

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.

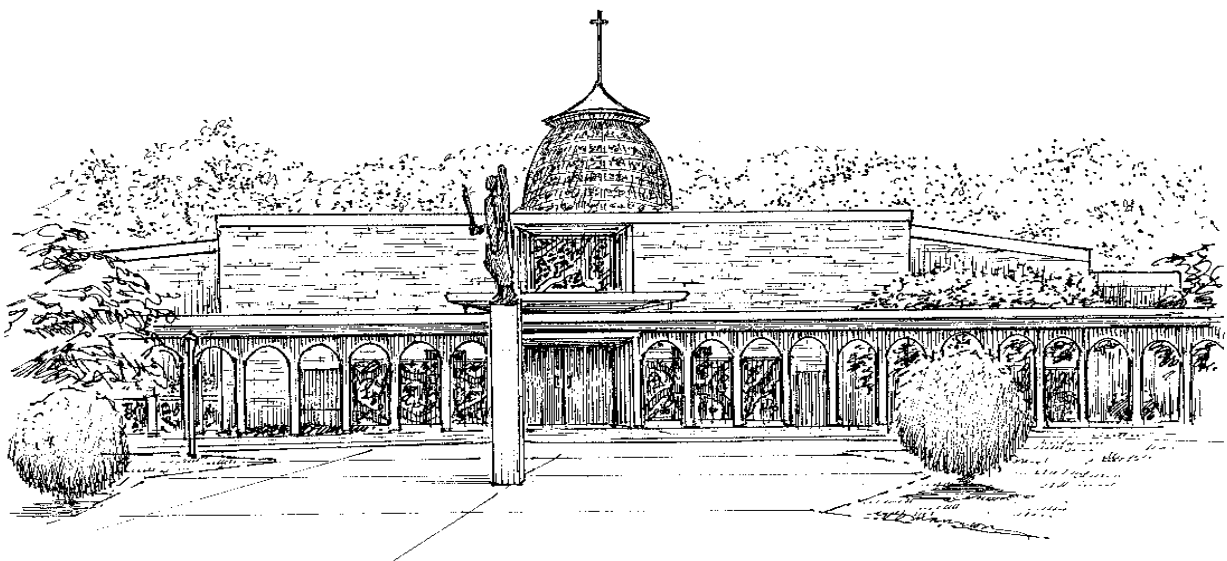
CLERGY OF PARISH

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





**21ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

August 21, 2011

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.”
~ Matthew 16:19

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 22

6:15 a.m. Mimi Khine
8:30 a.m. Patricia Bonifas +
12 noon Priest’s Intention

Tuesday, August 23

6:15 a.m. Donald Roberts +
8:30 a.m. Helen Gallagher
12 noon Priest’s Intention

Wednesday, August 24

6:15 a.m. End to Abortions
8:30 a.m. Gilbert Coe +
12 noon Priest’s Intention

Thursday, August 25

6:15 a.m. Huy Kim Lien family
8:30 a.m. Sally Jackson
12 noon Priest’s Intention

Friday, August 26

6:15 a.m. Marie Coster +
8:30 a.m. Ligaya Soriente +
12 noon Priest’s Intention

Saturday, August 27

8:30 a.m. Paul Barsanti +
5 p.m. Helen McDowell +

Sunday, August 28

6:15 a.m. Christina Misko +
7:45 a.m. Ryan Gatewood +
9 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Priests of the Parish
12 noon Siegfried & McEnrue families +

FROM THE PASTOR

"The keys of the kingdom" -- From the beginning of his public life Jesus chose certain men, twelve in number, to be with him and to participate in his mission. He gives the Twelve a share in his authority and "sent them out to preach the

kingdom of God and to heal." They remain associated for ever with Christ's kingdom, for through them he directs the Church: As my Father appointed a kingdom for me, so do I appoint for you that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon Peter holds the first place in the college of the Twelve; Jesus entrusted a unique mission to him. Through a revelation from the Father, Peter had confessed: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Our Lord then declared to him: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." Christ, the "living Stone", thus assures his Church, built on Peter, of victory over the powers of death. Because of the faith he confessed Peter will remain the unshakeable rock of the Church. His mission will be to keep this faith from every lapse and to strengthen his brothers in it. Jesus entrusted a specific authority to Peter: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." The "power of the keys" designates authority to govern the house of God, which is the Church. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, confirmed this mandate after his Resurrection: "Feed my sheep." The power to "bind and loose" connotes the authority to absolve sins, to pronounce doctrinal judgements, and to make disciplinary decisions in the Church. Jesus entrusted this authority to the Church through the ministry of the apostles and in particular through the ministry of Peter, the only one to whom he specifically entrusted the keys of the kingdom. (551 – 553).

The Church should seek the conversion -- of pro-abortion politicians, but if they remain obstinate they should be expelled from the Church, says Bishop Samuel Aquila of Fargo. The Bishop proposed in an interview with Catholic World Report this week that Bishops should take their cue from the Gospel of Matthew in handling pro-abortion politicians. “Our Lord tells us to speak to the person, and then take two or three others with us if he does not change,” he said. “If he still does not change, the Church can speak to him, which is done through the bishop. [The bishop] exercises the authority of Christ. Christ then says that if that person is still obstinate and will not change, treat them as a tax collector or Gentile. Expel him.” The Bishop continued: “Catholics are called to defend human life, particularly that of the unborn. The Church’s teaching is clear. If we don’t challenge public officials who reject this teaching, we leave them in their sins and confuse the faithful.” Aquila, who has been the spiritual head of the diocese of Fargo in North Dakota for ten years, is well known for his support for the pro-life cause. (Source: August 11, 2011 LifeSiteNews.com)

They defied the bishops -- to support President Barack Obama’s health care overhaul. Now Catholic hospitals are dismayed the law may force them to cover birth control free of charge to their employees. A provision in the law expanded preventive health-care benefits for women, and the administration said last week that must include birth control with no copays. The Catholic Health Association says a proposed conscience exemption is so narrowly written it would apply only to houses of worship. Some other religious-based organizations agree. (Source: Associated Press - Washington Post, Published: August 7, 2011)

Nebraska has seen a drop in its abortion rate -- and a pro-life organization believes it has to do with the passing of a recent measure. Julie Albin Nebraska has seen a 10-percent decrease in abortions done in the first six months of 2011 as compared to the first six months of 2010. Julie Schmit-Albin, who heads Nebraska Right to Life, says, "We at Nebraska Right to Life attribute that, at least in part -- I mean we don't have all the figures in yet from all of 2011 -- but we think it's a good sign that the unborn baby pain ban at 20 weeks, which was passed in 2010, is working." The law bans abortion after 20- weeks' gestation, which sent Omaha late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart packing to a new facility in Georgetown, Maryland. Other states have followed Nebraska's example in passing similar laws. (Source: Charlie Butts - OneNewsNow - 8/11/2011)

Minature "Mini" Schnauzer -- has not yet decided whether she will run for President. She is still formulating her policy positions. (See following.)

If NARAL -- is for it, Mini is against it; if NARAL is against it, Mini is for it!

NARAL blasted -- Michele Bachmann saying she has a **100% pro-life voting record in Congress** and that she voted for the House-passed No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act; she voted to prohibit the District of Columbia from using taxpayer dollars to pay for abortions. NARAL cited her signing of a pro-life pledge the Susan B. Anthony List put forward and said that, as a Minnesota state legislator, she co-sponsored a constitutional amendment to block public funding of any organization associated with an organization that provides, counsels or refers for abortion. Texas Gov. **Rick Perry**, who earns high marks from pro-life advocates, earned low marks from NARAL as he contemplates running. It cited him saying "**Roe v. Wade is nothing but a shameful footnote** in our nation's history books" and bashed him for signing a measure banning abortion after "viability," without any exception and a law allowing women information about abortion risks. **Tim Pawlenty** also received low marks from NARAL, with the pro-abortion group bashing him for **co-sponsoring a bill that prohibited abortions** and subjected abortion practitioners to penalties for not complying. NARAL also complained that he "signed into law a measure that prohibits organizations receiving state funds from referring women for abortion services," signed the SBA List pledge, and said, "We don't honor the Constitution when we elevate a vague idea that is the right to privacy over the right to life." NARAL says **Herman Cain** has no legislative voting record, but he has **signed a "Protect the Unborn Pledge,"** when he ran for U.S. Senate in 2004, pledging to introduce legislation that would "restore legal, moral protection of unborn human life." It cited him saying, "Unbelievably, the decision of Roe v. Wade shows that our nation still chooses to place human convenience over the sanctity of human life." NARAL pointed to **Newt Gingrich's pro-life voting record** and said Gingrich cast 74 votes on abortion and other issues and 72 were pro-life in its books. It blasted Jon Huntsman for signing into law measures that established a state fund to defend abortion restrictions in court, criminalized some abortion services and required minors seeking abortions to notify their parents even if they come from purportedly "violent, abusive, or neglectful homes." The organization said **Ron Paul cast 106 votes on abortion and found 93 of them to be pro-life.** And it said **Rick Santorum cast 72 out of 74 votes in the**

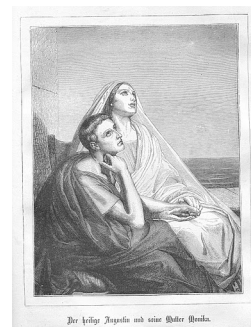
pro-life direction. NARAL also blasted Sarah Palin and Buddy Roemer as taking pro-life positions it opposes. (Source of preceding: Steven Ertelt | LifeNews.com | 7/29/11)

Winston Churchill quotes -- 1) A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject. 2) A love for tradition has never weakened a nation, indeed it has strengthened nations in their hour of peril. 3) All great things are simple, and many can be expressed in single words: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope. 4) Although prepared for martyrdom, I preferred that it be postponed. 5) An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last. 6) Broadly speaking, the short words are the best, and the old words best of all. 7) From now on, ending a sentence with a preposition is something up with which I will not put. 8) He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire. 9) History will be kind to me for I intend to write it. 10) I have always felt that a politician is to be judged by the animosities he excites among his opponents. 11) Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened. 12) Never hold discussions with the monkey when the organ grinder is in the room. 13) There are a terrible lot of lies going around the world, and the worst of it is half of them are true. 14) The price of greatness is responsibility.

A celebrity is a person -- who works hard all his life to become well known, then wears dark glasses to avoid being recognized. ~Fred Allen; Say what you will about the Ten Commandments, you must always come back to the pleasant fact that there are only ten of them. ~H.L. Mencken; A compromise is an agreement whereby both parties get what neither of them wanted. ~Author Unknown; A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking. ~Attributed to Arthur McBride Bloch; A gentleman is a man who can play the accordion but doesn't. ~Author Unknown; Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It is already tomorrow in Australia. ~Charles Schulz; All generalizations are bad. ~R.H. Grenier.

 IN OUR PARISH

The Second Collection -- this weekend is for the Aid to Somalia and East Africa. The situation in that part of the world has become quite desperate, and many are starving, with many going without basic necessities, so the Bishop has asked us to respond charitably and take up a special collection. Thank you for your generosity!



St. Monica, pray for us!

St. Michael's Seniors (50+) Group -- Upcoming Event: All parishioners 50 years of age and older are invited to attend it's annual Pot Luck Dinner and the Election of Officers on Saturday 10 September. (Term of office is 1 October—30 September.) Dues are \$10 per person for year. See subsequent bulletins for further details.

Perpetual Adoration -- We are urgently in need of adorers for the following times: Monday 8-9 a.m., and 4-5 p.m., Tuesday 4-5 a.m., and Friday 8-9 a.m. Please contact Rosemary Duffy at 703-256-4468.

Religious Education Update

- We are seeking to add to our cadre of teachers and classroom aides. If you can help out, please contact Deacon McCaffrey (703-941-9403, office or 571-643-6895, cell). Orientation and training as well as lesson plans will be provided.
 - Our Religious Education Program will begin with a Back to School meeting for parents on Sunday, September 11, at 10:15 in the All Purpose Room of the Junior School.
- ~ Deacon Dave McCaffrey, DRE

Making Abortion Unthinkable: The Art of Pro-Life Persuasion Workshop -- All are invited to an easy-to-follow, well-reasoned training that has everything you need to master the art of pro-life persuasion. Participants will learn how to communicate the pro-life viewpoint to others and how to use scientific evidence to offer a tactical, fair and persuasive argument to counter pro-choice reasoning. The full program will be offered twice on two consecutive Saturdays so anyone interested to attend can sign up on either of the two dates:

Date: Saturday, September 10, 2011 *or*
 Saturday, September 17, 2011
 Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

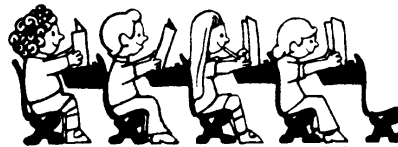
Location: St. Michael's, All Purpose Room

Lunch and refreshments will be served on both days. There is a \$5.00 registration fee to help defray the costs of the training materials and lunch. For more information or to register, please call Anh Tu Do at 703-919-4370 or e-mail anhdo18@gmail.com.

Blood Drive -- appointment sheets will be available on August 26 & 27 and September 3 & 4, and located on tables at each entrance of the church. The blood drive this year is on Sunday, 9-11. You can conveniently sign up to give before or after the Mass you will be attending. If you can't give blood, please consider being a helper in this year's blood drive. To be a helper or for more information, please call Pete Pistolesi 703-354-7047 or Bill Deshler, 703-321-9730.

Please Pray for: John Wilson; John Zych*; Mercedes Misko*; Julia Lattanzio; Michael Rowan*; Marguerite Wise; Hung Pham and Chau Duong*; Jack Delaney*; Angelina Gerndt*; Frances Raftery*; Jack & Pat Pearring; Amanda Cuzzilla; Dominic Pistolesi; Maria Kerrinckx*; Pam Rugg*; Walter Vladick*; Dolores Rike*; Marissa Ann Wuerthele*; Dolores Featheringham; Carolyn Cole; Ricco Amadeo; Dan Keller; Chung Fowler*; Michael O'Neill*; Gordon Smith*; Vivian Commings; 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].



Join the St. Michael School Family -- Registration taking place for Kindergarten to Grade 7. Please call the office at 703-256-1222. School begins on August 29th for Grades 1-8. School begins on August 30th for Kindergarten.

 IN OUR DIOCESE

Earn a BA or MA in Theology online at CDU -- The September term offers several online classes for individuals who would like to earn a degree in theology or who are simply seeking greater knowledge of Catholic theology. Here are just a few of the courses to be offered during the September term: Introduction to St. Thomas, The Four Constitutions of Vatican II, Latin I, Biblical Greek I, Church History, and Biblical Foundations, For a complete list of courses and to learn more about CDU, visit www.cdu.edu or call 888.254.4238 ext 700.

Theology Courses at Christendom Graduate School -- Enrich your life and learn more about the Faith by taking a fall course at the Christendom Graduate School! The session runs from Sept 6 – Dec. 16. At our convenient Alexandria campus (on Queen of Apostles Parish grounds) we are offering: Sexual & Biomedical Ethics; Philosophy of God & Man; Latin II; Cardinal Newman: Life, Thought & Influence; Patristics: the Teachings of the Church Fathers; God the Father; Holy Spirit & Ecclesiology; and Catechetical Norms & Methods. We welcome both degree-seeking and casual students, on either a part-time or full-time basis. We have low tuition rates and discounts for seniors, catechists, and Catholic school teachers. WE ALSO HAVE ONLINE COURSES. For more information, please visit www.christendom.edu/grad, call 703.658.4304, or email us at NDGS@Christendom.edu.

George Mason Friends Used Book Sale – Thousands of used books, CDs, movies on DVD and VHS, and recorded books all on salw at the George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale starting Thursday, September 22 from 5-9 p.m.; continuing Friday, September 23 from 10 a.m.—6 p.m.; Saturday, September 24 from 10 a.m.—5 p.m.; and Sunday, September 25 from noon –5 p.m.

“The happiest people – don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.” ~ Anonymous