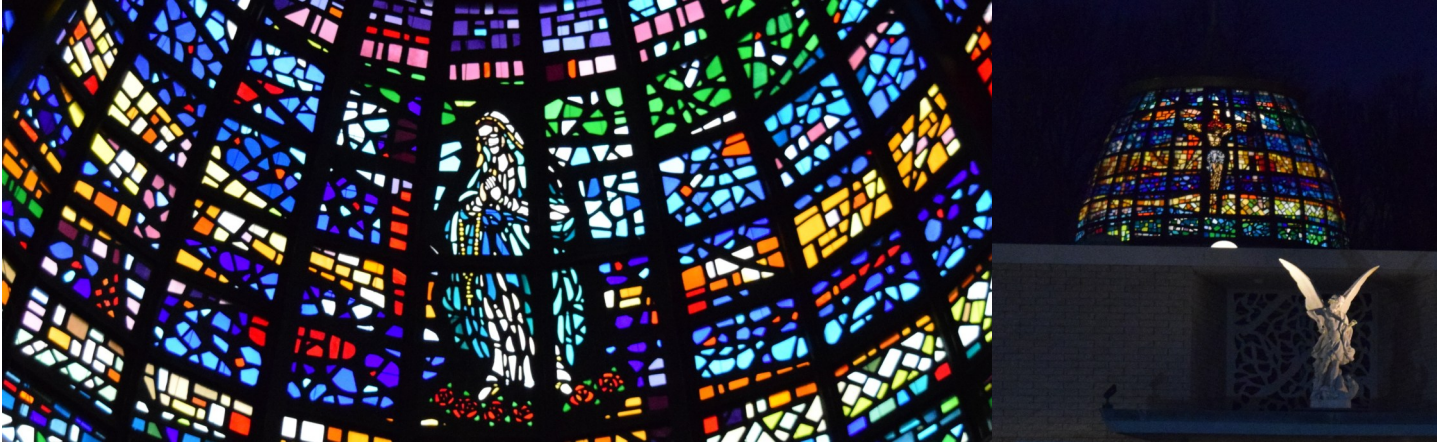


St. Michael Church

Website: www.stmichaelannandale.org E-mail: church@stmikes22003.org



RECTORY, 7401 St. Michaels Lane

703-256-7822

SCHOOL, 7401A 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; 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

**24th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

September 13, 2026

The Priest's Mass Intentions

	<u>Saturday, September 12</u>
8:30 a.m.	Christian Mothers
5 p.m.	Rocco Hung Pham +
	<u>Sunday, September 13</u>
8:30 a.m.	Pro Populo
10:30 a.m.	Kim Nguyen +
12:30 p.m.	Erlinda M. Chua
	<u>Monday, September 14</u>
8:30 a.m.	Fritz & Elisabeth Creter +
12 noon	Prieto Gonzalez Family +
	<u>Tuesday, September 15</u>
8:30 a.m.	John Petry
12 noon	Lilian Soriente +
	<u>Wednesday, September 16</u>
8:30 a.m.	Paul Pham Q. Hien +
12 noon	United States of America
	<u>Thursday, September 17</u>
8:30 a.m.	Greg Munson +
12 noon	Siervo-Cesari Family +
	<u>Friday, September 18</u>
8:30 a.m.	Joe & Jo Ann Sieve
12 noon	Deacon Dave McCaffrey +
	<u>Saturday, September 19</u>
8:30 a.m.	La Salette Sisters
5 p.m.	Charles W. Drummond +
	<u>Sunday, September 20</u>
8:30 a.m.	Pro Populo
10:30 a.m.	Martha Butler
12:30 p.m.	Matthew Schnur

A Word from Fr. Drummond

The immense support that is shown for Lindsay Clancy who admits to murdering her three children is shocking but not surprising. A country that sees an unborn child as a "choice" to be discarded at will rather than a Human Life to be nourished and cherished quite logically is not going to cherish the lives of its children that have been born. Mrs. Clancy supposedly suffered postpartum "psychosis" when she killed all three of her children, yet on coming out of psychosis, her first words were not an expression of remorse or sorrow but rather a request for a lawyer. In all the expressions of support for the psychotic mother, the lost lives of three innocent children are forgotten. What a condemnation of our society.

It is time to say, "ENOUGH!" It is time to regain and rebuild respect for Life at its most innocent and most vulnerable. Virginians will have the opportunity to do so in a small way by

voting NO to the ballot initiative seeking to extend an already over liberal laws regarding abortion. Not only Catholics, but all men and women of good will who wish to live in a society that cherishes innocence must vote no to this evil legislation. Respect Life at its most innocent and vulnerable. VOTE NO.

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

The 25th Anniversary of the Mission of S.N.D.S in the USA

& the Blessing of the La Salette-Stained Window

Eucharistic Celebration on

Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 9:15 A.M.

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge

Bishop of Arlington – Celebrant & Homilist

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 CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH PICNIC

Faith Fellowship Fun



Sunday, October 4

2-5PM - 7401 ST. MICHAEL'S LANE

**JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN, FOOD, MUSIC
AND GAMES. ENTRY IS FREE**

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER [at]

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OCIA Classes taught by Fr. William Schierer
All are welcomed to attend



7 INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRAMENTS

SERIES OF LECTURES ON THE CATHOLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE SACRAMENTS

ON SATURDAY MORNINGS | FROM 9:15AM TO 11:00AM AT ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

- **Sept 12** • The Sacrament of Baptism
- **Sept 19** • The Sacrament of Confirmation
- **Sept 26** • The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist
- **Oct 3** • The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation
- **Oct 10** • The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
- **Oct 17** • The Sacrament of Holy Orders
- **Oct 24** • The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

- **Adult Bible Study** Come and see how the Gospel of Luke shapes our faith! Adult Bible Study has resumed 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?**
To find out more about the OCIA process, please e-mail Fr. Schierer at fr.schierer@stmikes22003.org, or call 703-256-7822. This week's topic will cover the Sacrament of Confirmation.



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

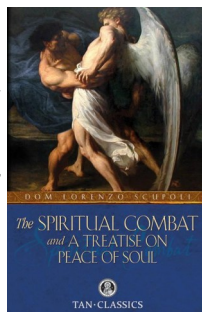
The Second Collection -- this weekend is for CCD/Religious Education.

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.

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.**

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.



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

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!

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



BOXES OF JOY -- On October 3 and 4, after all Masses, the Christian Mothers will be distributing Christmas BOXES OF JOY for needy 2-14 year old children in third world countries. This is a project sponsored by Cross Catholic Outreach.

Last year, thanks to your generosity, we were able to send 180 shoeboxes. For many of these kids, it was their first ever Christmas gift. This is a great way to involve your own children/grandchildren in experiencing the true joy of giving. All you have to do is fill the provided shoebox with gifts from the suggested list and return it to us with \$9.00 for shipping after Mass on the weekend of November 7/8.

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 gl14523@vakofc.org. For more information on the Knights of Columbus, log onto: <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>.



Please Pray for: 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 Cafarella; 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; Zoe Green*; *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.]

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/>.

Late September/October Book Sale: October is the month of the Holy Rosary. As always, rosaries are available to the St. Michael community on the book rack in the church library to the left as you enter the Church. We are also featuring books that focus on prayer (including the rosary), types of Catholic spirituality, and prayer in action, the lives of certain saints. Have you ever wondered whether there are different ways to pray, how to begin a regimen of prayer, or have you ever experienced a "dry spell" in your prayer life? Please check out our very reasonably priced books; they may hold the key to your uncovering the next step in a successful prayer life. All books for sale are also on the book rack where the rosaries are found.

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

If there is any disturbance, or if you see a person acting erratically, do not hesitate to call 911.

School News



Now Enrolling: Preschool (Ages 3 & 4) Give your child a joyful, faith-filled start! Our program nurtures love of God, wonder, and curiosity.

Introducing:

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program
- Introductory Latin Program

Spots are limited! Contact us at office@stmikes22003.org or call at 703-256-1222 to learn more and schedule a tour.

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.

Be Sure to Join Flocknote

Stay up to date on Parish Announcements and Receive a Variety of Faith Growth/Enrichment

1. Text to Join: text "STMICHAEL1" to 84576. There is a return text. Supply the requested information (first and last name, email address, smart phone number), or
2. Log on to stmichaell1@flocknote.com. That gets you to a place for you to supply the above information, or
3. Or send an email to church@stmikes22003.org with the above information.

In Our Diocese

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

Come learn from Amy McInerny, 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 p.m., McGivney Hall (Holy Spirit Parish, 8800 Braddock Rd., Annandale). Questions? Email RespectLife@HolySpiritChurch.us.