the month of July, but comes back in August!

Perpetual Adoration -- "We must visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament a hundred thousand times a day." ~ St. Francis de Sales To sign up for an adoration hour, or for more information, contact Rosemary Duffy at 703-256-4468.

Recent Statement of the Bishops of the local Provinces -- "We are lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation in the Diocese of Arlington, and reinstating that obligation beginning on Saturday, June 26, 2021 and Sunday, June 27, 2021." Furthermore, "this obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus, another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions."

Please Pray for: 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; Mauricio Posada; Pat Daly*; Carlos Reguerin*; 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; Michael Anthony Urban; Marco Tulio Gamba; Ethel Apostolico*; Richard & Norma Geiger*; Lucas Velleco; Patrick Pearing; Sean & Chrissy Campbell; Terry Spragens; Debi Hochgertle; Ardwin Barsanti; Madelyn Respicio Cabatic; Bob Cafarella; Elsa Noriega*; Paul McEnrue*; Ronald Neff*; Julia Garcia; Kathleen Johnston*; John and Marie Sibenik*; Priscilla Chaney*; Cindy Pierato*; 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; 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.]

CCD/Religious Education

This August, join us for a week (August 2-6) in St. Michael's very own Catechesis of the Good Shepherd! This special Religious Education program is hosted in the "Atrium," a space described by Sofia Cavalletti as "not a place of religious instruction, but of religious life." During this week, your child(ren) will go through a session that is similar to time spent on retreat, and will begin 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!

For children ages 4 - 6. Registration details can be found at stmichaelannandale.org atrium

Registration for the fall has begun. -- Information on the Religious Education program can be found at stmichaelannandale.org/religiouseducation, OR under the Faith Formation tab of the Parish website. Registration forms and materials are available online. Families have several options for the upcoming school year: virtual learning, homeschooling with text and activity books, and/or attending classes on Monday night.

Faith Growth

A reflection on the scripture readings for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - is available at FORMED.ORG. Go to a fresh browser page and enter https://watch.formed.org/login. If necessary, sign in by registering as a member of a parish with a subscription. This will ask you to identify your parish which is most easily done with our zip code - 22003. Once at the FORMED homepage, use the Search feature and type in "Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B." Click on the "Start" button and listen reflectively.

Heroes of the Faith - a mini-course on six heroic Catholics (from St. Francis of Assisi to Michelangelo). These videos are history, travelogue, insight on what made the man or woman tick (insight into their faith life). The video this week is the second half of the story of St. John Henry Newman. You will receive an email from FLOCKNOTE every Tuesday at 9 am through the summer with a link, and you can then watch the video anytime. There is no final exam, but you can offer comments as you wish.

In Christ, Deacon Dave McCaffrey

p.s.: A note about FLOCKNOTE - there are three options for joining FLOCKNOTE - our parish communication and education vehicle:

- 1 - Text to join: Text "STMICHAEL1" to 84576. You will receive a return text which will collect the needed information (first and last name, email address, and smart phone number.)
2 - Use the internet: go to "stmichaelchurch1.flocknote.com." This will take you to a place where you supply the needed information.
3 - Send Dcn. McCaffrey an email at dsjmjrl@gmail.com with the needed information.

Dine & Dance



Come to St. Mike's for an evening of dinner and dancing! The night will include dinner, drinks, salsa dancing lessons, and open dance time. Bring a partner, or meet new friends. Absolutely no experience is needed!

When: August 14th // 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Where: St. Michael GYM,
7401 St Michaels Ln., Annandale, VA 22003

Cost: \$15 per individual; \$30 per couple

Get your tickets today! www.stmikesdatenight.org

Are you interested in volunteering for Dine & Dance? Fill out this form and Sarah De Silva will be in contact with you: <https://forms.gle/FvN9pJ3nQnBhfK1h6>

QR code for Dine & Dance:



QR Code for Volunteers:



In Our Diocese

Volunteer Medical Practitioners Needed at Free Clinic

– Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics needs doctors, nurses and medical assistants. Please consider volunteering to help provide free, quality healthcare to low-income individuals who are uninsured or under-insured. Pope Francis said, "In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ." If interested, go to this link <http://bit.ly/MoMnewvolunteer>. Thank you!

School News



Preschool Open House

WHEN: July 28th 9:00am - Noon

It is not too late to register for Preschool!

We offer full and half day classes for 3 and 4 year olds.

Morning care and extended day available.

Low student/teacher ratio.

Please come visit, meet our teachers and see why Saint Michael PreSchool is the place for your child!

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

– We are currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 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. Please 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 Saint Michael Catholic School, live the Gospel message by fostering a spirit of worship, a commitment to service and a continuous love of learning.

