

St. Michael Church

ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA 22003



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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.

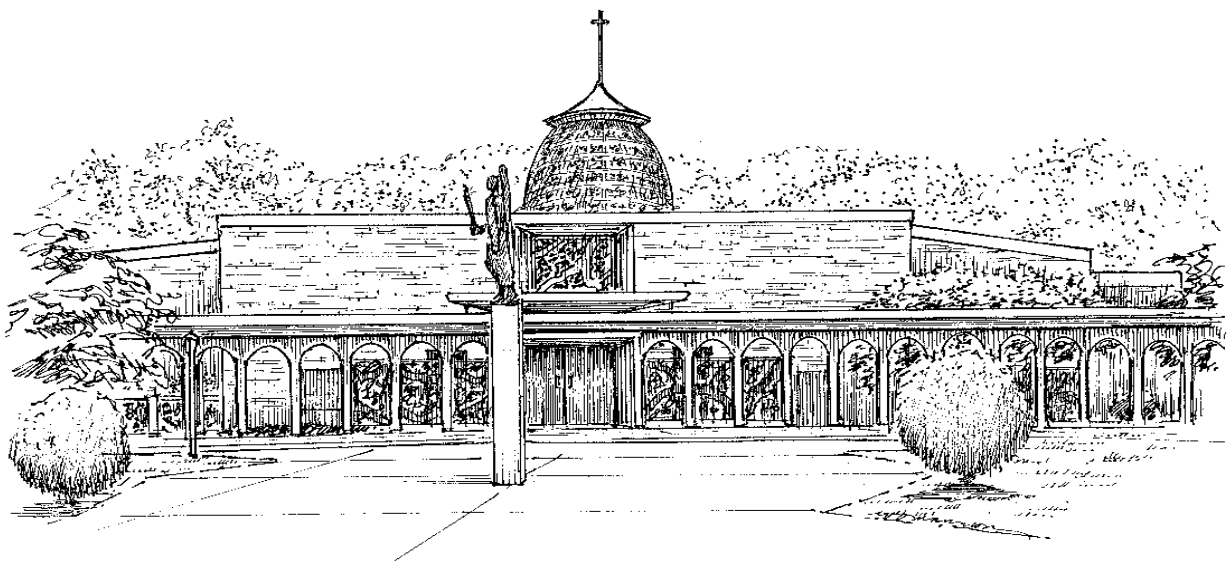
CLERGY OF PARISH

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





26TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

September 25, 2011

“Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.”
~ Philippians 2:5

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, September 26**
- 6:15 a.m. Rose M. Anderson +
- 8:30 a.m. Karen Burke +
- 12 noon Priest’s Intention
- Tuesday, September 27**
- 6:15 a.m. Hien Nathalie family
- 8:30 a.m. Colleen Steward & family
- 12 noon Priest’s Intention
- Wednesday, September 28**
- 6:15 a.m. Christina Misko +
- 8:30 a.m. Marilou Serrafin
- 12 noon Priest’s Intention
- Thursday, September 29**
- 6:15 a.m. Henry Budzynski +
- 8:30 a.m. TPR. Salvatore J. Culosi +
- 12 noon Priest’s Intention
- 7:30 p.m. Priest’s Intention (Parish Feast Day)
- Friday, September 30**
- 6:15 a.m. Han Julie Pham family
- 8:30 a.m. Vic Sellier & family
- 12 noon Priest’s Intention
- Saturday, October 1**
- 8:30 a.m. Jeanne Conner & family
- 5 p.m. Walter B. Reingruber +
- 7:30 p.m. Barbara B. Adrian +
- Sunday, October 2**
- 6:15 a.m. Siegfried & McEnrue families +
- 7:45 a.m. Herold, Verna, Effie Pankow +
- 9 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. All Souls +
- 12 noon End to Abortions

FROM THE PASTOR

Pastor’s Gospel Commentary -- There is a curious prayer that greets penitents as they enter the confessional: “May God who

has enlightened every heart help you to know your sins and trust in His mercy.” Sound moral theology defines a sin as the willful commission of an evil thought, word or deed. If we know a thought, word or deed is wrong and we freely choose the act, we are guilty of sin. At first glance this definition may seem to afford us an “easy out” if we are not aware of sinful behavior. Hence, the priestly prayer of the confessional greeting would seem to be problematic. But could it be that this very lack of awareness in itself may involve sin? In this week’s Gospel Christ contrasts two sons, the first who refused to work in his father’s vineyard but later changed his mind and went; and the second son who said he would go, but did not. In answer to the question posed by Christ, the chief priests and elders agree that the son who “walked the walk” did the father’s will rather than the son who simply “talked the talk.” Actions, as usual, speak louder than words.

Christ uses their answer to indict them -- for their failure to practice what they preach. "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." It is easy to identify the nature of the sins of the prostitutes and tax collectors. But it takes greater effort to identify the specific thoughts, words and deeds of the chief priests (sic!) and elders (as well as the sins of the Pharisees and Sadducees) that were so grievous as to spark Christ’s harsh language of rebuke. We know these enemies of Christ were self-righteous pious frauds whom Christ compared to “whitewashed tombs.” But peel away this false exterior and we might surmise the evil in their hearts as they laid the heavy burden of the law on pious Jews. Christ saved the woman caught in adultery from a stone-throwing crowd with a single phrase, “Let him without sin cast the first stone.” Of course the sin of adultery requires one woman – and one man. Were the self-righteous chief priests and elders guilty of the sin? Were the chief priests and elders guilty of graft themselves as well as engaging the services of prostitutes? If so, sins of weakness are raised to horrifying heights of complicity, arrogance and betrayal. Did Christ see the pride of the Evil One on their hearts?

After King David arranged for the murder -- of Bathsheba’s husband to cover up his adultery with her, he simply forgot about his crime and, in denial, tried to live happily ever after with his new bride. It took the rebuke of the prophet Nathan to break the demonic edifice of hypocrisy and pride that anesthetized his conscience. In response to David’s outrage over the parable of the rich man who stole the beloved lamb of a poor man, Nathan had the courage to face down his king: “Thou art the man!” But David was not like the chief priests and elders. His hardness of heart was broken by God’s grace, and he became the model penitent writing, “Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight, so that thou art justified in thy sentence and blameless in thy judgment” (Psalm 51:1-4). Priests are frequently exposed to marital and family situations where the

transgressions causing the trauma become crystal clear to anyone looking in from the outside. But the denial, pride, arrogance and hypocrisy of the offending parties often make it impossible to bring them to the first step of conversion: self-awareness of their sins. In this week's Gospel, Christ makes it abundantly clear that even the priests and elders are not immune to the blindness that comes with patterns of sin and habitual denial. We all need God's grace to see our sins in order to bring us to true conversion. And we all need the grace to trust always in God's mercy.

Celebrate our Parish Feast Day this Thursday – during a special Mass this Thursday, 7:30 p.m. And don't forget the Parish Picnic next Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (See details below).

Many thanks to Ahn Do – (our pro-life coordinator) and the volunteers for organizing the successful "Making Abortion Unthinkable" pro-life activist workshop. Nearly 60 people were trained in the techniques of persuasion in promoting the culture of life. Let's keep working and let's not get discouraged. Unborn babies are counting on us and our pro-life votes.

There will be a Parish "Town Hall" Meeting – on Monday, October 3, 7 p.m. in the All Purpose Room. We'll discuss 1) Your gripes (and mine!) and, 2) Suggestions. The speed bumps issue has been bumped to a future meeting. I'm thinking of maybe a meeting in 2025, 3 a.m.

After a few misfires – we expect the Saint Joseph statue installation will have taken place by the time this bulletin is published. Keep your fingers crossed. No, wait. If the statue is installed, no need for your crossed fingers. And if the statue is not installed, your crossed fingers will mean nothing. Let's compromise. I'll cross my fingers as I await the final installation.

Save the Angel! -- We have received several impassioned complaints about the little pewter angel on the base of the monstrance stand. (This stand is usually used on the main altar but was switched out by mistake for the Global Living Rosary devotion.) It's just a little harmless angel. He isn't fallen; he doesn't bite. But his feelings are hurt because of the uproar. (Maybe the leak above the vestibule wasn't a leak but angel tears.) In the meantime, when distracted at prayer, gaze upon the Host, not on the appurtenances. Unless the angel winks at you. If that happens please inform me immediately.

From the Court of Queen's Bench -- (the appellate court) in Alberta: "The Wetaskiwin, Alta., woman convicted of infanticide for killing her newborn son, was given a three-year suspended sentence Friday by an Edmonton Court of Queen's Bench judge. Katrina Effert was 19 on April 13, 2005, when she secretly gave birth in her parents' home, strangled the baby boy with her underwear and threw the body over a fence into a neighbour's yard... Effert will have to abide by conditions for the next three years but she won't spend time behind bars for strangling her newborn son." Indeed. As Judge Joanne Veit puts it: "While many Canadians undoubtedly view abortion as a less than ideal solution to unprotected sex and unwanted pregnancy, they generally understand, accept and sympathize with the onerous demands pregnancy and childbirth exact from mothers, especially mothers without support," she writes... "Naturally, Canadians are grieved by an infant's death, especially at the hands of the infant's mother, but Canadians also grieve for the mother" (Edited from:

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Woman+convicted+infanticide+given+suspended+sentence/5379991/story.html>)

Huh? -- Lawyers for the Catholic University of America (CUA) appeared on September 15 before the Office of Human Rights in Washington, DC, at a hearing on a charge that the school is engaging in illegal discrimination by offering only single-sex dormitories for undergraduates. CUA President John Garvey announced in June that the school would no longer offer coed dormitory housing. Garvey said that evidence showed a higher rate of irresponsible conduct—notably including binge drinking—in coed dormitories. "I would have thought that young women would have a civilizing influence on young men," Garvey said in explaining the decision. "Yet the causal arrow seems to run the other way." The move drew a sex-discrimination complaint from John Banzhaf, a law professor at George Washington University who has brought literally hundreds of discrimination complaints. (Source: RSS Facebook September 16, 2011.)

The Vatican's representative at UN offices in Geneva -- has condemned the diversion of funds from genuine medical care and spend those funds on contraception and abortion. Speaking at a session of the UN's Human Rights Council on maternal mortality, Archbishop Silvano Tomasi observed that in Africa, the most common causes of maternal mortality are hypertension, obstructed labor, hemorrhage, infection, and HIV-related diseases. All of these conditions can be addressed by medical means, he said—provided that adequate resources are available. However, the archbishop charged, needed funds have been diverted to abortion and contraception. "My delegation finds totally unacceptable any attempts to divert much-needed financial resources from these effective and life-saving interventions to increased programs of contraception and abortion," Archbishop Tomasi said. (<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=11771>)

New research suggests -- there are now more practising Muslims in France than practising Catholics. While 64 percent of French people describe themselves as Roman Catholic, only 2.9 percent of the population actually practice the Catholic faith. That compares to 3.8 percent of the population who practice the Muslim faith. The research was carried out by the French Institute of Public Opinion on behalf of the Catholic newspaper La Croix. More worrying for Islamic authorities in France is the finding that only 41 percent of the country's 6 million Muslims actually describe themselves as "practising," although 75 percent are happy to label themselves "believers." Seventy-percent also claim to observe the Islamic holy month of Ramadan (Source:Paris, France, Sep 17, 2011 /CNA/EWTN News).

Kids, do not try these at home! -- Ways To Annoy People 1. Sing the Batman theme incessantly. 2. Specify that your drive-through order is "to go." 3. Learn Morse code, and have conversations with friends in public consisting entirely of "Beeep Bip Bip Beep Bip..." 4. Amuse yourself for endless hours by hooking a camcorder to your TV and then pointing it at the screen. 5. Speak only in a "robot" voice. 6. Push all the flat Lego pieces together tightly. 6. Stomp on little plastic ketchup packets. 7. Leave your turn signal on for fifty miles. 8. Name your dog "Dog." 8. Reply to everything someone says with "that's what YOU think." 9. Claim that you must always wear a bicycle hel-

met as part of your "astronaut training." 10. Declare your apartment an independent nation, and sue your neighbors upstairs for "violating your airspace". 11. Forget the punchline to a long joke, but assure the listener it was a "real hoot." 12. Follow a few paces behind someone, spraying everything they touch with Lysol. 13. Erect an elaborate network of ropes in your backyard, and tell the neighbors you are a "spider person." 14. Finish all your sentences with the words "in accordance with the prophesy." 15. Wear a special hip holster for your remote control. 16. Adjust the tint on your TV so that all the people are green, and insist to others that you "like it that way." (OK, enough! For today...)

IN OUR PARISH

Congratulations -- to Bill and Elaine Krynski who are celebrating their 61st wedding anniversary on September 25th.

The Second Collection -- is for the Monsignor Scannell Fund, as well as the Catholic University of America (CUA). CUA is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. Every donated dollar directly supports financial aid for students for dioceses across the country, including ours.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE -- Thursday Bible Study Group has begun its presentation of an in-depth 24-part DVD program on the GOSPEL of MATTHEW conducted by well-known author and lecturer Jeff Cavins. We meet on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 AM in the lower level of St. Michael's Junior School. There is no cost -- all materials will be provided. Come join us. Just bring your Bible, a 3- ring binder, and a friend. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Lisa Socarras at 703-642-3075, or Bill Deshler at 703-321-9730.

New Support Group Opportunity: Family members who are involved with a child with special needs are invited to join a newly formed group on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. in the lower level of the Junior School. We will meet for mutual educational discussions, sharing of support through our Faith, and socialization. Topics and format for our group will be discussed at the first few meetings. Special needs children and siblings are welcome to attend with their parents. Questions may be directed to Beth Piccolo at 703-346-1011.

The Institute of Catholic Culture (ICC) -- invites you to "The Roots of Modernism" with Dr. William Marshner on Thursday, October 6th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael's in the All Purpose Room. Also, in the following week on October 14 and 15, there will be a talk on "The Holy Mass: Reform, Ruin, & Restoration" with Dr. Daniel G. Van Slyke (see flier next week for more details). Free Admission! No Reservation Required! For more information visit www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org.

Diaper Collection -- next weekend, October 1/2. Sizes 3, 4, and 5 are especially needed. Simply drop off donations in the designated box in the church vestibule. This helps clients of A Woman's Choice, a pro-life pregnancy resource center. For more information go to www.AWomansChoiceCenter.com. Thanks for helping us help mom's choose life!

"Planned Parenthood's Hidden Agenda And How to Stop It" -- will be the subject of a talk by Eric Scheidler, Executive Director of the Pro-Life Action League of Chicago, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, in the All Purpose Room. Refreshments will be served. The talk is free and sponsored by Defend Life, Inc. Contact Fran Griffin at 703-862-6741 or at events@DefendLife.org for more information.

St. Michael's Seniors (50+) Group

What: Bus trip to Gettysburg National Military Park and Visitors Center

When: Thursday, October 20, 2011

Time: Depart St. Michael's 8 a.m., return approx. 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$66 pp SMS group members; \$69 pp non-group members (includes transportation, admission fees, lunch, tax & gratuities)

Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, October 4, 2011

No cancellations after October 4th.

All are welcome to join us for a memorable trip to Gettysburg National Military Park, the site of the most decisive battle in the American Civil War.

Lunch will be at Dobbin House Tavern. Choose one of the following entrees [1.) baked chicken 2.) broiled flounder] when sending in your reservation — payable to SMS, and mail to Geri Owen, 7119 Falcon Street, Annandale, VA 22003 Lunch includes salad, breads, dessert coffee, hot tea, iced tea or lemonade. Following lunch we will have a step-on guide for a tour through the battlefield. Note: This trip is wheelchair/walker friendly. There is an escalator and a lift in the center. Any questions call Marion, 703-256-2781.

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

Results of the Blood Drive -- Many thanks to all the donors (76) who came to our Blood Drive this year in memory of the 2001 9-11 attack on our county. Not all were able to donate, but the fact that you came showed your wonderful support. Since our first Blood Drive in 2003 we have saved 1, 273 lives!!! A special thanks to all those who volunteered in making this event possible.

Perpetual Adoration -- We are urgently in need of adorers for the following times: Monday 1-2 p.m., Friday mornings from 8-9 a.m. and 9-10 a.m., and Saturday 10-11 a.m. Please contact Rosemary Duffy at 703-256-4468.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!

ANNUAL POTLUCK PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, FROM 1PM to 4PM

Come One, Come All!
Families ~ Friends ~ Neighbors

Share with us your favorite food and bring a cake for the
cake walk...did I mention we can't have a cake walk with out cakes...?



Calling all cake-walk
cake makers: please
submit your cake,
cupcake, brownie, pie
or other donation to the
school cafeteria by
1:00pm

Hot or cold, main dish or dessert, simple or complex

★ European ★ Hispanic ★ Asian ★ African ★ American ★

All Are Welcome!

There'll be FREE hot dogs and hamburgers
(did anyone say cheeseburgers?) and
Father Pokorsky will help flip them



WOW !

Come join the fun: flip-flop in the moon bounce, challenge
yourself in the obstacle course, soccer challenge and trivia hunt
Enjoy games, popcorn, cotton candy and the cake walk

The Senior School Cafeteria will be open the day of the Picnic—Sunday, October 2nd,
at 8:30am to receive your dish. If it needs to be refrigerated or warmed, we can
handle that. You can pick up your empty, cleaned dish or pot when the picnic is
over at 4pm. PLEASE label your food containers with your name and phone number.

Questions, clarification please call: Linda Roberts 703-642-9446

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!

ANNUAL POTLUCK PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, FROM 1 to 4PM

St. Michael's needs your talent
for this great event!



Do you play in a band or play classical piano?

Do you tap dance or
tango or twirl a baton?



Do you sing or do Karaoke?



Do you have a special skill that people
would be interested in learning?

Do you belong to a group that
performs a cultural dance?

If the answer is YES to any of these questions, we invite
you to sign up to perform at the Parish Picnic :)

Contact Person: John Buckreis 703-256-6963

We are interested in scheduling as many talents
as possible within our parish and school.