

St. Michael Church

ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA 22003



RECORDED MASS SCHEDULES: (703) 256-0446
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) (703) 941-9403
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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.

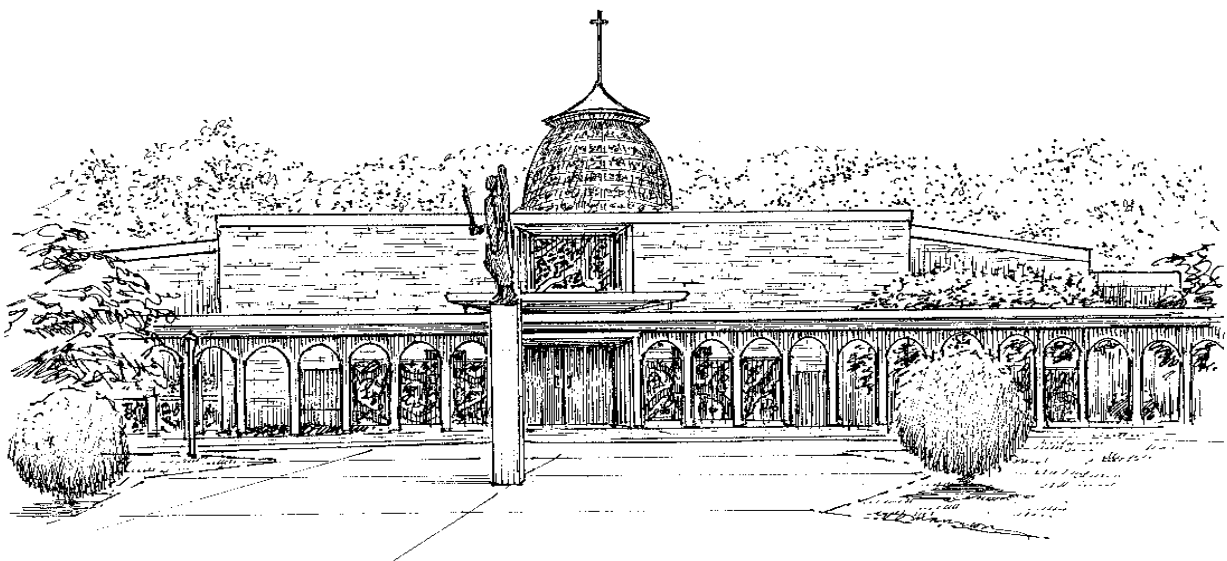
CLERGY OF PARISH

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



19H SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

August 7, 2011

“Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from Heaven.”
~ Psalm 85: 12

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 8

6:15 a.m. Ancestors & Parents +
8:30 a.m. Charles Ferguson +
12 noon Priest’s Intention

Tuesday, August 9

6:15 a.m. Walter Budny +
8:30 a.m. Lourdes A. Land
12 noon Priest’s Intention

Wednesday, August 10

6:15 a.m. Delores Hocky
8:30 a.m. Charlotte Kennedy +
12 noon Priest’s Intention

Thursday, August 11

6:15 a.m. John Hughes +
8:30 a.m. Mario Fiol & family
12 noon Priest’s Intention

Friday, August 12

6:15 a.m. Robert McKnight +
8:30 a.m. Jennifer Richards
12 noon Priest’s Intention

Saturday, August 13

8:30 a.m. Jean Pender +
5 p.m. Helen McDowell +

Sunday, August 14

6:15 a.m. John Hughes +
7:45 a.m. McEnrue & Siegfried families +
9 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Tammy & Kylie Nguyen
12 noon Nelly Avaroma-Jordan +

FROM THE PASTOR

By the miracles of the loaves and fishes and the walking upon

-- the waters, on the previous day, Christ not only prepared His hearers for the sublime discourse containing the promise of the Eucharist, but also proved to them that He possessed, as Almighty God-man, a power superior to and independent of the laws of nature, and could, therefore, provide such a supernatural food, none other, in fact, than His own Flesh and Blood. This discourse was delivered at Capharnaum (John 6:26-72), and is divided into two distinct parts... the whole structure of the discourse of promise demands a literal interpretation of the words: "eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood". For Christ mentions a threefold food in His address, the manna of the past (John 6:31, 32, 49,, 59), the heavenly bread of the present (John 6:32 sq.), and the Bread of

Life of the future (John 6:27, 52). Corresponding to the three kinds of food and the three periods, there are as many dispensers — Moses dispensing the manna, the Father nourishing man's faith in the Son of God made flesh, finally Christ giving His own Flesh and Blood. Although the manna, a type of the Eucharist, was indeed eaten with the mouth, it could not, being a transitory food, ward off death. The second food, that offered by the Heavenly Father, is the bread of heaven, which He dispenses here and now to the Jews for their spiritual nourishment, inasmuch as by reason of the Incarnation He holds up His Son to them as the object of their faith. If, however, the third kind of food, which Christ Himself promises to give only at a future time, is a new refectio, differing from the last-named food of faith, it can be none other than His true Flesh and Blood, to be really eaten and drunk in Holy Communion. This is why Christ was so ready to use the realistic expression "to chew" (John 6:54, 56, 58: *trogein*) when speaking of this, His Bread of Life, in addition to the phrase, "to eat" (John 6:51, 53: *phagein*)... The impossibility of a figurative interpretation is brought home more forcibly by an analysis of the following text: "Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, you shall not have life in you. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, hath everlasting life: and I will raise him up in the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed: and my blood is drink indeed" (John 6:54-56). It is true that even among the Semites, and in Scripture itself, the phrase, "to eat some one's flesh", has a figurative meaning, namely, "to persecute, to bitterly hate some one". If, then, the words of Jesus are to be taken figuratively, it would appear that Christ had promised to His enemies eternal life and a glorious resurrection in recompense for the injuries and persecutions directed against Him. The other phrase, "to drink some one's blood", in Scripture, especially, has no other figurative meaning than that of dire chastisement (cf. Isaiah 49:26; Apocalypse 16:6); but, in the present text, this interpretation is just as impossible here as in the phrase, "to eat some one's flesh". Consequently, eating and drinking are to be understood of the actual partaking of Christ in person, hence literally. (Source: Catholic Encyclopedia.)

Our apologies from the house priests – for some of the mixups with the sacramental schedule in July. We promise to do better! "Better three hours too soon than a minute too late" (William Shakespeare). Hey, great words of wisdom from many perspectives. "Few things tend more to alienate friendship than a want of punctuality in our engagements. I have known the breach of a promise to dine or sup to break up more than one intimacy." William Hazlitt (1778-1830) British essayist.

The asphalt job was stalled for about a week – as a result of equipment breakdown. By this writing, we're hoping to have most of the main parking lot milled with the paving this week.

The Senior School roof – is just about complete and it looks great. The church roof will be replaced in September after the asphalt is given some time to cure (to prevent indentations from the heavy equipment).

At this writing – we anticipate the gym floor to be installed by the time you read this blurb. The installation of the Senior School cafeteria floor should also be well underway by the time

you read this. (Dare we hope!)

Again, thanks for your continuing generosity – in the financial support of the Parish. We are pulling funds from savings to pay for these projects and we do not anticipate to drain the coffers to zero. We should have about \$500,000 (conservatively estimated) in reserves upon completion of the major projects in September.

The financial reports – will be out soon. Stay tuned.

Folks, here is an example – of an American bishop overreaching his authority with his personal opinions. There is a difference between 1) Catholic moral principles and 2) the application of those principles to the concrete circumstances. For example, I truly believe -- as an American citizen -- that sustained deficit spending by the U.S. government is immoral because it robs future generations (in terms of future taxes or future inflation) in favor of the present generation. Good Catholics are free to disagree with this “prudential judgment” of mine. (But if so, I would like to see where I’m wrong.) In contrast, I speak with the infallible authority of the Catholic Church when I teach that direct abortion is always and everywhere immoral. Bishop Hubbard has identified government programs that he favors as a citizen. Fair enough. But he overextends his episcopal authority by insisting his prudential judgements are, in effect, representative of Catholic moral principles:

“The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops -- and Catholic Relief Services said on July 29 that the proposed House budget contains ‘morally unacceptable, even deadly cuts to poverty-focused humanitarian and development assistance.’ ‘Some of the most egregious cuts are to agricultural assistance for subsistence farmers, adaptation to climate change for vulnerable communities, medicines for people living with HIV/AIDS and vaccines for preventable diseases, assistance to orphans and vulnerable children, disaster assistance in places like Haiti, peacekeeping to protect innocent civilians in troubled areas such as Sudan and the Congo, and support to migrants and refugees fleeing conflict or persecution in nations such as Iraq,’ said Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany, chairman of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace, and Ken Hackett, president of Catholic Relief Services. (Source: CatholicCulture.org.)

Folks if you thoughtfully disagree -- with Bishop Hubbard and CRS in these prudential judgments on the use of federal funding you are *not* a “dissident” Catholic. I personally believe that federal programs tend to crowd out the spirit of charitable giving and “hook” private charities to the narcotic of government (your tax money) funding. Then again, maybe I’m wrong and Bishop Hubbard is right. But both our views are based on the prudential application of Catholic principles (e.g., the virtue of justice) to concrete economic and political circumstances. No need to read us out of the Church for any disagreement. Abortion and our views on abortion? Now that is a question of Catholic principle.

Leading pro-abortion group NARAL -- released a report today on the Republican presidential hopefuls and the organization says essentially all of the Republican presidential candidates are pro-life on abortion. With the exception of former Gov. Gary Johnson of New Mexico and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who is not regarded as a likely presidential contender, none of the 15 Republicans who are running or have hinted at a

bid for the GOP nomination are acceptable to NARAL.

The Obama administration -- has approved a recommendation from the Institute of Medicine suggesting that it force insurance companies to pay for birth control and drugs that can cause abortions under the Obamacare government-run health care program. The IOM recommendation, opposed by pro-life groups, called for the Obama administration to require insurance programs to include birth control — such as the morning after pill or the ella drug that causes an abortion days after conception — in the section of drugs and services insurance plans must cover under “preventative care.” The companies will likely pass the added costs on to consumers, requiring them to pay for birth control and, in some instances, drug-induced abortions of unborn children in their earliest days. Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that it accepted the IOM guidelines that “require new health insurance plans to cover women’s preventive services” and those services include “FDA-approved contraception methods and contraceptive counseling” — which include birth control drugs like Plan B and ella that can cause abortions. The Health and Human Services Department commissioned the report from the Institute, which advises the federal government and shut out pro-life groups in meetings leading up to the recommendations. “These historic guidelines are based on science and existing literature and will help ensure women get the preventive health benefits they need,” HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, an abortion advocate, said in a statement LifeNews received. Sebelius said new health plans will be required to include coverage with plan years beginning on or after August 1, 2012. (Source: Steven Ertelt | LifeNews.com | 8/1/11.)

Norway shooter supported abortion for disabled babies -- While the mainstream media attempts to paint Anders Behring Breivik, the terrorist bomber and shooter who killed over 76 people in Oslo last week, as a “fundamentalist Christian,” a 1,500 page document he wrote reveals not only that he did not consider himself a Christian believer, but that he was a mason, held such anti-Christian views as supporting abortion for disabled babies, and that he also hired a prostitute prior to his killing rampage. The horrific death toll and monstrous methods employed by Breivik in his killing spree have been followed by outrageous attempts to paint him as a conservative Christian, a characterization that has the potential to lead to a backlash against faithful Christians in Europe and elsewhere... Relevant to pro-life supporters, Breivik says that he supports abortion in cases of rape, and “if the baby has mental or physical disabilities” (pg 1179). Breivik also notes that he hired a prostitute one week before his ‘mission’ (pg 1424). He also identifies himself as a Freemason (pg 1369). Commenting on his own faith, Breivik writes: Regarding my personal relationship with God, I guess I’m not an excessively religious man. I am first and foremost a man of logic. However, I am a supporter of a monocultural Christian Europe. If you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and God then you are a religious Christian. Myself and many more like me do not necessarily have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and God. We do however believe in Christianity as a cultural, social, identity and moral platform. This makes us Christian.... (Source: by John-Henry Westen).

Chocolate for Women (A Poem) -- by John-Henry Westen -- This poem is by a very good friend of mine who wished to remain anonymous. Finding a means to get across the suggestion for modesty in dress from men to women is a very difficult gap to bridge. The poetic form may be one such bridge. What do you think?

chocolate
for women
wonderful physical-emotional stimulant
uplifting, appealing, fulfilling, relieving
chocolate
but what if
not sought in shops or concealed in cupboards
but unwrapped, unavoidable, tantalizing aroma, constant distraction
then
struggle with
desire, craving, frustration
could
chocolate
help women understand
female immodesty
for men

Black and White TV -- (Under age 40? You won't understand.)

You could hardly see for all the snow,
Spread the rabbit ears as far as they go.
Pull a chair up to the TV set,
'Good Night, David. Good Night, Chet.'

 IN OUR PARISH

The St. Michael School Uniform Swap -- will take place on August 10 and 11, from 6:30—8 p.m. in the All Purpose Room in the Junior School. Take what you need and leave behind any of your extras! This year we will be asking you to limit what you take to 2 of each item, so that we can help all those in need.

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.

Sister Maria Goretti, O.P., and Sister Mary Johanna, O.P. of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, Nashville, Tennessee, established in 1860 -- will be speaking to our parish at the Masses on the weekend of August 13 and 14. The sisters will share information about their religious community and the great blessings of a growing Congregation. The Dominican Sisters were invited to speak to our parish through the Propagation of the Faith's Missionary Cooperative Plan of the Diocese of Arlington 2011. You can also learn more about the Dominican Sisters online at www.nashvilledominican.org.

There will be a meeting of the Lazarus Group -- on Wednesday, August 17, at 7:00pm in the All-Purpose room of the Junior School. We will begin planning for the annual Mass of Remembrance to be held in November. New members are always welcome. For information about the Lazarus Group, please call 703-256-1630.

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, please contact Sarah Shafer at 703-250-2272.

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.

SAVE THE DATE:

St. Michael's Blood Drive

Sunday, September 11, 2011

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

To select a time call Bill Deshler, 703-321-9730
or Pete Pistolesi 703-354-7047

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*; Frances Raftery*; Jack & Pat Pearing; Amanda Cuzzilla; Dominic Pistolesi; Maria Kerrinckx*; Pam Rugg*; Walter Vladick*; Dolores Rike*; Marissa Ann Wuerthele*; Dolores Featheringham; Carolyn Cole; Ricco Amadeo; Dan Keller; 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].