

# St. Michael Church

ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA 22003



**RECORDED MASS SCHEDULES:** (703) 256-0446  
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**CONVENT, 7421 St. Michael's Lane** (703) 256-2130  
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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.

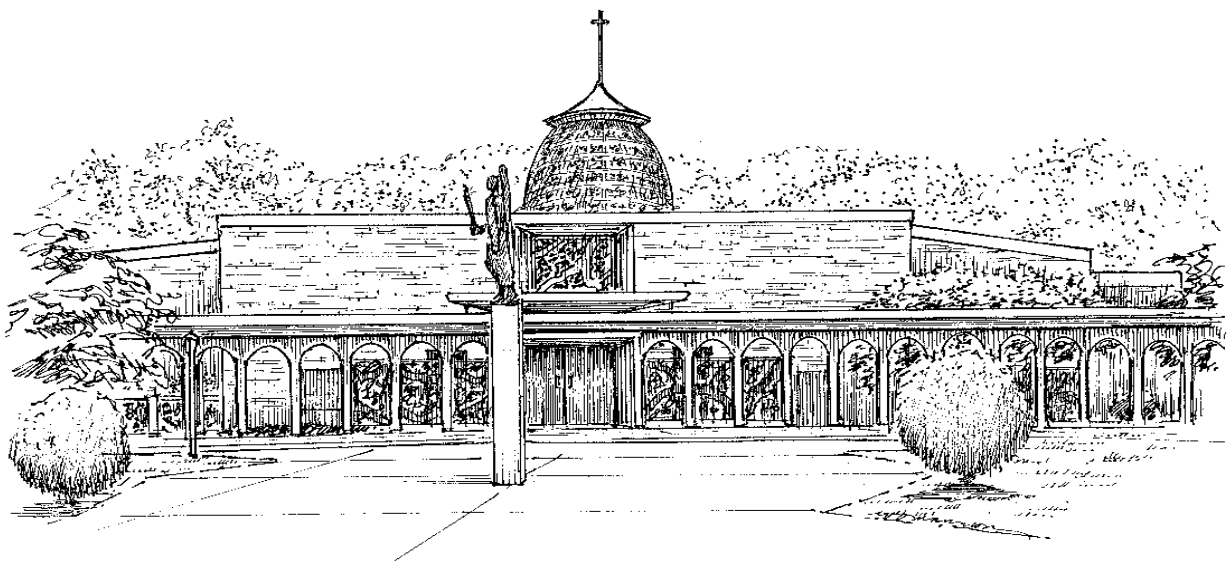
## CLERGY OF PARISH

Pastor: Rev. Jerry J. Pokorsky

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

In Residence: Rev. Joseph J. Clark

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





**17TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

July 24, 2011

“All things work for good for those who love God.”  
~ Romans 8:28a

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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
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- Monday, July 25**
- 6:15 a.m. Paul Barsanti +
- 8:30 a.m. Richard G. Livingston +
- 12 noon Priest's Intention
- Tuesday, July 26**
- 6:15 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. James McCormack +
- 8:30 a.m. Francis Fitzpatrick +
- 12 noon Priest's Intention
- Wednesday, July 27**
- 6:15 a.m. Marian M.
- 8:30 a.m. Christopher Thornton +
- 12 noon Priest's Intention
- Thursday, July 28**
- 6:15 a.m. Uhrich & Hallinger family +
- 8:30 a.m. John M. Figura +
- 12 noon Priest's Intention
- Friday, July 29**
- 6:15 a.m. Maria Sanchez Doctor +
- 8:30 a.m. Courtney Schilling +
- 12 noon Priest's Intention
- Saturday, July 30**
- 8:30 a.m. Maria Balengar +
- 5 p.m. Marie Apostolico +
- Sunday, July 31**
- 6:15 a.m. Charles Ferguson +
- 7:45 a.m. Bryfanski—Nawrocki families +
- 9 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Alexander Tanos +
- 12 noon Siegfried & McEnrue families +

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**FROM THE PASTOR**  
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**The Pearl of Great Price** -- by Fr. Roger J. Landry - October 28, 2005: In his first trip outside the Vatican this past May, Pope Benedict visited Bari to celebrate with 300,000 Italian Catholics the feast of Corpus Christi. In his homily, Pope Benedict brought to the attention of Catholics throughout the world the Eucharistic witness of 49 Christians who were tortured and killed for the faith in 304 in Abitene, a small village in modern day Tunisia. Their crime was to violate the emperor Diocletian's order that forbade Christians, under pain of death, from gathering on Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist. When the pro-consul Anulinus asked them why on earth they had disobeyed the emperor's severe orders, one of them, named Emeritus, replied simply, "*sine dominico non possumus*," that is, without Sunday we cannot live. For Emeritus and his Christian companions, Sunday Mass was worth dying for. They could not live without it... This witness that Christ in the Eucharist is worth dying for is not a relic of ancient days. Still today in the Sudan, Catholics often have to risk deadly road-side ambushes by fundamentalist Muslims to walk for hours, in the dark of night, to celebrate Mass in secluded locations. In China, priests and faithful in the underground Church loyal to Rome risk long-term imprisonment for the celebration of the sacred mysteries. In third-world regions where there is a drastic shortage of priests, Catholics journey on foot for miles in rough terrain to attend a Mass that they hope will last hours. By their actions, they show that Christ's sacrifice, love and life — made present in the Eucharist — is worth their sacrifices, their love, and their lives. Catholics in many areas of America are now starting to be asked to make greater sacrifices with respect to Sunday Mass. Because of the shortage of priests, some churches, where faithful have loved to attend Mass for years, are having to close... In the days when there were enough priests to offer Masses almost every hour in upper and lower churches, it was easy to start taking the Mass for granted. Almost everyone's personal preferences were able to be accommodated — early or late, simple or solemn, short or long, with music or without, even with or without one's favorite parish priest. While this variety had its advantages, it was also true that the divine treasure of the Mass was often obscured by one's preferred wrapping paper. As priests and the Masses they're able to offer become fewer, that treasure will necessarily stand in greater relief, because priests will no longer be able to supply the variety of that gift wrap. The truth is that Mass is probably not sufficiently appreciated until one is willing to go to any lengths to attend it. In America, thanks be to God, we do not risk imprisonment or martyrdom to make Mass. But we may need to learn from those who do that Jesus in the Eucharist is worth those sacrifices and more. He is "pearl of great price ...worth selling all we have to obtain." Even if one needed to attend Mass at two o'clock in the morning in an ice-cold church with a priest celebrating Mass contrary to almost every one of our preferences, the opportunity — no, the privilege — to receive the nourishment of the God-man would still be worth it. For without Sunday Mass, the Christian cannot live. (Source: <http://www.catholicity.com/commentary/landry/00477.html>)

**To Father Landry's point** -- A study conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate has found that the

the number of parishes in the United States fell from 19,620 in 1990 to 17,784 in 2010--a figure slightly higher than the number of parishes in 1965 (17,637). The average number of Sunday Masses at the typical US parish, according to the study, rose from 3.5 to 3.8 between 2000 and 2010, and average weekend Mass attendance rose from 966 to 1,110. 29% of parishes now have a regularly-scheduled Mass in a language other than English--up from 21% in 2000. (Source: RSS Facebook July 19, 2011).

**Remember to pay close attention** – to the cones zoning out traffic after the laying of the new asphalt. You are free to walk but not park on the asphalt. The asphalt people tell me that the asphalt needs to cure for 3 or 4 days before cars are allowed to park. Cars have hot engines and if the asphalt hasn't hardened adequately, the heat of the vehicle will cause indentations. Last Saturday, we had a few drivers ignore the barriers. Please help us out by being attentive to the zones.

**Folks, when calling the rectory** – and leaving messages for the priests, keep in mind that a) messages and phone numbers can be garbled (especially on the answering machine); b) a priest may return a call and you may miss it; and, (in many recent cases), c) the caller does not have an answering machine to record a priest's return call (so it may look like the priest has not returned the call). If a priest hasn't returned a call within, say, a couple of days, please call again. By the way, we're not always playing Solitaire in our rooms, so catch as catch can. For the record, I often tell Mary know that I've attempted to return all of the phone calls I've received just as a fail safe way of letting her know that a good faith attempt has been made to return all calls.

**Dr. Warren H. Carroll, RIP** -- a leading Catholic historian, author of the six-volume A HISTORY OF CHRISTENDOM and eight other books, died a week ago. Dr. Carroll was also the founder of Christendom College in Front Royal. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**American taxpayers provide one-third** -- of Planned Parenthood's annual budget: A new in-depth report on Planned Parenthood by a pro-life group shows that American taxpayers give substantial amounts of money to the abortion provider each year. "By Planned Parenthood's own accounting, \$363 million – one-third of its budget annually – comes from the American taxpayer," said president of Americans United for Life Dr. Charmaine Yoest. "While Congress is discussing going deeper in debt and raising the debt ceiling ... our government is quietly subsidizing the world's largest abortion provider with \$1 million a day."... In addition to taxpayers providing over \$360 million annually to Planned Parenthood, the report documented that government funding of organization has doubled since 1998 – as well as the number of abortions performed. The report claimed that the organization has committed numerous financial malpractices and human rights abuses over the last two decades. It cited failure to report criminal child sexual abuse, failure to comply with parental involvement laws and willingness to refer to substandard clinics as some of the offenses. (Source: CNA, Jul 17, 2011)

**Gov. Jerry Brown has signed a bill** -- making California the first state in the nation to add lessons about gays and lesbians to social studies classes in public schools. Brown, a Democrat [and nominal Catholic who is also pro-abortion, editor's comment],

signed the landmark bill requiring public schools to include the contributions of people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender in social studies curriculum. The Democratic-majority Legislature had passed the bill last week on a largely party-line vote. "History should be honest," the governor said in a statement Thursday. "This bill revises existing laws that prohibit discrimination in education and ensures that the important contributions of Americans from all backgrounds and walks of life are included in our history books." ... Randy Thomasson, president of SaveCalifornia.com, a conservative family group, said under the new law parents will have no choice but to take their children out of public school and homeschool them to avoid what he said was "immoral indoctrination." The new law applies only to public schools, not private schools or families who homeschool. (Source: Associated Press, Published: July 14 | Updated: Friday, July 15, Washington Post.)

**Please stay tuned in these pages for an important** – announcement. There have been many rumors about my dog Mini running for president. We've tried to keep the speculation down to a minimum, but the demand has been high. We've never had a dog run for president. Well, we have, but not a real dog. Hint: this will have great historical implications.

**More quotes from the Polish** – parliament where beautiful pro-life legislation was passed and unborn babies will once again be protected by Polish law: MP (Mr) Jan Filip Libicki (independent MP, handicapped himself) 'First of all I would like to very much thank the citizens' committee for his legislative proposal, because I think you can hardly find a better example of a civil society than this, when society gets organized like this in defense of the highest values: dignity and respect for the human person.' MP (Mr) Czesław Hoc, Law and Justice party: 'The basic legal norm in a democratic society is the rule of non-discrimination. How can you take away the fundamental right to life from a child only because of an illness? If we don't respect the fundamental right to life, no other rights make sense. I have been a doctor for 30 years now and I know that children with the Down Syndrome are often referred to as "God's children", because they are, with no exception, a boundless pure love, loved by their families, and we want to kill this love.' On abortion when pregnancy results from illegal activity: MP (Ms) Anna Sobecka, Law and Justice party: 'The clause in the 1993 law depriving the child of the right to life, when there is grounded suspicion that the pregnancy resulted from an illegal act by the child's father, is ultimately unjust. It is enough to have a grounded suspicion of an illegal act on the part of the father of the conceived child in order to take away the life of the absolutely innocent and defenceless baby, which in practice is executing a kind of death penalty on an innocent, unborn man. It is completely incomprehensible why some people, in the name of respect to human life, oppose the death penalty and at the same time they support abortion, a death penalty for an innocent child, who was conceived as a result of suspected illegal action on the part of his father. Death penalty for criminals was abolished in the European Union as inhumanitarian, and it is still practiced for the innocent, the smallest, weakest children.' Abortion not a religious issue: MP (Mr) Marek Matuszewski, Law and Justice party: 'Not only Christians, but Muslims, Jews and even atheists fight for life. They form the world pro-life movement, based on the truth about the human person. The truth about life is non-religious and impartial. (...) I am calling on liberal and leftist parliamentarians to stop being deaf to economic argu-

ments, which are closer to them, and these are against the killing of our children. We cannot allow a situation such as that one which takes place in the rich western countries, where the development of economy and the stability of the welfare system are based on workers from abroad. We cannot allow even one life to be taken away by abortion in Poland, because life is a priceless value.'

**This just in** -- He's not any bigger than a loaf of bread, but at ten pounds, Paco the Chihuahua is taking a bite out of crime. Paco chased off a couple of armed robbers when they came barging into a California tobacco store. Not only did Paco start barking and biting at the pair's ankles and knee caps, disorienting and surprising the robbers, but he actually ran them out, nipping at their heels and chasing them all way across the street. The shop's owner, Eric Knight, says Paco is the neighborhood pooch, who sits in the shop all day. The thieves did get some money, but it could've been worse...you don't want Paco the Chihuahua as your enemy. (<http://www.ktnv.com/news/watercooler/125764888.html>)

**THE FACE OF A CHILD** - can say it all, especially the mouth part of the face.

**AN IRISH PRAYER** - May those that love us, love us. Those that don't love us, may God turn their hearts. And if He doesn't turn their hearts, may He turn their ankles so we'll know them by their limping.

**A MYSTERY** - Why is it that when we bounce a check, the bank charges us more of what they already know we don't have any of?

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**Readings for the Week**

- Monday: 2 Cor 4: 7-15; Mt 20:20-28
- Tuesday: Ex 33: 7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13: 36-43
- Wednesday: Ex 34: 29-35; Mt 13: 44-46
- Thursday: Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38; Mt 13: 47-53
- Friday: Lv 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Jn 11: 19-27 or Lk 10: 38-42
- Saturday: Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Mt 14: 1-12
- Sunday: Is 55: 1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8: 35, 37-39; Mt 14: 13-21

**This year's Blood Drive** -- will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Our first Blood Drive seven years ago was also on 9-11, and was our biggest turn out to date. Mark your calendars so you can help make this blood drive one of the most successful! A reminder to those of you who give on a regular basis: 56 days is required between your donations. Keep an eye out for the sign up sheets. If you want to select a time call Bill Deshler, 703-321-9730 or Pete Pistolesi 703-354-7047.

**The Schola Choir** -- rehearsals are held Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. 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, contact Sarah Shafer at 703-250-2272.

**Please Pray for:** 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 Cuzzilla; Dominic Pistolesi; Maria Kerrinckx\*; Pam Rugg\*; Walter Vladick\*; Dolores Rike\*; Marissa Ann Wuerthele\*; Dolores Featheringham; 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; James Pokorsky, USN; LCPL J.C. Atkinson, USMC; Lt. Col. Geoff Kent US Army; PFC Mark Haugh, USMC; LCpl Chali Cameron USMC; Matt and Jay Waite, Army; Lt. Col. David Griesmer, U.S.M.C.; Christopher Gaetano USAF; 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].

**Next Week's Second Collection** -- will be for the Msgr. Scannell fund.

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**St. Philip Parish will present a parish mission** -- on the new Roman Missal, "Toward a Worthy Celebration of the Paschal Mystery," featuring the following individuals and activities: Msgr. Andrew Wadsworth, Executive Director of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy on August 14, at 6:30 pm; An ice cream social and organ recital for children of all ages on August 15 at 3:30 pm; Mr. Matt Godbey, Staff Member, US Bishops' Conference, Office of Divine Worship on August 15 after the 7 pm Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Miss Marie Miller, Contemporary Catholic musician, on August 16 after the 7 pm Mass. Miss Miller's presentation will be directed especially toward teens and young adults. All events will take place at St. Philip Catholic Church, 7500 St. Philips Court, Falls Church, VA 22042. There is no charge and reservations are not required. Attendees may make a free will offering at the receptions following each presentation. Please call St. Philip Parish Rectory for more information at 703-573-3808.

**Young Adult CSC Field Day, July 31, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.** -- What could be better than a BBQ and an all-day sports extravaganza with Catholic young adults from the D.C. area? Join us for the First Annual CSC Field Day on Sunday, July 31 at Burke Lake Park (7315 Ox Road) in Fairfax Station. Food will be provided (\$10 donation suggested) so just bring your A-game and a few energy bars and join us for sand volleyball, soccer, football, or just bike or jog around the lake and nearby trails! The fun starts at 11 a.m. and goes until 8 p.m. Please contact Maria ([arlington.csc@gmail.com](mailto:arlington.csc@gmail.com)) with any questions. RSVPs are helpful. \*\*NOTE: Burke Lake Park charges \$10 for parking for non-residents of Fairfax County.\*\*

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."  
~ St. Augustine

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him."  
~ 1 Corinthians 2:9