

St. Michael Church

ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA 22003



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) (703) 941-9403
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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.
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.

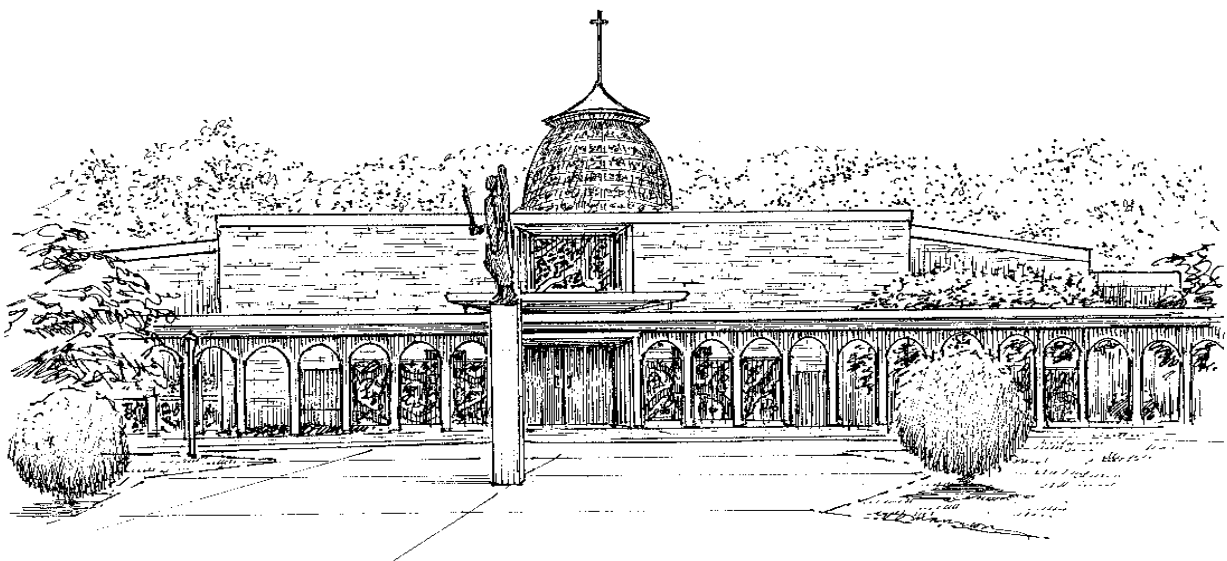
CLERGY OF PARISH

Pastor: Rev. Jerry J. Pokorsky

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

In Residence: Rev. Joseph J. Clark

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



CORPUS CHRISTI

June 26, 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

- Monday, June 27
6:15 a.m. John Bell +
8:30 a.m. Margaret A. Kelly +
12 noon Priest's Intention
Tuesday, June 28
6:15 a.m. Leonard Izzo
8:30 a.m. Pat Ostrom +
12 noon Priest's Intention
Wednesday, June 29
6:15 a.m. Leo Biven +
8:30 a.m. Julia & Daniel Cronin +
12 noon Priest's Intention
Thursday, June 30
6:15 a.m. Ballard family
8:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Edward Miller
12 noon Priest's Intention
Friday, July 1
6:15 a.m. Biven family
8:30 a.m. Leona Fiala +
12 noon Priest's Intention
Saturday, July 2
8:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Sean Clark
5 p.m. Helen McDowell +
7:30 p.m. Luz Moreno +
Sunday, July 3
6:15 a.m. Chris Ballard
7:45 a.m. Richard Owen
9 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Forgotten Souls +
12 noon Siegfried & McEnrue families +

FROM THE PASTOR

On the eve of his Passion -- during the Passover meal, the Lord took the bread in his hands - as we heard a short time ago in the Gospel passage - and, having blessed it, he broke it and gave it to his Disciples, saying: "Take this, this is my body". He then took the chalice, gave thanks and passed it to them and they all drank from it. He said: "This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, to be poured out on behalf of many" (Mk 14: 22-24). The entire history of God with humanity is recapitulated in these words. The past alone is not only referred to and interpreted, but the future is anticipated - the coming of the Kingdom of God into the world. What Jesus says are not simply words. What he says is an event, the central event of the history of the world and of our personal lives.

...the consecrated Host -- [is] the most simple type of bread and nourishment, made only of a little flour and water. In this way, it appears as the food of the poor, those to whom the Lord made

himself closest in the first place. The prayer with which the Church, during the liturgy of the Mass, consigns this bread to the Lord, qualifies it as fruit of the earth and the work of humans. It involves human labour, the daily work of those who till the soil, sow and harvest [the wheat] and, finally, prepare the bread. However, bread is not purely and simply what we produce, something made by us; it is fruit of the earth and therefore is also gift.

We cannot take credit -- for the fact that the earth produces fruit; the Creator alone could have made it fertile. And now we too can expand a little on this prayer of the Church, saying: the bread is fruit of heaven and earth together. It implies the synergy of the forces of earth and the gifts from above, that is, of the sun and the rain. And water too, which we need to prepare the bread, cannot be produced by us. In a period in which desertification is spoken of and where we hear time and again the warning that man and beast risk dying of thirst in these waterless regions - in such a period we realize once again how great is the gift of water and of how we are unable to produce it ourselves.

And so, looking closely -- at this little piece of white Host, this bread of the poor, appears to us as a synthesis of creation. Heaven and earth, too, like the activity and spirit of man, cooperate. The synergy of the forces that make the mystery of life and the existence of man possible on our poor planet come to meet us in all of their majestic grandeur. In this way we begin to understand why the Lord chooses this piece of bread to represent him. Creation, with all of its gifts, aspires above and beyond itself to something even greater. Over and above the synthesis of its own forces, above and beyond the synthesis also of nature and of spirit that, in some way, we detect in the piece of bread, creation is projected towards divinization, toward the holy wedding feast, toward unification with the Creator himself.

And still, we have not yet explained -- in depth the message of this sign of bread. The Lord mentioned its deepest mystery on Palm Sunday, when some Greeks asked to see him. In his answer to this question is the phrase: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (Jn 12: 24). The mystery of the Passion is hidden in the bread made of ground grain. Flour, the ground wheat, presuppose the death and resurrection of the grain. In being ground and baked, it carries in itself once again the same mystery of the Passion. Only through death does resurrection arrive, as does the fruit and new life.

Mediterranean culture, in the centuries before Christ -- had a profound intuition of this mystery. Based on the experience of this death and rising they created myths of divinity which, dying and rising, gave new life. To them, the cycle of nature seemed like a divine promise in the midst of the darkness of suffering and death that we are faced with. In these myths, the soul of the human person, in a certain way, reached out toward that God made man, who, humiliated unto death on a cross, in this way opened the door of life to all of us. In bread and its making, man has understood it as a waiting period of nature, like a promise of nature that this would come to exist: the God that dies and in this way brings us to life.

What was awaited in myths -- and that in the very grain of wheat is hidden like a sign of the hope of creation - this truly came about in Christ. Through his gratuitous suffering and death, he became bread for all of us, and with this living and certain hope. He accompanies us in all of our sufferings until death. The paths that

he travels with us and through which he leads us to life are pathways of hope. When, in adoration, we look at the consecrated Host, the sign of creation speaks to us. And so, we encounter the greatness of his gift; but we also encounter the Passion, the Cross of Jesus and his Resurrection. Through this gaze of adoration, he draws us toward himself, within his mystery, through which he wants to transform us as he transformed the Host.... Bread made of many grains contains also an event of union: the ground grain becoming bread is a process of unification. We ourselves, many as we are, must become one bread, one body, as St Paul says (cf. 1 Cor 10: 17). In this way the sign of bread becomes both hope and fulfillment.

In a very similar way the sign of wine -- speaks to us. However, while bread speaks of daily life, simplicity and pilgrimage, wine expresses the exquisiteness of creation: the feast of joy that God wants to offer to us at the end of time and that already now and always anticipates anew a foretaste through this sign. But, wine also speaks of the Passion: the vine must be repeatedly pruned to be purified in this way; the grapes must mature with the sun and the rain and must be pressed: only through this passion does a fine wine mature.

On the feast of Corpus Christi -- we especially look at the sign of bread. It reminds us of the pilgrimage of Israel during the 40 years in the desert. The Host is our manna whereby the Lord nourishes us - it is truly the bread of heaven, through which he gives himself. ...we follow this sign and in this way we follow Christ himself. And we ask of him: Guide us on the paths of our history! Show the Church and her Pastors again and again the right path! Look at suffering humanity, cautiously seeking a way through so much doubt; look upon the physical and mental hunger that torments it! Give men and women bread for body and soul! Give them work! Give them light! Give them yourself! Purify and sanctify all of us! Make us understand that only through participation in your Passion, through "yes" to the cross, to self-denial, to the purifications that you impose upon us, our lives can mature and arrive at true fulfillment. Gather us together from all corners of the earth. Unite your Church, unite wounded humanity! Give us your salvation! Amen. (Source: HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI, Saint John Lateran, Thursday, 15 June 2006.)

The Peter's Pence Collection -- derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England, King Alfred the Great collected money - a "pence" - from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.

This Sunday is the last Sunday Father Trong -- will be with us here at Saint Michael's. Be sure to bid him farewell as he rides off into the sunset of retirement. Our prayers and good tidings go with you Father Trong. Thanks for your years of service to Christ and His Church.

For Father Trong's website -- see: <http://www.chuanoitadap.net/>.

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.

The new translation of the Mass -- will be implemented in Advent here in the United States. The following reports how the translation is being received in Australia.

A Catholic priest of almost six decades -- and another on his first service both praised the new English translation of the liturgy celebrated at Sunday mass for the first time yesterday. Tim Norris, 82, and Greg Morgan, 24, agreed the translation was richer and more devotional, and had been well received. Father Norris, ordained in Rome in 1955, and who said mass in Latin for his first 10 years as a priest, found the new version much easier. "It's wonderful to be going forward with an excellent translation we didn't have before," said the parish priest of St Kevin's Geebung, on Brisbane's northside. "So many priests and people felt let down in the late 1960s -- not by the loss of the Latin or the fact that the priest had to face the people, but because so much richness was lost. "The new text will have a transformative effect, invoking a strong sense of the sacred. It will make people think about Christ's sacrifice as it is relived in every mass. "The language is so different from everyday speech, and will turn people's minds and hearts to the mysteries of the faith".... "The difference between the two translations is incredible, with the new one being so rich and beautiful," said Father Morgan, who elected to use the new translation for his first mass at St Christopher's Holsworthy in southwestern Sydney. "The mass is an act of worship and the language should reflect that. It is a very exciting time to be a priest".... Cardinal [George] Pell, the Archbishop of Sydney, said the first masses in the new translation had gone smoothly at Sydney's St Mary's Cathedral, and he had good feedback from parishes. "People are quietly appreciative," he said. (Source: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/new-translation-of-liturgy-launched-to-mass-applause/story-e6frg6nf-1226073971091>.)

How about committing to one "activist" -- act a month. Look what happens when Catholics and other Christians make the wheels squeak in the public arena:

When the American Family Association -- reported Sears was selling pornographic DVDs on its website, Sears initially told AFA supporters that it was untrue. Finally, Sears called AFA on May 6 after AFA supporters flooded the company with calls and emails. During the call, Sears again vigorously denied they were selling pornography. However, AFA clearly showed Sears the material on their very own website! When Sears realized they were wrong, they issued this statement to AFA: "We sincerely apologize to any customers who were offended. Our agreements with our vendors prohibit content that is pornographic or sexually explicit in nature. We are removing these items that do not meet our guidelines. We regularly review our processes to ensure compliance by our vendors, and we encourage our customers and community to help us flag any items that they believe might violate our guidelines." Within the space of a half-hour, Sears removed hundreds of pornographic DVDs from its website. Because you and thousands of others chose to get involved, Sears is no longer selling pornography. Thank you for taking action and convincing Sears to get out of the pornography business. Together, and with God's help, we are making a difference. (Source: American Family Association newsletter.)

But our work continues -- Food Lion grocery stores has endorsed homosexuality with "gay" parade sponsorships. The top goal of these events is to push same-sex marriage and force communities to accept it. Food Lion also used its newspaper advertising space to promote its support for "Gay Pride Month." The Food Lion advertisement reads

"Partners in Pride" and includes "Celebrating our LGBT Customers and Associates." You can see the ad here. Food Lion is the first national chain to begin promoting homosexuality on a corporate level, through advertising, donations and sponsorships. TAKE ACTION! Contact Food Lion and tell them you don't support gay marriage, or their sponsorship of groups that promote it: 1-800-210-9569. You can also write them at the following address: Food Lion, Attn: Customer Relations, P.O. Box 1330, Salisbury, NC 28145-1330.

Bill Cosby Jokes -- 1) Always end the name of your child with a vowel, so that when you yell the name will carry. 2) A word to the wise ain't necessary. It's the stupid ones who need the advice. 3) I am not the boss of my house. I don't know when I lost it. I don't know if I ever had it. But I have seen the boss's job, and I don't want it! 4) Human beings are the only creatures that allow their children to come back home. 5) Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope. 6) Like everyone else who makes the mistake of getting older, I begin each day with coffee and obituaries. 7) When you become senile, you won't know it. 8) My father established our relationship when I was seven years old. He looked at me and said, "You know, I brought you into this world, I'll take you out. And it don't make no difference to me, I'll make another one look just like you." 9) I wasn't always black. There was this freckle, and it got bigger and bigger. 10) Parents are not interested in justice. They want quiet. 11) I love it when mothers get so mad they can't remember your name. "Come here, Roy, er, Rupert, er, Rutabaga... What is your name, boy?! And don't lie to me, because you live here, and I'll find out who you are."

IN OUR PARISH

The Second Collection -- this weekend is for Peter's Pence.

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

Farewell message from Fr Trong -- Some people said I look young and healthy to retire. Not really, my request for retirement was granted for health reasons. During my stay here at St Michael I have seen and talked with people praying in the church after masses and in the chapel day and night and in front of the statue of the Blessed

Mother. May the Lord be your strength and hope when you come here to pray and may our Blessed Mother be your advocate. You are in my prayers. Please keep me in yours also. I might see you some time and somewhere.

To see Fr Trong's 40th anniversary -- of his Ordination Mass of thanksgiving and reception,

- ~ Click: www.chuanoitadap.net below the line
- ~ Click: *Ki Niệm 40 Năm Linh mục của Lm Trần Bình Trọng* under the Category: Tin Hiệp thông C. mừng/Cầu nguyện. After you have seen the 9 pictures, click: Picture Album 1, Picture Album 2, Picture Album 3 and Video to see more pictures (The Video was taken by Fr Russel Raj, music on the Video was added later on). You might see your picture there somewhere.
- ~ If *Ki niệm 40 Năm Linh mục của Lm Trần Bình Trọng* is no longer on the home page, then click the Category: *Tin Hiệp thông Chúc mừng / Cầu nguyện* on the first column or the third column, then look for: *Ki Niệm 40 Năm Linh mục của Lm Trần Bình Trọng* posted on March 27, 2011.

Dr. Sebastian Carnazzo, PhD., Subdeacon -- will present a two-part lecture on the Book of Revelation this Sunday afternoon, the 26th of June, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM, in the St. Michael's All-Purpose Room. All parishioners are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend -- and your Bible.

St. Michael's Seniors (50+) Group -- Event Alert!!! They will host it's annual Ice Cream Social and Bingo Party on Saturday, July 16th. Watch for details.

Please Pray for: Maria Kerrinckx*; 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 Pearring; Amanda Cuzzilla; Dominic Pistolesi; 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 Griesmerand... [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].

IN OUR DIOCESE

HELP SAVE LIVES! A Woman's Choice Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Center in Falls Church is trying to raise \$100,000 by June 30th ~ if so, *an anonymous donor will then match this dollar for dollar*. Mail your tax deductible donation payable to: A Woman's Choice for Life, Morality and Justice, 6201 Leesburg Pike, Suite 220, Falls Church, VA 22044; be sure to mark "\$100 K challenge" in the memo line. Or donate on line at www.AWomansChoiceCenter.com.