

# St. Michael Church

ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA 22003



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## MASSES:

**Sunday Vigil:** Saturday Eve, 5:00 p.m.;  
7:30 p.m. (Vietnamese) only on first Saturdays  
**Sunday:** 6:15 (Extraordinary Form of the Latin Rite),  
7:45, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 noon

**Weekday Masses:** See Inside Bulletin  
PREGNANT AND NEED HELP? CALL 1-800-848-5683

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. SHARP.  
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. SHARP. Advent & Lent special schedule.

**BAPTISMS:** SUNDAY AFTER 12:00 NOON MASS. All parents must attend a class prior to the baptism of their child. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month. Please call the rectory for information and assistance. (Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

**WEEKLY NOVENA:** Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.  
Novena of The Miraculous Medal.

**MONTHLY DEVOTION:** First Saturdays following the 8:30 a.m. Mass - Our Lady of Fatima.

## ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL:

Kindergarten through grade 8.  
For information contact Sister Therese at 703.256.1222 or [sister.therese@stmikes22003.org](mailto:sister.therese@stmikes22003.org).  
Website: [stmikes22003.org](http://stmikes22003.org)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

For all children attending public school Pre-School through grade 12 meets on Sundays September through May. For more information contact Deacon McCaffrey, 703-941-9403.

**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.

**MARRIAGE:** Please notify one of the priests at least six (6) months before the wedding. Cohabitation (living together before marriage) is not lawful.

**SICK CALLS:** Please notify the Rectory for visits and/or Communion Calls to the sick, shut-ins and those in the hospital.

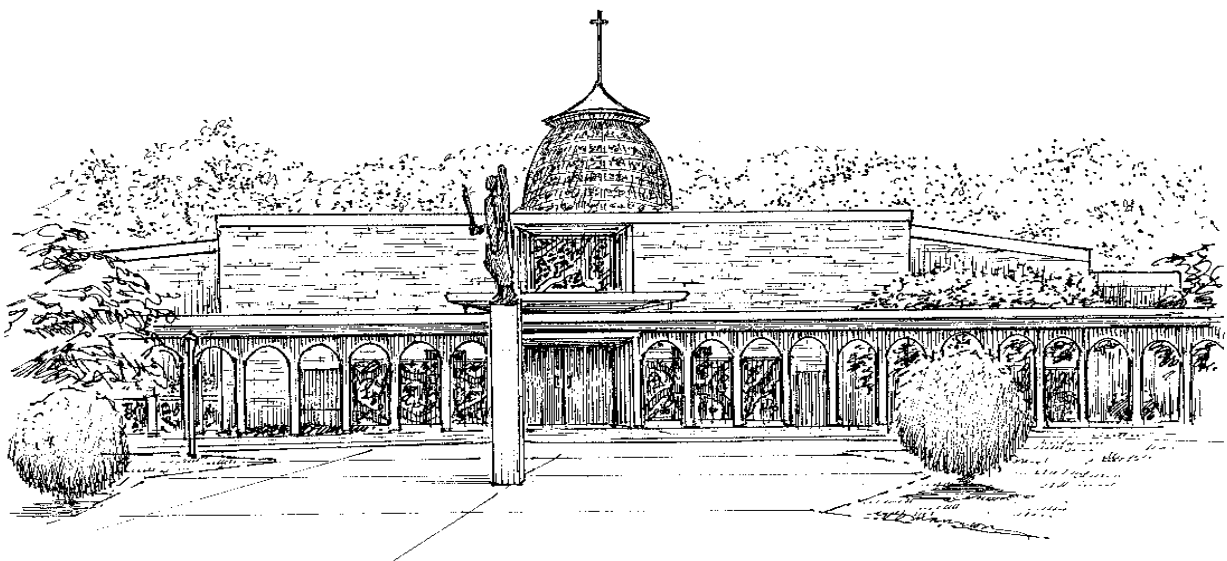
## CLERGY OF PARISH

Pastor: Rev. Jerry J. Pokorsky

Parochial Vicars: Rev. John T. B. Trong, Rev. Kevin J. Beres

In Residence: Rev. Joseph J. Clark

Permanent Deacons: Deacon Roger T. Ostrom, Deacon David S. McCaffrey





**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

June 12, 2011

“There appeared to them tongues as of fire,  
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.” ~ Acts 2:3

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**Monday, June 13**

6:15 a.m. Frances “Mimi” Clark  
8:30 a.m. Ronald Colson +  
12 noon Priest’s Intention

**Tuesday, June 14**

6:15 a.m. Ruth Mysliwicz +  
8:30 a.m. Paul Rothrauff family +  
12 noon Priest’s Intention

**Wednesday, June 15**

6:15 a.m. Helen McDowell +  
8:30 a.m. Fr. Trong  
12 noon Priest’s Intention

**Thursday, June 16**

6:15 a.m. Frank Velez +  
8:30 a.m. Allan Cassell +  
12 noon Priest’s Intention  
7:30 p.m. Christian Mothers

**Friday, June 17**

6:15 a.m. Maurice Jackson +  
8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Prayer: Soriente family  
12 noon Priest’s Intention

**Saturday, June 18**

8:30 a.m. Leona Fiala +  
5 p.m. Roberto Chung & Agatha Hwang +

**Sunday, June 19**

6:15 a.m. Fallen Away Catholics  
7:45 a.m. Luisa L. Santos +  
9 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Herold, Verna, Effie Pankow +  
12 noon CDR Robert Goodwin +

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**FROM THE PASTOR**

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**“Today we are celebrating the Solemnity of Pentecost** -- an ancient Jewish feast on which the Covenant that God made with his People on Mount Sinai (cf. Ex 19) was commemorated. It also became a Christian feast because of what happened on that day 50 days after Jesus' Pasch. We read in the Acts of the Apostles that the disciples were praying all

together in the Upper Room when the Holy Spirit descended upon them powerfully, as wind and as fire. They then began to proclaim in many tongues the Good News of Christ's Resurrection (cf. 2: 1-4). This was the ‘Baptism of the Holy Spirit’ which had been foretold by John the Baptist: "I baptize you with water", he said to the crowds, "but he who is coming after me is mightier than I... he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (Mt 3: 11). In fact, Jesus' entire mission aimed at giving the Spirit of God to men and women and at baptizing them in his regenerative ‘bath’. This was brought about with his glorification (cf. Jn 7: 39), that is, through his death and Resurrection: then the Spirit of God was poured out in superabundance, like a cascade capable of purifying every heart, extinguishing the fire of evil and kindling the flame of divine love in the world. The Acts of the Apostles present Pentecost as the fulfillment of this promise and hence as the culmination of Jesus' entire mission. After his Resurrection, he himself ordered the disciples to stay in Jerusalem, because, he said, ‘before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit’ (Acts 1: 5); and he added: ‘You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth’ (Acts 1: 8). Thus Pentecost is in a special way the Baptism of the Church which carries out her universal mission starting from the roads of Jerusalem with the miraculous preaching in humanity's different tongues. In this Baptism of the Holy Spirit the personal and community dimension, the ‘I’ of the disciple and the ‘we’ of the Church, are inseparable. The Holy Spirit consecrates the person and at the same time makes him or her a living member of the Mystical Body of Christ, sharing in the mission of witnessing to his love. And this takes place through the Sacraments of Christian initiation: Baptism and Confirmation. In my Message for the next World Youth Day 2008, I have proposed to the young people that they rediscover the Holy Spirit's presence in their lives and thus the importance of these Sacraments. Today I would like to extend the invitation to all: let us rediscover, dear brothers and sisters, the beauty of being baptized in the Holy Spirit; let us recover awareness of our Baptism and our Confirmation, ever timely sources of grace. Let us ask the Virgin Mary to obtain also today a renewed Pentecost for the Church that will imbue in all, and especially in the young, the joy of living and witnessing to the Gospel” (Source: POPE BENEDICT XVI, SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST, St Peter's Square, Sunday, 11 May 2008).

**The Mass schedule** – will hold for the summer. Looks like an extern (from outside the Diocese) priest will take up residence with us this summer. More details when they come available. In the meantime, it won't be necessary for anyone to throw other parishioners (from the Mass schedule) to the sharks after all.

**Last Monday the Parish Finance Committee** – met in the rectory to discuss a multitude of projects that will take place over the next three or four months. We are in the process of obtaining definitive approval for the following: There is a need for asbestos abatement of the gym floor (Junior School), the Senior School cafeteria and all purpose room (with a couple of hallways) and the convent kitchen. The total cost of the removal (except for the convent) will be \$58,000. Of course, the Junior School gym has a signed contract so the unexpected

asbestos removal is required at this point. If the asbestos is removed in the Senior School, there will be a need to replace the floor. We don't have budget numbers for the floor at the moment, but even if the cost approaches \$100,000 we believe we should finish the project this year.

**We're dipping into savings** -- as a result of the operating surpluses we enjoyed over the last three years. The projects to be completed this summer are as follows: 1) Roof (Senior School and Church): \$551,050; 2) Asphalt: Not exceeding \$460,000; 3) Asbestos abatement discussed above: \$43,000; 4) Asbestos inspection costs: \$15,000; 5) Senior School flooring: \$100,000. We will also be completing work on the gym floor. Total to be withdrawn from DIAL: \$1,179,050, say \$1.2 million.

**At the moment we have \$1.9 million** -- in DIAL (our savings account) with \$1.5 million in unrestricted (or restricted to building projects) cash assets. After payment of pending and anticipated contracts, it would result in less than \$500,000 in unrestricted cash assets for contingencies. If all the projects are completed by the end of September, the Parish will be in great shape from an infrastructure point of view with the prospect of future operating surpluses. (The operating surplus for this fiscal year will be about \$350,000 to \$400,000, thanks to the continuing generosity of our parishioners and significant cost-cutting over the last several years.)

**We are working closely with the Diocese** -- in the negotiation and management of these projects. The Diocese is providing important review, due diligence, guidance and support. Although the expenditures are large, we believe we have been judicious in the execution of these necessary (and long overdue) expenditures.

**Some of you know** -- that I celebrate Wednesday morning Mass with the Dominican contemplative nuns in Linden, VA. They are in need of Mass intentions. They have openings within a month or two. Of course, here in the Parish, the Mass schedule is booked with intentions through 2011. Stop by the Parish office and speak with Mary or Raquel if you would like your Mass intention offered sooner rather than later. The actual date for the celebration of the Mass at the Linden monastery, however, cannot be determined.

**What?!!!** -- Presidential Proclamation--Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month: BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. A PROCLAMATION, MAY 31, 2011: "...NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2011 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month. I call upon the people of the United States to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, and to celebrate the great diversity of the American people."

**Quick! Tell the President!** -- Texas court again affirms sex is determined at birth, not changed by surgical procedures — Relying on a previous ruling that sex is determined at birth and not changed by later surgical procedures, a Texas court Thursday declared that the "marriage" of a man who led another man to believe he is a woman is null and void. The Alliance Defense Fund provided funding for the case... (Source: <http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/News/Detail?ContentID=26663>)

**Married couples form minority of US households for first time** -- Households maintained by a married couple are for the first time ever in America being outnumbered by those without marriage, the latest Census data has shown. According to data gathered by the Census Bureau in 2010, married couples now constitute only 48 percent of U.S. households, slipping four percentage points below the previous year's statistic as part of an overall downward trend. The shift coincides with growth in the elderly population and a sharp increase in cohabiting couples, up 13 percent since 2009, to 7.5 million. Marriage age is also trending upwards, with more and more couples waiting until at least their late twenties to get married: whereas in the 1960s grooms and brides averaged 23 and 20 years old respectively, they now average 28 and 26. The Census report this year also broadened its definition of "family" to include homosexual cohabiting couples. The Obama administration in 2009 directed the government office to find a way to include homosexual "marriages" and partnerships while collecting the 2010 data (Source: Lifesite News).

**Wisdom** -- "When you discover that you are riding a dead horse, the best strategy is to dismount and get a different horse." However, in educative, corporate and governmental circles more advanced strategies are often employed, such as: 1. Buying a stronger whip. 2. Changing riders. 3. Appointing a committee to study the horse. 4. Arranging to visit other countries to see how other cultures ride dead horses. 5. Lowering the standards so that the dead horse can be included. 6. Reclassifying the dead horse as 'living impaired'. 7. Hiring outside contractors to ride the dead horse. 8. Harnessing several dead horses together to increase speed. 9. Providing additional funding and/or training to increase dead horse's performance. 10. Doing a productivity study to see if lighter riders would improve the dead horse's performance. 11. Declaring that as the dead horse does not have to be fed, it is less costly, carries lower overheads and therefore contributes substantially more to the bottom line of the economy than do some other horses. 12. Rewriting the expected performance requirements for all horses. And of course ... 13. Promoting the dead horse to a supervisory position.

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**The Second Collection** -- this weekend is for Special School Needs.

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday: 2 Cor 6: 1-10; Mt 4: 38-42
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 8: 1-9; Mt 5: 43-48
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 9: 6-11; Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: 2 Cor 11: 1-11; Mt 6: 7-15
- Friday: 2 Cor 11: 18, 21-30; Mt 6: 24-34
- Saturday: 2 Cor 12: 1-10; Mt 6: 24-34
- Sunday: Ex 34: 4b'6, 8-9; Dn 3; 2 Cor 13: 11-13; Jn 3: 16-18

**Listen** -- "Listen and attend with the ear of your heart." ~ St. Benedict

**The Gifts of the Holy Spirit** -- Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord.

**Is God calling you?** -- The Secular Carmelite Vocation may be the answer to your prayers, for it is open to all, men and women, married or single. The Carmelites are those faithful who, by special vocation, undertake to live an evangelical life in the world imbued with the spirit of contemplation, in imitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Carmelites in the Capital Area, meet the 2nd Sunday of the month from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the St. Michael's Sr. School Cafeteria. Please contact Dr. Amadea Tette, 703-750-6478, or Janet Hillier, 703-280-1595.

**Father's Day Novena** -- begins next week. Please turn in the special Mass Intention envelope for the upcoming Father's Day Novena which will be from June 20 – June 22, 2011 to have your father, grandfather, godfather, etc. included in this prayerful way!

**Religious Education Program News** -- Our religious education program for 2010-11 has concluded with many blessings for all involved. Now is the time to enroll for 2011-12. If your children were enrolled this year you should have received re-enrollment forms within the past several weeks. Please update the forms and supply any missing or incorrect information and return them to the religious education office or the rectory as soon as possible. If the forms are returned by June 15th with at least half of the enrollment fee there is no increase in cost for next year. The remainder of any money is due by October 15th. If you don't have the forms we distributed or have new enrollees, there are forms available in the narthex of the Church or at the rectory. Financial arrangements are as given above. If there are any questions, contact the Religious Education office, 703-941-9403.

**Here are the names of family members** -- of parishioners who are serving our country overseas: Maj. Michael Swingler, USMC, son of Mary & Bill Swingler; James Pokorsky, USN, nephew of Father Pokorsky; PFC J.C. Atkinson, USMC, grandson of Deacon Ostrom; Lt. Col. Geoff Kent US Army, son-in-law of Betsy and David Lockman; PFC Mark Haugh, USMC, nephew of Ray Diroll; LCpl Chali Cameron USMC; Matt and Jay Waite, Army, friends of Mr. & Mrs. Ballard; and... [please call Mary (703.256.7822) and we'll keep our prayers going for our soldiers in harms way. Let's keep this list growing].

**The Parish is invited** -- to attend a two-part lecture by Subdeacon Sebastian Carnazzo, PhD. (the older brother of the founder of the Institute of Catholic Culture).

**The Subject:** The Book of Revelation  
(St. John's "Apocalypse")

**The Time:** Sunday afternoon, June 26, from 2-5 p.m.

**The Place:** St. Michael's All-Purpose Room

Sponsored by the Adult Scripture Class and the Director of Religious Education. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend — and your Bible. And, be sure to read ahead! For more information, contact Pavo James, 703-642-8378, or Bill Deshler, 703-321-9730.



**Please Pray for:** Frances Raftery\*; Jack & Pat Pearring; Maria Kerrinckx\*; Nick Giuliani; Pam Rugg\*; Dolores Rike\*; Marissa Ann Wuerthele\*; Michael O'Neill\*; John Wilson; John Zych\*; Mercedes Misko\*; Julia Lattanzio; Michael Rowan\*; Marguerite Wise; Hung Pham and Chau Duong\*; Jack Delaney\*; Angelina Gerndt\*; Donald Amos; Betty Schwartzman; with apologies to anyone we dropped; to re-add names call Father Pokorsky or the Office for next week.

**The parish office hours have slightly changed** -- please note that on Monday and Friday it is open from 9 a.m.—8 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m.—5 p.m., and on Sundays from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. For those with meetings, events, and room reservations, please pick up keys during these posted office hours. Thank you for your cooperation!

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**National Pilgrimage of Vietnamese American Catholics** -- will take place June 16-18, 2011. This three-day pilgrimage begins with a Mass and workshop at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Vietnam (11812 New Hampshire, Silver Spring, Maryland). On Friday, June 17, at 6:30 p.m., there will be another Mass and workshop at Holy Martyrs of Vietnam in Arlington. The three-day pilgrimage culminates with a procession and Solemn Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on June 18 at 1:30 p.m. This will commemorate the Fifth Anniversary of the establishment of Our Lady of Lavang Chapel. Bishop Vincent Nguyen Manh Hieu, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, Canada, will preside over the Mass.

**Workshops on the New Translation of the Roman Missal** -- On Nov. 27, 2011, Catholics throughout the United States and in other English-speaking countries will begin praying the Mass with a revised translation of the Roman Missal. To aid the faithful in preparing for this revised translation, parishioners are invited to workshops on the New Missal to be held in various locations throughout 2011. Fr. Paul deLadurantaye, director of the Office of Sacred Liturgy and the Office of Catechetics of the Diocese of Arlington, will be the presenter. The final workshop in this series will be on June 25 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Vienna, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Young Adult Holy Hour and Luau Cook-Out: June 25, from 7 to 10:30 p.m.** -- at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road in Alexandria. We'll offer praise and worship, time for silent prayer, confession, a reflection, and a social with specialty (non-alcoholic) drinks, with lots of delicious eats. A \$10 donation is request at the doors of the social. For more info please contact Kateri Ambrow at (703) 841-2550 or [yam@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:yam@arlingtondiocese.org).