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
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) 703-941-9403

MASSES:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m. (Novus Ordo Latin)
Weekday Masses: See Inside Bulletin

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. SHARP.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. SHARP. Advent & Lent special schedule.

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, Pre-School through grade 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.
WEEKLY HOLY HOUR/BENEDICTION: are held on Fridays at 7 p.m.
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)
The Priest's Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 1
7 a.m.  Pat Glass +
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving (Nguyen Family)
12:30 p.m. Pat Glass +
Monday, September 2
10 a.m.  Rocco Hung Pham +
Tuesday, September 3
8:30 a.m.  Catherine Callaghan +
12 noon   Jerome Duncan +
Wednesday, September 4
8:30 a.m.  Brendan Johnston +
12 noon   Joseph Nguyen +
Thursday, September 5
8:30 a.m.  Maria Kim Lien +
12 noon   Pat Dorothy Hannahs +
Friday, September 6
8:30 a.m.  Margaret “Maggie” Smith
12 noon   Atillo Family (healing)
Saturday, September 7
8:30 a.m.  All abandoned souls +
5 p.m. vigil  Blanche Anceravage +
Sunday, September 8
7 a.m.  Maria Nguyen Thi An +
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Mrs. Patricia Glass +
12:30 p.m. Jerome Duncan +

A Word from Fr. Drummond

One of the great challenges I face as a priest are the insipid and sometimes woefully inaccurate translations of Sacred Scripture given to us in the Lectionary. The poor quality of the Lectionary’s translation inhibits our appreciation and understanding of Sacred Scripture in the same way a window covered in mud blocks the rays of the noonday sun. Although we get hints of its beauty and glory, the full impact is lessened and dimmed. Consequently, a main focus of my preaching is to clarify and open up the readings given to us in the Lectionary. My goal is not so much to shine a light on Scripture as to allow Sacred Scripture to shine it’s light on us.

While at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary I was very fortunate to be able to study both Biblical Greek and Biblical Hebrew. I am not by any means a scholar of these languages, but I have been able to gain a fuller appreciation of the rich and subtle texture of Sacred Scripture that is all too often lost in translations, and particularly in modern translations.

For Catholics there is an official normative text of the Bible which is the Latin Vulgate. The Vulgate was originally translated by St. Jerome working in Bethlehem in the fourth century. Latin, at the time, was the common language throughout the Roman Empire and St. Jerome’s goal was to make Sacred Scripture accessible to as many people as possible. Greek was the language of intellectuals and Hebrew even more arcane. “Ignoratio Scripturarum ignoratio Christi est,” says St. Jerome, “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

Unfortunately, today Latin is almost as incomprehensible to the average Catholic as Hebrew. And the many translations available to us today in English vary from okay to very bad. Generally the more modern or “current” the translation, the worse it is. When asked to recommend a translation, I generally tell people my preferred English translation is the Navarre Bible, put out by Scepter Publishers. For sheer beauty of language I recommend the original “King James” version. Albeit a Protestant translation, the majesty and timbre of its language is closest approaches that of the original text.

For myself when preparing my homilies, I rely on my Greek/Latin New Testament, and for the Old Testament I will also look at the Hebrew as well as the Latin, and in some cases the Greek of the Septuagint (a 3rd and 2nd century BC translation of the Hebrew Scriptures). Additionally, I look at multiple translations in English.

It was with great joy that I came upon a new translation of the Hebrew Bible by Professor Robert Alter, a well known, highly respected professor of Hebrew and Comparative Literature at Berkeley. His translation is straightforward while respecting the subtlety and cadences of the original text. His notes and commentary both explain his choice of vocabulary and shed insight into the complexity of the original texts. I believe that Alter’s translation is about as close as one can get in English to the “original” Hebrew. (I put original in quotation marks because the Hebrew itself evolved over time, for example the vowel marks coming only around the 800’s AD — before that it was all consonants and not broken up into chapter and verse). Professor Alter’s translation is available in three volumes, priced at just over $100— on Amazon. I heartily recommend this work to anyone who wishes to enter more fully into the Old Testament. It would easily be the best $100— you ever spent.

In Our Parish

The second collection -- this weekend is for Catholic University.

Labor Day -- Monday, September 2nd is Labor Day. Please note that there will only be one daily Mass, and it will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Also, there are no early morning confessions.
St. Michael’s Senior (50+) Group

WHAT: Annual business meeting, election of officers and Pot-luck dinner.

WHEN: Saturday, September 7, 2019

TIME: 1:30-4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Senior School Cafeteria

FARE: Share your favorite food to serve 6-8 persons in the following categories according to the first letter of your last name as follows:

A-F: Dessert; Fi-K: Hot vegetable; L-P: Main dish; Q-Z: Salad

Note: Sliced roast beef, turkey, drinks, rolls and condiments will be provided!

RESERVATIONS: Call/text Cindy 703-927-1184 to sign up/tell her what you are bringing by Sept. 5th! There will be an election of officers for the Oct. 1, 2019-Sept. 30, 2020 term. Positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please consider serving this important organization! Annual dues of $10 will be collected to cover door prizes and food.

Family Holy Hour -- takes place every week at St. Michael’s. Come to the church this Friday, September 6th, at 7 p.m. All are encouraged to attend; bring your family!

Perpetual Adoration -- We are currently in most need for adoration members on: Sundays 3 a.m.-4 a.m.; Saturdays 8 a.m.-9 a.m. and 5 p.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesdays 4-5 a.m.; Wednesdays 1-2 a.m. To sign up for an adoration hour, or for more information, contact Rosemary Duffy at 703-256-4468.

Are you or someone you know interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church and what we believe and live? -
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults meetings will begin in September. These meetings are to start a journey of Faith to know more and to prepare for entry into the Church and reception of its Sacraments. All who are interested please contact Deacon Dave McCaffrey (571-643-6895 or dsmjlrl@gmail.com).

Parochial Status of Adult Children -- Please note that Adult Children of Registered Families are not automatically members of the Parish; and especially if they are no longer living with their parents who should register at the Parish in which they live. Adult children who no longer live in the Parish and/or do not practice the Faith cannot use St. Michael’s as a “default” parish to fall back on if they are in need of sponsor certificates or other proofs of belonging to a parish.

American Heritage Girls & Trail Life VA0894 Corner

Trail Life & AHG Membership: If you have a son or daughter who is interested in joining our Trail Life or AHG VA 0894 troops starting in September, please contact Jim Perkins, 703-615-2607 or Jermaine Perkins 703-658-4876 for additional information. Please be on the lookout for our summer open house announcement later on in the summer! Parent and Adult leaders are also needed to help run our program. If you are interested in learning more and volunteering, please call us! Our programs are open to kids in grades K-12.

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Teams of Our Lady Information Meeting -- is an international movement in the Church to help couples develop their unique spirituality, i.e. grow in their marriage and give witness to all the dimensions of the sacrament. A team, consisting of five to seven couples and a spiritual counselor, meets monthly to share a meal, pray, share insights from Sacred Scripture, and discuss study material in order to enrich their marriages. Marriage is to be lived every day. The "how to" will be described at an Information Meeting at St. James Church (103 N. Spring St., Falls Church) on Sunday September 8 in Heller Hall, after the Noon Mass. For further information, contact Carol and Deacon Dave McCaffrey by email at “themccaffreys22003@gmail.com” or by phone at 703-941-4573.

The annual St. Michael’s Blood Drive -- will be held on Sunday, September 22 from 9:00am - 2:30pm in the school gym. Donors can sign up after masses on September 7 & 8 and September 15 & 16. Donors can also signup online by visiting Red-CrossBlood.org and entering STMICHAELSANNANDALE and following the instructions. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Joe Provenzano at 571-331-4051. We need help signing up donors and working on the day of the drive.

Please Pray for:

Ariadne Pasa; Maria Kerrinckx*; Marissa Ann Garcia; John and Marie Sibenik*; Dennis Suddarth*; Priscilla Chaney*; Irma Barrera; Peter Pometto; Jean Kratochvil*; John Carlson; Elizabeth Medved*; Robert and Courtney Villereal*; Tracy Wilson; Michael Malovic*; Rosemary Dooley*; 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 Stephan Acevedo USNavy; David Hayes, Jr. USNavy; Sgt. Edward Imperati, Jr. USMC; and…. [call Mary at the parish office, 703-256-7822, and we’ll keep our prayers going for our military in harms way.]

PLEASE NOTE -- that neither the church library, nor the ACCA container, is an appropriate place to discard any of your miscellaneous unwanted items. Clothes, bikes, even religious goods, etc. should not be left in the vestibule. You should contact Christ House, St. Vincent de Paul, or drop off your items at the local Goodwill. Thank you for your cooperation.

Coffee and Donuts -- Please have coffee and donuts with the St. Michael Knights of Columbus next Sunday, September 8 after 8:30 and 10:30 Masses in All Purpose Room. All are welcome!!!

Seeking members of the St. Michael School class of 1989 -- as well as the faculty and staff that guided us along the way from 1980-1989 for our 30-year reunion to be held the weekend of October 12-13. Please contact Mireya Pasa Stirzaker at mdpasa@yahoo.com or via the Facebook page “St. Michael School - Class of 1989” to reconnect!

Join the La Salette Sisters as we celebrate the Feast of Our lady of La Salette 173rd Anniversary of the Apparition of Mary at La Salette, France at the 7:00 P.M. MASS on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at St. Michael Catholic Church.

‘Come near, my children, do not be afraid. I am here to tell you Great News.’’

PARISH PICNIC

SAVE THE DATE!!! The parish picnic will be held on Sunday, September 29th, after the 12:30 p.m. Mass. More details to follow in the coming weeks!

Religious Education/CCD

To Register for Religious Education (CCD) classes Grades 1 though 12, please contact Adina Ordonez at 703-941-9403 or ccdstm@outlook.com to set up an appointment.

Saint Michael Catholic School is looking for Substitute Teachers. If interested please contact Maureen Carlstrom at maureen.carlstrom@stmikes22003.org or 703-256-1222.

THANK YOU to all that attended our Sneak-a-Peek. Our teachers were happy to greet so many students. The 2019-2020 School Year will be a great success!

The Ice Cream Social was attended by many of our school families. It was great to see all the children happy to be back at school!

Registration is open for the 2019-2020 School year. If you are interested in more information for the 2019-2020 school year, contact Michelle Kennedy at michelle.kennedy@stmikes22003.org or call 703-256-1222 to set up a tour.

SPONSOR A STUDENT Are you looking to support Catholic School Education? What better way then to sponsor a child at Saint Michael School? Thank you to those who have adopted a Saint Michael student in the past. Your contribution has helped a family in need. If you are interested in supporting the Catholic Education of a Saint Michael Student please call the school office at 703-256-1222 or visit our website at www.stmikes22003.org.

Kids Corner Can you find at least 10 words in the word search below? Bring your solved word search to Mrs. Fernandez on Tuesday, September 3rd for a prize.

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.