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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; the class is held the first Monday of the month, at 7 p.m. in the parish office. 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 Communion Calls to the sick and shut-in.

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. For all inquiries, please e-mail reled@stmikes22003.org, or call 571.385.0085.

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 Vicars: Rev. John F. Heisler

Rev. William B. Schierer

23rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2026

The Priest's Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 5

8:30 a.m. Christopher A. Solomon +

5 p.m. Dominic Hieu +

Sunday, September 6

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

10:30 a.m. James Vitalie +

12:30 p.m. Jen and Elisa Schnur

Monday, September 7

10 a.m. Martha E. Jordan

Tuesday, September 8

8:30 a.m. Frank Sieve

12 noon Mary Pham Thi Nhien +

Wednesday, September 9

8:30 a.m. All Souls +

12 noon Achilles Neria +

Thursday, September 10

8:30 a.m. Yung-Hee Gallinaro +

12 noon Rev. John Zeigler

Friday, September 11

8:30 a.m. Pedro Iraneta +

12 noon Marie Christine M. Maramba

Saturday, September 12

8:30 a.m. Christian Mothers

5 p.m. Rocco Hung Pham +

Sunday, September 13

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

10:30 a.m. Kim Nguyen +

12:30 p.m. Erlinda M. Chua

A Word from Fr. Drummond

Just VOTE NO. This Fall, Virginians will vote on two ballot measures which are not only morally reprehensible in themselves but which also endanger our right to Religious Freedom.

The Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment which more accurately should be titled The Right to Freedom *From* Reproduction, expands the already extremely liberal Virginia Abortion Laws even further. This piece of legislation actually endangers the lives of the very women it claims to empower. It eliminates common sense health and safety regulations allowing nonphysicians to operate *unlicensed* abortion clinics. Furthermore, it cuts parents out of the decision process for underaged girls: a

thirteen year old girl could get an abortion without her parents' permission and even without their knowledge. A School nurse is not allowed to give a child an aspirin without parental approval but under this bill could provide an abortion! The bill also allows for unregulated abortions even for healthy babies up to birth for any reason whatsoever. If a child were to survive the abortion he or she is allowed to lie untreated on the table until death. This bill has nothing to do with reproduction and everything to do with DEATH.

The second piece of evil legislation is the move to remove the Virginia Constitutional Same Sex marriage ban. This bill not only reverses the ban but enshrines radical language—pushing gender ideology. And there are no provisions for conscience rights or religious liberty protections. Whether a baker or a clergyman, one should have a right to follow one's conscience in this much disputed area of gender ideology.

It is incumbent on Catholics in Virginia to vote *as Catholics*, and say NO to these legislative initiatives. With regard to abortion, a no vote does nothing to restrict what is already legal, it simply disallows an expansion of already immoral laws. Get out the vote. Vote as Catholic, vote as Christian, vote NO. And encourage others to vote no as well.

St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle.

Faith Formation/CCD Religious Education



~ Registration for Religious Education CCD is live on the website! Go to <https://stmichaelannandale.org/registration/>, then click on the large, green, "REGISTER" button and fill out the form. *Religious Education classes will be held on Monday nights, 6 – 7:30PM for Grades 1 – 8. High School classes will be held every 2 weeks on Monday nights, 6:30 – 7:30PM. Classes start September 21st.*

~ The St. Michael's Religious Education Program is in need of Volunteers for the 2026-2027 School Year. We are looking for Catechists and Assistants. No previous experience is necessary. VIRTUS training required. Please reach out to Julia Higgins at: reled@stmikes22003.org.

~ St. Michael's School is looking for a Level 1 Atrium Teacher for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). We are in need of Assistants for our Monday evening Program as well. Please reach out to Annie Fernandez at: annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org.

Continue investing in your Catholic Faith! St. Michael's Religious Education offers many opportunities to continue learning and growing in your own faith, while also supporting your fellow parish families. Learn more about our programs by clicking the "FAITH FORMATION" tab on our website, stmichaelannandale.org/. We offer:



The La Salette Sisters and La Salette Lay Community



Invite you to the Thanksgiving Mass for

*The 180th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of La Salette
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Eucharistic Celebration on
Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 9:15 A.M.
Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
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Saint Mary of Sorrows
10500 Zion Dr, Fairfax, VA 22032

Reception follows at St. Joseph Hall, Parish Center
5222 Sideburn Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032

*Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of Sinners,
Pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to you.*

Come & join ...

*Nine Days La Salette
Novena Prayer*



September 10 to 18, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.
St. Michael Church Garden
in front of Weeping Mother Statue



St. Michael Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, September 20, 2026
at 4 p.m.
in the Gym (Junior School)

Be a vital part of St. Michael's future!

- **Adult Bible Study** Come and see how the Gospel of Luke shapes our faith! Adult Bible Study *returns September 10* with Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled from Ascension Press. Class meets on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 in the lower level of the school, and optional workbooks will be available for \$20. Bring your Bible and join us for prayer, videos featuring Jeff Cavins, and thoughtful discussion of the beautiful Gospel of Luke.
- ***INTERESTED IN CATHOLICISM?** Please contact the religious education office to find out more about the OCIA process, E-MAIL: reled@stmikes22003.org, or call 571-385-0085.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

St. Michael Atrium • 2026-2027

Level 2 is open for registration for children ages 6-9, meeting Thursdays, 3:45-5:15 PM.

For more information or to register, visit:
stmichaelannandale.org/atrium

In our Parish

Labor Day -- holiday, Monday, September 7th. Please note there will be only one daily Mass celebrated at 10 a.m. There will be no early morning confessions, and the parish office will be closed.

The Second Collection -- this weekend is for Parish Deficit Reduction.

School has started! -- hence, the Pine Street gate will be open/closed during the day for the safety of the schoolchildren:

closed at 9:30 a.m.; opened at 2:30 p.m.; closed at 4 p.m.

Join the Knights of Columbus! -- Simply scan QR code; click sign up... Parish: Saint Michael Catholic Church, Annandale, VA, Council #: 14523 Agency Referral (Fee Waiver) Code: **DBROWN**. Check your email from KoC and hit "CONFIRM". Any questions/issues, email: JoinTheKnights@VAKofC.org or gk14523@vakofc.org. For more information on the Knights of Columbus, log onto: <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>.



- The Knight of Columbus will be holding a **Diaper and Wipes drive for the MaRiH Center** the weekend of September 5th and 6th. All sizes of children's diapers are always needed. The MaRiH Center, worked 100% by volunteers, is located in Alexandria and helps women with crisis pregnancies. All operation costs and items are donated. More information on the MaRiH Center can be found at <https://marih.org/>.



In order to be a sponsor or godparent, you must be a registered parishioner in good standing.

The Christian Mothers -- will meet on September 12th for Mass at 8:30am in the Church. A meeting will follow immediately after Mass in the All Purpose Room. We would love to attract some new members so if you are interested, this group is open to Mothers of all ages. Questions may be directed to Patrice Connolly at 703-941-0017.



St. Michael's Men's Prayer Group

Join fellow Catholic men to pray, learn, and follow Christ more faithfully. This group is for men who want more than a busy life — men who want peace, purpose, virtue, and the grace to begin again. Our next book will be "**The Spiritual Combat and a Treatise on Peace of Soul**" by **Dom Lorenzo Scupoli**. Each meeting includes prayer, Scripture, and practical discussion. The next one will be held on **September 16** from 7-8 p.m. in the All Purpose Room.

Perpetual Adoration -- We are in need of adorers (and subs) at these times: **Mondays 6-7 a.m., 7-8 a.m.; Tuesdays 2-3 a.m.; Wednesdays 3-4 p.m.; Fridays 2-3 a.m.; Sunday 11 p.m.-Midnight**. Please consider spending an hour with the Lord! If you would like more information about perpetual adoration at St. Michael, or to sign up, contact Rosemary Duffy at 703-256-4468.

ALTAR SOCIETY -- is recruiting new volunteers. This group assists to make sure the altar and linens are cleaned and ironed; typical duties include refilling the holy water fonts, dusting the stations of the cross, etc. Help in making the church beautiful for Mass! If interested, or have any questions, please call Sean Clark at 571-419-4385.

Considering joining the Choir? -- New members are always welcome! Please contact Sarah Shafer, our Music Director, at Sarahphimcecilia@aol.com. "*The signing of the Church comes ultimately out of love... The Holy Spirit is love, and it is He who produces the singing.*" ~ Pope Benedict XVI

Late Summer Book Sale -- It should come as no surprise that summer is not a time of high book sales. For that reason, many book publishers give significant discounts plus free shipping to those who make sizeable book purchases. St. Michael's Our Lady's Rosary Makers, the parish group that makes rosaries, manages the church library, sells a selection of new religious books and other activities, made a number of purchases during these book publisher sales. For the remainder of the summer, the books that we purchased will be on sale at very reasonable prices to those in the St. Michael's community. The books are found on the book rack to the left as you enter the church library — the rack with the rosaries.

The Secular Carmelites -- Is God calling you? Secular Carmelites are those lay faithful, who by a special vocation, undertake to live an evangelical life in the world, imbued with the spirit of contemplation, in imitation of our Carmelite Saints and the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is open to all, men and women, married or single. A local Community of Secular Carmelites meet here the **second Sunday of each month**, and we invite you to reach out to us and arrange for a visit to learn more. Please contact eric.miller.ocds@proton.me for more information.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE FIRE LANE
IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH.**

Please Pray for: Zoe Green*; Paul B. Haring*; Steve Maitland*; Carroll Walker; Dan Keller; Ruth Nicaise Smokowski; Carolyn Nugent-Cole; Lucy Cole*; Barbara (Babby) Dashiell; Joe Armstead; Jane O'Connor; Fred Caovan*; Richard Fox*; Kathleen Foster*; Joyce Bryant; Joseph Jose; Lili Lang; Diane McGill*; Loretta A. Wack; Eileen Carroll-Doshier; Patino family*; Julia & Sophia Lattanzio; Mauricio Posada; Pat Daly*; Carlos Reguerin*; Stone Uhre; Sean and Cynthia Clark*; Hailey Steiniger; Sr. Paul Marie; Yoshimi Kadota; Stephan Nguyen*; Mr. Nhuong Le; Carmen Deshler*; Julie Molony Lee; Andrew Christian; Paul Klimavicz; Mary Fontaine*; Christopher Tran; Marco Tulio Gamba; Mary C. Doss; Norma Geiger*; Sean & Chrissy Campbell; Terry Spragens; Debi Hochgertle; Bob Caffarella; Elsa Noriega*; David Randall*; Paul McEnrue*; Julia Garcia; John and Marie Sibenik*; Kathy Sibenik; Vincent & Ethel Apostolico*; Jeanette Bullock; George Szele; Robert Candler*; Peter Pometto; John Kennelly*; Miriam Kennelly*; Priscilla Chaney*; Irma Barrera; Michael and Patricia Cole; Lucie Le*; Charlene Morison; Maria Castro; Arianne Yzabelle; Daniel Randall*; Courtney Villareal*; Tracy Wilson; Camille Benin*; Tom & Charlene Sheffler*; Mark & Jennifer McGowan; Laura & Collin McGowan; Carol Lloyd*; Ariadne Pasa; Maria Gorey*; Thomas Siemer*; Lauren Hagelin; Evelyn Lang*; Cindy Hall; Cecile McNeill*; Gloria Tansey*; Gideon Sazynski; Micah Nguyen; Simon Chen; Kevin O'Brien; Jeanette Carlson; Tom Fireben; Mohammad E. Musa; Tuy Nguyen*; Alejandro Oqueno; *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; Lt. Col. John D. Barringer, III, USAF; John P. Hoang USMC; David Hayes, Jr. USNavy; David Blincoe, USMC; Kevin Coleman, USAF; Tommy Do, USArmy; PO3 Daniel Hash, USN; CPT Catherine Bean, USArmy; Jude Higgins, USArmy; and.... [call Mary at the parish office, 703-256-7822, and we'll keep our prayers going for our military in harms way.]

**PARISH PICNIC -- SAVE THE DATE:
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, FROM 2-5
PM. FURTHER DETAILS FORTHCOMING!
TO VOLUNTEER, USE THIS QR
CODE.**



**Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary
This Year?** -- If you were married in 1976 or 2001, please join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2026 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 18th, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA. *Contact the parish office to register no later than October 1st.* For more info, visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/marriagejubilee/>.

**If there is any disturbance, or if you see a person
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School News



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To apply click here: <https://stmikes22003.org/admissions-tuition/application-form/>

School registration for Preschool through 8th Grade -- is open! Call the school office at 703-256-1222 for more information. If you are seeking a Catholic school where Gospel values are lived out each day, St. Michael School is the place for you.

Do you like working with children? Would you like to be a part of our team? We are in need of substitute teachers for this school year. Please call the school office at 703-256-1222. Or email the school principal 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.

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In Our Diocese

Say Yes to Truth: Vote NO on Ballot Questions 1 & 2! --

Come learn from Amy McInerney, Respect Life Director for the Arlington Diocese, about the two proposed constitutional amendments in the upcoming election, how they could endanger women's health, your parental rights, and your conscience protections, and what you can do about it. Tuesday, September 22, 7 pm, McGivney Hall (Holy Spirit Parish, 8800 Braddock Rd., Annandale). Questions? Email RespectLife@HolySpiritChurch.us.

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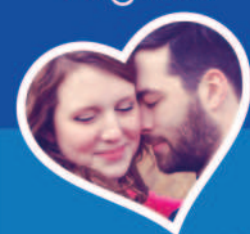
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