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 information and assistance. (Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

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)
21st Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2020

The Priest’s Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 23
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Helen P. Gallagher
12:30 p.m. Richard Owen +

Monday, August 24
8:30 a.m. Laurence Fitzgerald +
12 noon Rosa E. Young +

Tuesday, August 25
8:30 a.m. Mrs. Frances Garufi +
12 noon Delia Sinn +

Wednesday, August 26
8:30 a.m. Mrs. Margaret Christman
12 noon Teri Adams

Thursday, August 27
8:30 a.m. Paul Lee +
12 noon Lucinda Cracco +

Friday, August 28
8:30 a.m. Zechariah Han +
12 noon Frank McDonnell +

Saturday, August 29
8:30 a.m. Melanie Carlson +
5 p.m. vigil John & Maria Balenger +

Sunday, August 30
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Edward Pilecki +
12:30 p.m. Sam Amico +

A Word from Fr. Drummond

St. Michael’s Parish School starts classes this coming Wednesday. Unlike Fairfax County schools, St. Michael’s will have in class instruction five days a week. Various precautions have been put in place to safeguard against the Wuhan Virus. Desks will be spaced at least six feet one from another with no more than 15 students in each classroom. Floors have been marked so as to allow the students to more easily observe the appropriate distance from each other, and we have had touchless water fountains installed. The older children will enter their rooms directly from the outside; lunch will be taken in the classroom rather than the cafeteria, and while masks will not be required when the child is at his or her desk, they will be worn everywhere else. Our enrollment is higher than it has been in years even though roughly a third of the students will be online.

It is crucially important for a child’s development that he or she have regular social contact outside the home. While the shutdown was deemed necessary to try and stop the spread of the Wuhan Virus and limit the Virus’ casualties, there have been many numerous negative side effects that are often overlooked, if not simply ignored. Suicide rates are at all time highs — man is a social creature and when shut off from others is prone to depression. Businesses have gone under and unemployment has risen as a result, increasing stress at home where families are already stressed by being locked in twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Thankfully many of the strictures that were initially imposed are slowly being lifted. Our school is opening and hopefully will not have to be shut down ever again.

As members of St. Michael’s Parish each of us has a vested interest in the school whether we have children attending or not. I am very grateful to the many parishioners who have given generous support, allowing us to upgrade where needed and also to help with tuition assistance. If you read further in today’s bulletin you will find a “wish list” of things still needed by the School. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

At this point, I would like to thank in a special way all our teaching and support staff who have worked so hard to prepare the School’s reopening. Annie Fernandez, our Principal, has done a spectacular job. Her work has been especially heroic as she lost her beloved husband, Ambrose, due to complications from the Wuhan Virus just a few months ago. Despite this tragedy Mrs. Fernandez has offered optimistic and cheerful leadership as we face the special challenges this year has brought us. Our School Office staff, Maureen and Michelle, have likewise done an outstanding job in preparing for the reopening. Also, our Parish maintenance staff, Ray and Tam, have worked especially hard to get the School
buildings in shipshape and ready for the incoming students. And, of course, all our teachers and teacher’s aides for whom their position is not just a job but a special calling. Please keep our School, the students and staff in your prayers in a special way as we start this new school year.

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Friday Family Holy Hour has resumed! -- Come to the church on Fridays from 7-8 p.m. Holy Hour will consist of two brief meditations followed by generous amounts of quiet time to rest in the Lord. This experience will help you relax after a challenging week and also to prepare for the Sunday liturgy! Parents are ENCOURAGED to bring their children but to also help us preserve the quiet as they are able -- please feel free to bring them and don’t be embarrassed if they get squirmy! They need Jesus too! ALL are encouraged to bring a friend! Hope to see you this Friday!

The Mass Celebrating Golden & Silver Jubilarians (married in 1970 or 1995) -- for those celebrating 25 and 50 years of marriage will be held at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington on Sunday, October 4, at 2:30 p.m. Bishop Michael Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist. A light reception of cake and punch with an opportunity for a photograph with Bishop Burbidge will follow in Burke Hall. Please call the parish office to register at 703-256-7822, no later than September 18. Register even if you cannot attend and the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life will send you a certificate commemorating your 25 or 50 years of marriage. If you have additional questions, please contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life directly at 703-841-2550.

Please Pray for: Jean Kratochvil*; John Carlson; Elizabeth Medved*; Robert and Courtney Villarreal*; Tracy Wilson; Michael Malovit*; Ariadne Pasa; Maria KErrinckx*; Marissa Ann Wuerthle*; Diana Pascoe; Cecile McNeill*; Tuy Nguyen*; Ellen Louise Daily; Steve Maitland*; Rosemary Furcher*; Dan Keller; Lili Lang; Eileen Carroll-Doshier; June & Norman Grimm*; Mauricio Posada; Robert Peternell*; Carlton Hanson; Sr. Paul Marie; Yoshimi Kadota; Stephan Nguyen*; Carmen T. Deshler*; Matt Skube, Jr.; Julie Molony Lee; Andrew F. Zaccardi*; Joe Meister; Mary Roche*; Michael Anthony Urban; Marco Tulio Gamba; Ethel Apostolico*; Lucas Velasco; Sean & Chrissy Campbell; Terry Spragens; Madelyn Respicio Cabatic; Greg Raymond*; Bob Cafarella; Elsa Noriega*; Paul McNenue*; Julia Garcia; Kathleen Johnston*; John and Marie Sibenik*; Priscilla Chaney*; Cindy Pierato*; Irma Barrera; Ruth Nicaise Smokowski; Peter Pometto; 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 Stephen Acevedo USNavy; David Hayes, Jr. USNavy; Sgt. Edward Imperati, Jr. USMC; LCpl Ethan Anderson; David Blincoe, USCG; Ryan Starcher, USMC; Gabriel P. Martino, USMC and.... [call Mary at the parish office, 703-256-7822, and we’ll keep our prayers going for our military in harms way.]

Frassati Annandale Young Adult Ministry -- Parishioners aged 18-35 years old are welcome to join the St. Michael’s Young Adult Ministry! To receive more information and find out what events we have on the calendar, or to be added to our email list, please email Sandie and Theresa at frassatiannandale@gmail.com and follow our Facebook page! We look forward to meeting you!

As announced in previous weeks -- as of August, the 7 AM Mass has been discontinued, as Fr. Starzynski is no longer available for Sunday Masses.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION -- Please note that adoration will be resuming *only on Wednesdays*, from after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m. in the main church.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

- If you or someone you know (family, friend, neighbor, co-worker) is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and maybe becoming part of us read on.
- The RCIA is for the non-Baptized, those Baptized but not as Catholics, and Baptized Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist/Holy Communion.
- Weekly meetings will begin after Labor Day and ultimately how far anyone goes is up to the individuals who come. Our intention is to respond to a curiosity or yearning.
- Given today’s environment, the meetings will be offered both in person and virtually, and we will follow relevant public health advisories.

To answer your questions and get further information, please call or email Dcn. Dave McCaffrey (dsmjr1@gmail.com, 571-643-6895).
Knights of Columbus

5th Annual Mass Honoring Military & First Responders
-- will be hosted by Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly #1894 of the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, September 13, 2020, at 11:00 AM, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church (3700 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA 22030), with Bishop Burbidge as Principal Celebrant for this Mass. All Military and First Responders are invited and welcomed to attend this Mass in dress uniform and with their family. A reception will follow in the school gym. Please RSVP to Faithful Navigator SK David J. Todd, Jr., PFN, at djtoddjr@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

CCD/Religious Education

Registration for the fall has begun. Families will have several options this year for religious education; e-Learning (working online), homeschooling with text and activity books, and/or attending classes on Monday night. Please contact Adina Ordonez 703-941-9403 or by email at ccdstm@outlook.com for more information or to set up an appointment to register.

We are always in need of catechists and aides. Experience is lovely but not a requirement. If you are able to volunteer a couple hours a week to help us, please contact Adina Ordonez (703-941-9403/ccdstm@outlook.com).

Be Sure to Join Flocknote

Stay up-to-date on Parish announcements, and receive a variety of Faith resources!

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 “stmichaelschurch1.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 WEBSITE:
WWW.STMIKES22003.ORG

REGISTRATION INFORMATION -- Registration for the 2020-2021 School year is now Open. Our seats are filling fast. Please contact the school office for Registration Information. Come take a tour to see why your children should attend Saint Michael School. If you have any questions, please call Michelle Kennedy at 703-256-1222 or michelle.kennedy@stmikes22003.org.

August 26th -- First Day of Class for Students
The teachers are ready! Classrooms are ready! We are excited for our students to arrive on August 26th!

SCHOOL WISH LIST/NEEDS LIST
Listed below is a wish list/need list for the school. These items will help us with classroom learning or in the event that we have eLearning in the future. If you, your company or someone you know would like to donate towards the below items, please contact Mrs. Kennedy or Mrs. Carlstrom at office@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.