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Priests

Rev. Alexander R. Drummond,
Pastor

Rev. William B. Schierer,
Parochial Vicar

Rev. John F. Heisler,
Parochial Vicar

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30- 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. SHARP

St. Michael School Pre-K3 through grade 8. Principal: Annie Fernandez,
annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org.

Religious Education For all children attending public school, grades 1-12.

Parish Membership Registration forms are available from the ushers after Sunday Mass, the main vestibule of the church, or you may stop by the parish office during the week. Parish membership is required for the reception of either Baptism or Matrimony. Please notify the parish office you are moving within or outside the parish, or when your contact information changes.

Sick Calls Please notify the Rectory for Communion Calls to the sick and shut-in.

Baptism 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 to register for the class and more information.

Holy Matrimony Please contact 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.

Parish Office Hours 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and until 4 p.m. on Friday.



**25th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

September 20, 2026

The Priest's Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 19

8:30 a.m. La Salette Sisters
5 p.m. Charles W. Drummond +

Sunday, September 20

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo
10:30 a.m. Martha Butler
12:30 p.m. Matthew Schnur

Monday, September 21

8:30 a.m. Mary Han
12 noon Doug & Diane Auclair

Tuesday, September 22

8:30 a.m. Sr. Philip Marie Burle, CSPP +
12 noon Country of Iran

Wednesday, September 23

8:30 a.m. John Han
12 noon Rev. Armando Jimenez +

Thursday, September 24

8:30 a.m. Kang Im Kim
12 noon Dcn David McCaffrey +

Friday, September 25

8:30 a.m. Joann Iraneta +
12 noon James Vitalie +

Saturday, September 26

8:30 a.m. Cecile McNeill +
5 p.m. Teresa of the Child Jesus
Trang Pham

Sunday, September 27

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo
10:30 a.m. John A. Balenger +
12:30 p.m. Souls of Departed Priests & Religious



A Word from Fr. Drummond

VOTE NO

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TO ZERO- SAFETY ABORTION AMENDMENT 1

ON NOVEMBER 3

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What Amendment 1 Does

Parental Rights Undermined

Eliminate the right of parents to know about or consent to their young child's invasive abortion surgery.

Transgender Surgeries on Minors

"Because the right to "fertility care" includes sterilization procedures and is not just given to adults, children will have a right to gender transitions without adult interference.

Limits Industry Accountability & Oversight

Eliminates the state's ability to penalize or regulate individuals aiding "reproductive freedom," potentially reducing oversight, accountability and liability for harm done to the



Could Increase Abortions in Virginia

With fewer safeguards, Virginia will see significant increases in abortion volume beyond the over 39,500 abortions already happening annually, especially as it seeks to make our Commonwealth a regional hub for abortion.

Babies Left to Die

Infants born alive after an abortion attempt would not be clearly guaranteed reasonable, life-saving care.

Weakens Health & Safety Standards

Long-standing safety regulations designed to protect women's health could be challenged and struck down.

More Late Term Abortions

Abortion could be permitted up to the moment of birth even for mental health reasons. The current requirement that multiple physicians to agree that's irreparable harm to a woman's health if she proceeds with her pregnancy will be eliminated.



Faith Formation/CCD Religious Education



~ *On this Catechetical Sunday, we extend our deepest gratitude to the dedicated volunteers who echo the faith in our community. They generously give their time and energy to teach our youth what it means to follow Christ. Thank you, catechists and aids for your beautiful witness to the Gospel!*

~ 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:

~ **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 Holy Eucharist.



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

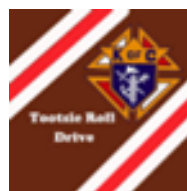
The Second Collection -- this weekend is for The Catholic University of America.

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.**

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



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 Knights of Columbus will hold its **KOVAR Tootsie Roll Drive** the weekend of September 26-27, 2026. Donations provided help with the financial support to improve access to affordable housing, job training, sports participation, and personal care for Virginians with Intellectual Disabilities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. One can learn more about KOVAR at <https://kovarva.org/>.

Please Pray for: 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*; Paul B. Haring*; 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.]

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.



Perpetual Adoration -- We are in need of adorers (and subs) at these times: Sunday 6-7 a.m.; Tuesday 2-3 a.m., and 3-4 a.m. 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.

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

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.



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.

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 new book is "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 30** from 7-8 p.m. in the All Purpose Room.

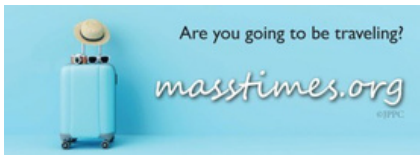


Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary This Year? -- If you were married in 1976 or 2001, please join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2026 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 18th, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA. *Contact the parish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

In Our Diocese



MEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION -- Consider the powerful resonating message of Jesus Christ in comparison with the despairing closed-systems of everything else. The 28th Annual Christ the King Men's Day of Recollection, directed by Father Francis de Rosa, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. at St. Raymond of Peñafort Catholic Church. No charge for this event, but one must register before Oct. 20 to attend; donations accepted. To register go to www.waywomen.com/mensretreat For more information, contact Sally Allman smwithham@verizon.net.



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.
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 • Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program
 • Introductory Latin Program
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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**
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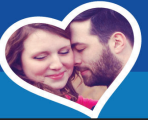
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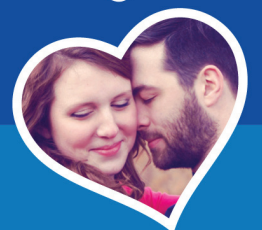




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