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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.

Weekday Masses: see inside bulletin.

Confessions

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

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. SHARP

Daily Confessions are heard from 7:30 – 8 AM, Monday-Friday (with the exception of Federal holidays).

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.



**29th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

October 18, 2026

The Priest's Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 17

8:30 a.m. Christian Mothers

5 p.m. Roberto Ruperto +

Sunday, October 18

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

10:30 a.m. Kim Nguyen +

12:30 p.m. Paul Pham V. Loan +

Monday, October 19

8:30 a.m. Joanne Pearring +

12 noon Bishop Francisco Gonzales +

Tuesday, October 20

8:30 a.m. Rev. Alexander Drummond

12 noon Anna de Jesus +

Wednesday, October 21

8:30 a.m. Dcn. David McCaffrey +

12 noon James Vitalie +

Thursday, October 22

8:30 a.m. Pedro Buen. de Jesus +

12 noon Rev. Ruskin Peidra +

Friday, October 23

8:30 a.m. Rev. Mr. David McCaffrey +

12 noon Veronika Shin +

Saturday, October 24

8:30 a.m. Deacon David McCaffrey +

5 p.m. Maria McGrath +

Sunday, October 25

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

10:30 a.m. Maria A. Balenger +

12:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory +

A Word from Fr. Drummond

The proposed live broadcast of the execution by firing squad of the Fort Hood shooter Nidal Malik Hasan will mark a tragic moral lapse in an unprecedented way. Hasan is an evil man; there is no question about that. He murdered 13 people and injured an additional 32 while showing absolutely no remorse. If anyone is deserving of the death penalty, he would surely be a candidate.

But even putting aside questions about the morality of the death penalty, one has to be appalled at the live broadcast of the event (or, indeed, even broadcasting it afterwards). The broadcasting of such an event is more of an affront to *our* dignity than to his. Indeed, this evil man probably wants it to be aired so as to make him more of a martyr to his fellow radical Islamists.

Traditional Catholic Teaching held, until recently, that in certain rare instances the death penalty could be allowed, but the Teaching never held that it should be a spectacle (even though that was often the case in the past). If we were to go ahead with a live airing of an execution (such an ironic turn of phrase), we would be no better in this regard than Iran or Saudi Arabia.

The President is said to now have misgivings about a public execution. Let us hope and pray that he disallows such an event, while at the same time praying for such a time when we no longer have executions.





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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

EDICT

THOMAS STEPHEN VANDER WOUDE was born on April 24, 1942, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, into a devout Catholic family. After graduating from Creighton University, he married Mary Ellen Earley on December 26, 1964. Their marriage was blessed with seven sons, one of whom became a priest of the Diocese of Arlington. He served as a United States Naval Aviator during the Vietnam War and subsequently worked as a commercial airline pilot. Throughout his life, he was deeply devoted to the Holy Eucharist, the Blessed Virgin Mary, prayer, family life, Catholic education, and service to the Church and those in need.

On September 8, 2008, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thomas died in Nokesville, Virginia, while saving the life of his youngest son, who had fallen into a septic tank on the family property. His final act of self-sacrificial love was widely regarded as the culmination of a Christian life marked by faith, charity, humility, fortitude, and generous service to others.

As his reputation for holiness, for the offering of his life, and for signs has grown and spread over the years, and having received the formal petition of the Postulator, Dr. Waldery Hilgeman, for the initiation of his Cause of Beatification and Canonization, we hereby bring this matter to the attention of the ecclesial community.

We therefore invite all the faithful to communicate directly or to submit to the Reverend Monsignor Paul deLadurantaye, Chancellor of the Diocese of Arlington, all information from which elements favorable or contrary to the reputation for holiness, the offering of life, or the reputation for signs of Thomas Stephen Vander Woude may be inferred.

Furthermore, in accordance with the applicable canonical provisions, all writings attributed to Thomas Stephen Vander Woude, including diaries, letters, correspondence, manuscripts, notes, and any other private writings, as well as documents in any way relevant to the Cause, must be collected.

Therefore, by means of this Edict, we direct anyone possessing such writings or documents who has not already delivered them to the Postulator to submit them with due diligence to the Reverend Monsignor Paul deLadurantaye, Chancellor, at the offices of the Diocese of Arlington.

We further decree that this Edict shall remain posted for a period of three months at the offices of the Diocesan Curia, at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More and at the parish church of Holy Trinity in Gainesville, and shall be published on the official website of the Diocese of Arlington and in the *Arlington Catholic Herald*.

Given at Arlington, Virginia, on the eighth day of September, in the Year of Our Lord 2026.

✠ Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

Rev. Msgr. Paul deLadurantaye
Chancellor

In Our Parish

The Second Collection -- this weekend is for World Mission Sunday.

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Pine Street Gate -- The school year has resumed: 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 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 **October 28** from 7-8 p.m. in the All Purpose Room.



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.



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Code: DBROWN. Check your email from KoC and hit “CONFIRM”. Any questions/issues, email: JoinTheKnights@VAKofC.org or sk14523@vakofc.org. For more information on the Knights of Columbus, log onto: <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>.

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.



Early Voting – note that early voting takes place at these local locations. Go to FairfaxCounty.gov/Elections for more information.

(now - October 31st)

Mount Vernon County Governmental Center
2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

(October 22nd - October 31st)

Mason Governmental Center
6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

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 singing of the Church comes ultimately out of love... The Holy Spirit is love, and it is He who produces the singing.” ~ Pope Benedict XVI

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

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 Pray for: 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*; Steve Maitland*; Carroll Walker; Dan Keller; Mark Hukill*; Francis E. 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.]

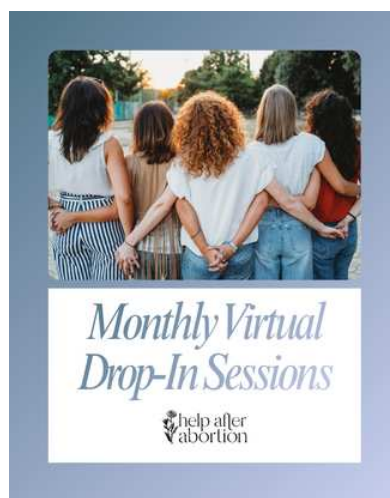


**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE FIRE LANE
IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH.**

Legion of Mary -- was founded by Servant of God, Frank Duff, with the primary goal of the sanctification of its members, by supporting the parish via apostolic works and evangelization. To find out more about what this group does for our parish, or how to become an active participant or an auxiliary (praying) member, contact their President, Jim Caruso, at carusofairfax@gmail.com.



In Our Diocese



After Abortion Care Monthly Drop-In Sessions -- We understand that healing after abortion can be a complex and deeply personal journey. If you have experienced abortion and are seeking confidential support and insight into the healing process, we invite you to join our virtual drop-in sessions in a safe space with no commitments, no homework, and no pressure. Every 3rd Thursday of the month. Interested? Contact us today for the Zoom link to join: 703-841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference – Married and engaged couples are invited to the first annual Together in Holiness marriage conference on November 14, 2026 from 10:15am – 5:15pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through October 5 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org/washington or email nancy@forlifeandfamily.org.



School News

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.

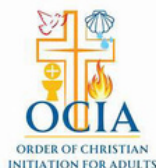
~ **Volunteers for the 2026-2027 School Year:** The St. Michael’s Religious Education Program is in need of Catechists and Assistants. No previous experience is necessary. VIRTUS training required. Please reach out to Julia Higgins at: reled@stmikes22003.org.

~ 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 Matrimony.



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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.

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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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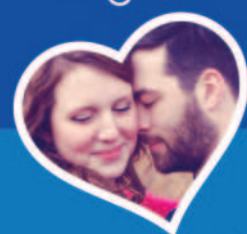


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