

# St. Michael Church

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**SCHOOL, 7401 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. 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 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](http://stmikes22003.org). Principal: Annie Fernandez, [annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org](mailto:annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org).

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

For all children attending public school, Grades 1-12. Director of Religious Education: Adina Ordonez, 571-385-0085 or [ccdstm@outlook.com](mailto: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**

29th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

October 17, 2021

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The Priest's Mass Intentions

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5 p.m. vigil	<u>Saturday, October 16</u> Sue Gehringer
8:30 a.m.	<u>Sunday, October 17</u> People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Chuck & Karen Mussomele & Family
12:30 p.m.	Robert Ruperto +
8:30 a.m.	<u>Monday, October 18</u> Perla De Guia-Tisado +
12 noon	Deacon Ted Ostrom +
8:30 a.m.	<u>Tuesday, October 19</u> Rocco Hung Pham +
12 noon	Getulio G. Fusler, Jr. +
8:30 a.m.	<u>Wednesday, October 20</u> Rev. Fr. Alexander Drummond
12 noon	Getulio F. Fuster, Sr. +
8:30 a.m.	<u>Thursday, October 21</u> Edward Patrick Lavin
12 noon	Romana Ramos Almeda +
8:30 a.m.	<u>Friday, October 22</u> Veronica Shin +
12 noon	Deacon Ted Ostrom +
8:30 a.m.	<u>Saturday, October 23</u> Rev. Mr. David McCaffrey
5 p.m. vigil	Maria A. Balenger +
8:30 a.m.	<u>Sunday, October 24</u> People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Deacon Ted Ostrom +
12:30 p.m.	John Patrick Lavin +

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A Word from Fr. Drummond

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Few will look back on the year 2020 with unmitigated joy. The paralysis wrought by the shutdown and the tragic deaths of so many loved ones due to the Wuhan Virus mark the year as one of the worst our nation has seen in living memory. It is strangely ironic therefore that our parish was able to not only survive but in a way benefit financially from the crisis. Although the school was forced to shut down because of the crisis, the Parish Office remained open throughout this time. Concerned for the welfare of our teachers, I made it a point to keep everyone on the payroll even if it meant dipping into the Parish reserves. Because of this we were able to benefit from the Government Payroll Protection Programme, borrowing over \$400 thousand to see us through. And even though we had over 100 thousand left over, the entire loan was forgiven! Added to this, the Bishop decided that the Dial programme, which essentially is the Diocesan Bank for Parishes, should give out a substantial one time dividend varying from Parish to Parish according to their holdings. In our case the dividend was \$292,000. These extraordinary

gains helped us not just to weather the Covid Crisis but also to finance some necessary projects, specifically the repaving of the parking lot and drive way and the remaking of the Organ. In addition, we have been able to put an improved air filtration systems in the school, and upgraded our security cameras. So even though Parish donations dropped by roughly 12% during the crisis, we came through in a comfortable position. Without these special and unexpected sources of funds, St. Michael's would have been hit hard.

As I mentioned Parish contributions dropped by roughly 12%. In addition to that we did not make our goal for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal for the last two years even though the goal was unchanged from the previous, pre-covid, year. People have been hit hard. But hopefully we are getting back to something resembling "normal," and going forward we cannot expect the extraordinary "windfalls" we have had this past year. It is up to the People of St. Michael's Parish to see to the upkeep of our Church and Parish.

We have a large campus, over 30 acres with two school buildings, a convent, a workshop, the Rectory and, of course the Church itself. That is six different sets of roofs that need tending as well as water, gas and electric bills for each. And I'll tell you, it ain't easy. One of the special challenges we now face are drainage problems in *both* school buildings as well as the Convent. These are in need of serious work which means serious money. I don't want to sacrifice quality for cost as that proves more costly in the long run. It is my hope, desire and prayer that I will be able to leave to my successor a parish that is in good shape spiritually, physically and financially. Father Brian and I are doing our best on the spiritual side but we sorely need your help for the other. Please give serious thought and prayer to how you can help with the stewardship of St. Michael's. May God bless you always.

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Readings of the Week

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday:	Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Luke
Tuesday:	Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
Wednesday:	St. Paul of the Cross
Friday:	St. John Paul II
Saturday:	St. John of Capistrano; Blessed Virgin Mary

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American Heritage Girls and Trail Life Troops  
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**THIS WEEKEND** -- please consider supporting our AHG Fall Krispy Kreme Donut AHG Fundraiser. Funds will go towards our AHG troop's activities for 2021 - 2022 by purchasing a box of donuts after the weekend Masses on **10/16, and 10/17**.

**AHG VA 0894 and Trail Life VA 0894** -- Because of the troop's assistance to the Sleepy Hollow Nursing Home at the outbreak of Covid as well as delivering over 250 pounds collected food donations to the local food pantry, St. Michael's AHG Troop VA 0894 has been honored and asked to be this year's Grand Marshall in the **Annandale Fall Parade** on October 23rd. This is the first time a youth group has been named **Grand Marshall**. We are excited and invite you to attend the parade! Visit <http://www.annandalechamber.com/theannandaleparade.rhtml> for more info.

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**In Our Parish**  
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**FAMILY HOLY HOUR** -- has resumed! Please join us this Friday, October 22nd, at 7 p.m. in the church with Fr. Brian.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage** -- Bishop Burbidge invites you to join him to mark this "Year of St. Joseph" at the diocesan Marian pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 30 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. This beautiful family event is free and there is no need to register. For complete schedule and details, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage).

St. Michael's will be chartering a bus; a sign up sheet is in the vestibule, with seats on a first-come first-served basis. Please write legibly, and one name per line. **\*\*\*THE BUS WILL BE IN FRONT OF ST. MICHAEL AT 8 A.M. AND LEAVE AT 8:30 AM. // BE AT THE BUS BY 2:30 P.M. FOR A 3 P.M. DEPARTURE (RETURN APPROXIMATELY TO ST. MICHAEL AT 4 P.M.)\*\*\***

Note: there will be NO 8:30 a.m. Mass NOR afternoon confessions that Saturday here at St. Michael.

**Liturgy Readers Needed** -- Are you interested in reading at Mass? Reticent to express that interest without knowing more about the commitment? Don't feel confident but have the desire? You may be hearing a call to serve and participate as a reader in the Liturgy of the Word. Your questions and doubts can best be addressed by contacting Jamie Bacigalupi at 703-407-5646. If we miss your call, please leave a message with your name and contact information. Training and support provided.

**Perpetual Adoration** -- We are currently in need of adorers: Fridays 2-3 a.m., and Sundays 3-4 a.m. To sign up for an adoration hour, or for more information, contact Rosemary Duffy at 703-256-4468.

**40 Days for Life** -- now through October 31st, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Falls Church Healthcare Center at 900 S. Washington Street. **This year St. Michael church does not sponsor any particular date so if you are able to join the Vigil prayer, please visit the 40 Days for Life website and register your available date and time directly where it says "Sign Up for Vigil Hours". In case you are not available to pray in public, please do so at home to help save the unborn.** Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. For any further questions pertaining to this program, please contact: Anh Tu Do at [703-919-4370](tel:703-919-4370) or e-mail [anhdo18@gmail.com](mailto:anhdo18@gmail.com). Feel free to visit [www.40daysforlife.com/fallschurch](http://www.40daysforlife.com/fallschurch) for more information.

**Frassati Annandale Young Adult Ministry (FAYA)** -- Parishioners aged 18-35 years old are welcome to join the St. Michael's Young Adult Ministry. Thanks to everyone who came out for Mass & Brunch last weekend! For more information on FAYA events, please e-mail: [frassatiannandale@gmail.com](mailto:frassatiannandale@gmail.com).

**Please Pray for:** Cecile McNeill\*; Tuy Nguyen\*; Ellen Louise Daily; Steve Maitland\*; Dan Keller; Lili Lang; Eileen Carroll-Doshier; June & Norman Grimm\*; Edward Imperati\*; Julia & Sophia Lattanzio; Mauricio Posada; Pat Daly\*; Carlos Reguerin\*; Stone Uhre; Sr. Paul Marie; Yoshimi Kadota; Stephan Nguyen\*; Alvin Anceravage\*; Rick Webb; Carmen Deshler\*; Matt Skube, Jr.; Robert John Nicaise, Sr.; Julie Molony Lee; Andrew F. Zaccardi\*; Joe Meister; Michael Anthony Urban; Marco Tulio Gamba; Ethel Apostolico\*; Richard & Norma Geiger\*; Patrick Pearing; Sean & Chrissy Campbell; Terry Spragens; Debi Hochgertle; Ardwin Barsanti; Madelyn Respicio Cabatic; Bob Cafarella; Elsa Noriega\*; Paul McEnrue\*; Ronald Neff\*; Julia Garcia; Kathleen Johnston\*; John and Marie Sibenik\*; Priscilla Chaney\*; Cindy Pierato\*; Irma Barrera; Ruth Nicaise Smokowski; Peter Pometto; Charlene Morison; Maria Castro; John Carlson; Courtney Villareal\*; Olga Sotiriou, ; Tracy Wilson; Tom & Charlene Sheffler; Amy Keady; Ariadne Pasa; Maria Gorey\*; Thomas Siemer\*; Diana Pascoe; Lauren Hagelin; *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; Lt. Col. John D. Barringer, III, USAF; John P. Hoang USMC; ENS Stephan Acevedo USNavy; David Hayes, Jr. USNavy; David Blincoe, USMC; Kevin Coleman, USAF; and.... [call Mary at the parish office, 703-256-7822, and we'll keep our prayers going for our military in harms way.]

**EnCourage** -- is a support group for faithful Catholics with same-sex attracted loved ones. What distinguishes the work of EnCourage is its commitment to offer faithful witness to Catholic teachings on sexual morality while addressing the needs of its members with charity and compassion. To this end, the group both professes an orthodox position on the immorality of homosexual acts and respects the human dignity of persons who have homosexual feelings. For more information about Courage International and other resources, visit <http://couragerc.org>.

**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 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.

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CCD/Religious Education  
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Program information can be found at [stmichaelannandale.org/religious](http://stmichaelannandale.org/religious) education, or under the Faith Formation tab on the Parish website.

St. Michael Teens meet Sunday evening 7-8 PM in the All-Purpose Room.

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RCIA and Faith Growth  
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**How does the Faith give tremendous meaning to our lives? What is the Catholic Faith? What do Catholics believe and how does it impact how they live? Do you understand and appreciate the gift that the Faith is?**

If you or someone you know is curious about these questions, come to our RCIA program starting Monday, September 13, at 7:30 pm. This is for those who are just curious, the unbaptized, those baptized but not in the Catholic Church, and adults who are seeking to complete their sacramental initiation. And even if you are a fully initiated Catholic, you are welcome to come, share your Faith, and grow in your understanding and living the Faith.

For further information or questions, contact Deacon Dave McCaffrey at (phone: 571-643-6895 or email: [dsmjr1@gmail.com](mailto:dsmjr1@gmail.com)).

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School News

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**REGISTRATION INFORMATION** – We are currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 School Year. We invite you to call the school office and schedule a tour to see all the wonderful things that happen at Saint Michael School. Our classes are filled on a first registered basis. For more information please call the school office at 703-256-1222 or email [office@stmikes22003.org](mailto:office@stmikes22003.org).

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS** – We are currently seeking engaging, reliable substitute teachers. Ideal candidates should have the ability to lead the class in an orderly fashion. Responsibilities include, but not limited to, assisting with classroom instruction, providing support to students and supervising students during non-classroom time and recreational activities. Please send your resume to Annie Fernandez at [annie.fernandez@stmikes22003.org](mailto: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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Around Our Diocese  
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**Join the Arlington Diocesan Choir!** -- If you can read music and like to sing, you might consider serving the Church by singing in the Arlington Diocesan Choir, a chorus consisting of music directors, choir members, cantors, and organists, from all over the Arlington diocese. The Diocesan Choir is open to all adult Catholics of the Arlington Diocese who have reached their eighteenth birthday, and can commit to attendance at scheduled rehearsals and liturgies. The choir sings at the principal Diocesan liturgies, including Diocesan Confirmation, and Ordinations. The first rehearsal will take place on Monday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m. to prepare for the Diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Members are selected based on their musical knowledge and vocal abilities. The Diocesan choir sings for five or six liturgies per season, and generally rehearse on Monday evenings prior to each scheduled liturgy. This schedule should not conflict with members participating in their parish choirs. Previous choral experience and the ability to read music are preferable. For additional information, call Liz Isbell at 703-841-2577.