

St. Michael Church

ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA 22003



RECORDED MASS SCHEDULES: (703) 256-0446
RECTORY, 7401 St. Michael's Lane (703) 256-7822
SCHOOL, 7401 St. Michael's Lane (703) 256-1222
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) (703) 941-9403
CONVENT, 7421 St. Michael's Lane (703) 256-2130
Website: www.saintmichael22003.org



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.
Website: 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.

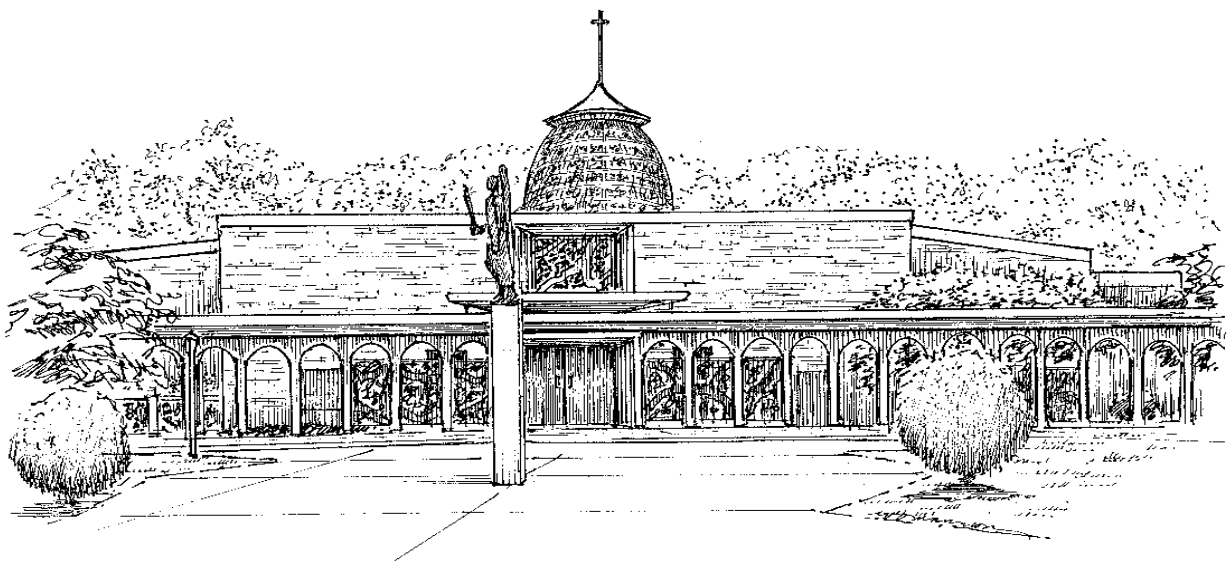
CLERGY OF PARISH

Pastor: Rev. Jerry J. Pokorsky

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Kevin J. Beres, Rev. Kevin J. Fimian

In Residence: Rev. Joseph J. Clark

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





14TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

July 3, 2011

“Not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord.”
~ Deuteronomy 8: 3b

MASS INTENTIONS

- 8:30 a.m. **Monday, July 4**
Anselmo Santos +
- 6:15 a.m. **Tuesday, July 5**
Jake Ballard
- 8:30 a.m. Olen Thornton +
- 12 noon Priest's Intention
- Wednesday, July 6**
- 6:15 a.m. Harry Ballard +
- 8:30 a.m. Luisa L. Santos +
- 12 noon Priest's Intention
- Thursday, July 7**
- 6:15 a.m. Kate Dunnett & Josephine Baker +
- 8:30 a.m. Alicia Joy Dugas
- 12 noon Priest's Intention
- Friday, July 8**
- 6:15 a.m. Fr. Clark
- 8:30 a.m. Warson Lamtenzan +
- 12 noon Priest's Intention
- Saturday, July 9**
- 8:30 a.m. Marie Scholl +
- 5 p.m. Dolores Lemieux +
- Sunday, July 10**
- 6:15 a.m. Hitchens, Black & Dawson
- 7:45 a.m. Tammy & Kylie Nguyen
- 9 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Lawrence H. Dallas +
- 12 noon Santiago Velilla +

FROM THE PASTOR

Pastor's Gospel Commentary -- In today's Gospel we are encouraged by Christ: "Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light." If we too casually consider the tender words of Jesus in the Gospel today, there might be a temptation to dismiss Him in the light of our personal difficulties. Where is Christ in the world fraught with war and violence? Where is Christ in my family, or sectors of my family, torn by

disagreement and anger, and frayed by dysfunction? How can I seriously entertain the thought that Jesus Christ is central to my life and the reason for my being? How can the Church insist that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith? It seems we have countless reasons to avoid Jesus Christ. Yet Jesus insists that we come to Him when our hearts are burdened.

The sacramentals of the Church -- the sacred images and objects, are visible reminders of the loving presence of Christ. There is a popular picture of Christ that many Christians have framed in their homes. It is the picture of the Lord knocking at a door. But, if you're familiar with this picture, you might have noticed there is a subtle difference in the two versions of it. In the Protestant version, reflecting classic Lutheran theology, the doorknob is on the outside. Even if there is no answer to the knock of Jesus, He may enter freely if He wills. But in the Catholic version the door does not have an outside handle. If there is no answer to His knock Christ must wait patiently for the door to be opened, in freedom, from the inside. In the Catholic understanding the Creator of the Universe -- all powerful and all good -- apparently is powerless in the face of our freedom. (The healing miracles of Christ suggest that the Lord of the Universe had an easier time with our physical infirmities than with the stubbornness of our nature wounded by sin.)

Just as we look beyond -- the appearances of bread and wine in the Eucharist, we must look beyond the appearances of God's powerlessness in the world. The fact is, God's grace is everywhere, but accessible only to those who freely open their hearts to His presence. His love is so intense for us that He sent His only-begotten Son into the world to tell us personally of that love. But His submission to the ignominy of crucifixion at the hands of men reveals that the gift of our freedom is so precious that he does not violate it by forcing Himself on us. The freedom we have is the freedom to choose between two types of slavery. The first kind of slavery is slavery to sin. It is the slavery of the man who refuses to open the door to Christ and allow Him to heal his loneliness and despair. It is the slavery that crucifies the Lord time and again, from Auschwitz to our violent inner cities to the emptiness and turmoil of any life without Christ.

The second type of slavery -- is a voluntary and joyous "slavery" to the will of God. It is that "easy yoke" Jesus speaks of that brings confidence and serenity in our earthly trials. As a young chaplain during World War II, Archbishop (then Father) Joseph Ryan witnessed some of the war's most ferocious battles. One of the most vicious battle sites was the island of Peleliu in the South Pacific. There he would visit the troops in the field, blessing the Protestant soldiers and administering the Sacraments to the Catholic soldiers. It was during one such visit that he was confronted with the terrible reality of death in time of war. Having just given Communion to three teenage soldiers, he was walking away when suddenly he was knocked to the ground by the force of a terrible explosion. He wheeled around to see that two of the soldiers had been, as he describes it, "blown to pieces." The third soldier was barely alive, badly wounded, arms and legs blown off. Chaplain Ryan reports the dialog that took place as he bent over the dying soldier to anoint him: "Father, how about me? Am I going to die?" the

soldier pleaded. "Yes you are." In the midst of the horror of war one might expect anger, bitterness, perhaps even blasphemy. There would be none of that. This young soldier would not say, "If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross and save me!" Rather, having opened his heart to Jesus Christ and submitted to His sweet yoke, his dying words were words of faith: "Hasn't God been good? Jesus was within my buddies and He must have taken them right to Heaven. He's in me now and I am ready to be taken by Him." By freely opening our doors to Jesus Christ in the Sacraments and allowing Him to transform our lives, we become slaves to His love and truth. Nothing can compare to that refreshment and rest of soul Jesus promised. (Source of preceding: Pastor's Gospel Commentary.)

Say hello to Father Kevin Fimian – who replaced outgoing Father John Trong last week. Father Fimian comes to us from Our Lady of Hope. Welcome aboard, Father. Now we have two Father Kevins.

The asphalt work will begin in early July – and continue throughout the month. Our activities will continue but we'll need to use common sense. If there is some kind of obstacle, we'll have to work around it.

The replacement of the Senior School roof – will begin in July and continue to early August, before school begins.

The replacement of the church roof – will begin in August and continue to late September.

Contributions this fiscal year – ended June 30, 2011 amounted to \$1,287,985 or about 3.5% more than the previous fiscal year. Many, many thanks for your continued generosity. The financial reports will be published in the bulletin in the weeks ahead. We're spending a lot on infrastructure expenses, but our normal operating expenses are in line with operating income. In other words the Parish (church and school) is doing well in these difficult times. We do not say "thank you" enough but know that we appreciate all you do to keep us going. You remain in our daily prayers.

'Patriarch of Burma,' priests martyred -- by Nazis among newly beatified: On June 25, Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, presided at the beatification of three priests martyred by the Nazi regime in 1943. An estimated 5,000 attended an open-air Mass in Lübeck, the northern German city where the three ministered. A Lutheran pastor, Karl Friedrich Stellbrink, was slain with the three priests. As the time of their beheading approached, Fathers Johannes Prassek, Hermann Lange, and Eduard Müller, were permitted to write letters. "What I am about to ask of you, above all on this earth, is this: do not be sad," Blessed Prassek wrote to his family. "What is waiting for me is joy and good fortune, with which all the happiness and good fortune here on earth cannot compare. It is because of this that you too should be happy. My death is not your loss; I could hardly have served you better in my role as a priest. What I could do for you, namely that I prayed for you daily, I shall be able to do all the better from now on." (Source: RSS Facebook June 27, 2011.)

Speaking of oppressive regimes – New York Governor Andrew Cuomo just signed into law recently passed gay "marriage" legis-

lation. Of course Governor Cuomo is "pro-choice" when it comes to abortion. And, of course, we're constantly being reminded that "abortion is only one issue." Maybe we have been missing the point: The moral degradation of the pro-choice position leads to many other ancillary moral horrors. Well, I'm convinced: Get the main issue right, and you'll get many other issues right.

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio -- denounced the state's [New York] "corrupt political process" and "asked all Catholic schools to refuse any distinction or honors bestowed upon them this year by the governor or any member of the legislature who voted to support this legislation." "Today, Governor Andrew Cuomo and the state legislature have deconstructed the single most important institution in human history," Bishop DiMarzio said. "Republicans and Democrats alike succumbed to powerful political elites and have passed legislation that will undermine our families and as a consequence, our society." He continued: "With this vote, Governor Cuomo has opened a new front in the culture wars that are tearing at the fabric of our nation. At a time when so many New Yorkers are struggling to stay in their homes and find jobs, we should be working together to solve these problems. However, the politicians have curried favor with wealthy donors who are proponents of a divisive agenda in order to advance their own careers and futures. What is needed in our state is leadership and not political gamesmanship. In light of these disturbing developments and in protest for this decision, I have asked all Catholic schools to refuse any distinction or honors bestowed upon them this year by the governor or any member of the legislature who voted to support this legislation. Furthermore, I have asked all pastors and principals to not invite any state legislator to speak or be present at any parish or school celebration. The above request is intended as a protest of the corrupt political process in New York State. More than half of all New Yorkers oppose this legislation. Yet, the governor and the state legislature have demonized people of faith, whether they be Muslims, Jews, or Christians, and identified them as bigots and prejudiced, and voted in favor of same-sex 'marriage.' It is mystifying that this bill would be passed on the last day of an extended session under the cover of darkness. This issue has been framed as upholding marriage equality. This is not the case since one of the principal purposes of marriage is to bring new life into the world. This cannot happen in same-sex marriage. It is not a civil rights issue, but rather a human rights issue upholding the age-old understanding of marriage. Our political leaders do not believe their own rhetoric. If they did, how in good conscience could they carve out any exemption for institutions that would be proponents of bigotry and prejudice? Republicans and Democrats equally share responsibility for this ruinous legislation and we as Catholics should hold all accountable for their actions."

A man suffered -- a serious heart attack while shopping in a store. The store clerks called 911 when they saw him collapse to the floor. The paramedics rushed the man to the nearest hospital where he had emergency open heart bypass surgery. He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at the Catholic Hospital he was taken to. A nun was seated next to his bed holding a clip board loaded with several forms, and a pen. She asked him how he was going to pay for his treatment. "Do you have health insurance?" she asked. He replied in a raspy voice, "No health insurance." The nun asked, "Do you have money in the bank?" He replied, "No money in the bank." "Do

you have a relative who could help you with the payments?" asked the irritated nun. He said, "I only have a spinster sister, and she is a nun." The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God." The patient replied, "Perfect. Send the bill to my brother-in-law."

IN OUR PARISH

Due to all the major work/repairs -- that are being done over the summer we will not be having Vacation Bible School this year.

Perpetual Adoration -- We are urgently in need of adorers for the following times: Monday 1-2 p.m., Tuesday 9-10 a.m. and 1-2 p.m., Friday 3-4 p.m., Saturday 5-6 p.m., and Sunday 3-4 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. Please contact Rosemary Duffy at 703-256-4468.

Religious Education Program News

- We continue to accept enrollment forms for our religious education program. Pre-K through grade 8 will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:15 am starting on September 18. High school classes will be Wednesday evenings from 8 to 9 pm. Forms for returning students were sent home in May, while forms for new students are on the table in the entrance to the Church. Completed/updated forms can be returned to the Church office any time during the week.
- We are actively seeking volunteer teachers, aides, substitutes, and helpers for the next Religious Education year. Training and lesson plans are provided. If you are able and interested, contact Deacon Dave McCaffrey at the Religious Education Office (call ahead to 703-941-9403) or by email (dsmjr1@gmail.com). ~ Deacon Dave McCaffrey, DRE

Please Pray for: 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; Frances Raftery*; Jack & Pat Pearing; Amanda Cuzzi; Dominic Pistolesi; Maria Kerrinckx*; with apologies to anyone we dropped; to re-add names call Father Pokorsky or the Office for next week.

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; Lt. Col. David Griesmer, U.S.M.C., son of Don and Therese Griesmer; 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].

Special stained glass art created from the old dome -- will be available on Sunday, July 17, 2011 after each Mass. There will be 5 or 6 unique boxes for display, each having stained glass set in them. Pieces can be purchased by donation, while a select few will be sold by silent auction. Any monies received will be used for the maintenance projects/repairs here at St. Michael's. So, spread the word and come look over the display. If you're interested in helping out with the set up, please call Pete Pistolesi at 703-354-7047.

St. Michael's Seniors (50+) Group

What: ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND BINGO
When: Saturday, July 16, 2011
Where: Senior School cafeteria
Time: 1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$5 per person for group members;
\$8 per person for non-group members
Reservation Deadline: July 12, 2011

Come and enjoy an afternoon of relaxation, fun and maybe win a game of Bingo, or one of the door prizes and maybe you'll be lucky to get some share of the 50/50 drawings. We will be having our ice cream/sherbert choices with trimmings including a selection of cookies. Mail your reservation check, payable to St. Michael's Seniors (SMS), to Geri Owen, 7119 Falcon Street, Annandale, VA 22003.

The Schola Choir -- will begin rehearsals on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm starting July 12th. We will continue to sing at the Sunday 9:00am Mass. We will also be singing a Tridentine Mass August 15th for the Feast of the Assumption. New members are welcome to join us! For more information, please contact Sarah Shafer at 703-250-2272.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of -- Eugene Leiderman, who passed away on Friday July 24. Please also pray Rosalyn, his wife, and for the rest of his family as the cope with this loss. He was the uncle of Fr. J.D. Jaffe.

IN OUR DIOCESE

High School Young Men (including rising 9th graders) -- are invited to Quo Vadis Days 2011, a vocation discernment camp, to be held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland from Sunday, July 14 to Thursday, July 28. To register, please go to www.arlingtonvocations.org or call the Office of Vocatons at (703) 841-2514 for more details.

All area young adults -- are invited on an 11-mile excursion on the Shenandoah River co-hosted by St. Veronica's Young Adults and the diocesan YAM office. On average, 100 young adults join us for this exhilarating trip! *RSVPs are required ahead of time.* To RSVP, please mail in your registration form and check by Wednesday, July 6. The costs are \$28 per person per canoe and \$33 per person per single kayak. For more information please contact Kateri Ambrow at (703) 841-2550 or yam@arlingtondiocese.org.

Catholics throughout the United States and in other English-speaking countries -- will begin praying the Mass with a revised translation of the Roman Missal on November 27, 2011. To aid the faithful in preparing for this revised translation, parishioners are invited to workshops on the New Missal to be held around the diocese 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 next series of workshops will take place at the following locations, dates and times:

Saturday, **August 13**, at Saint John, Warrenton – 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Saturday, **September 24**, at Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fredericksburg – 10 a.m. to 12 noon