

St. Michael Church

ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA 22003



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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.

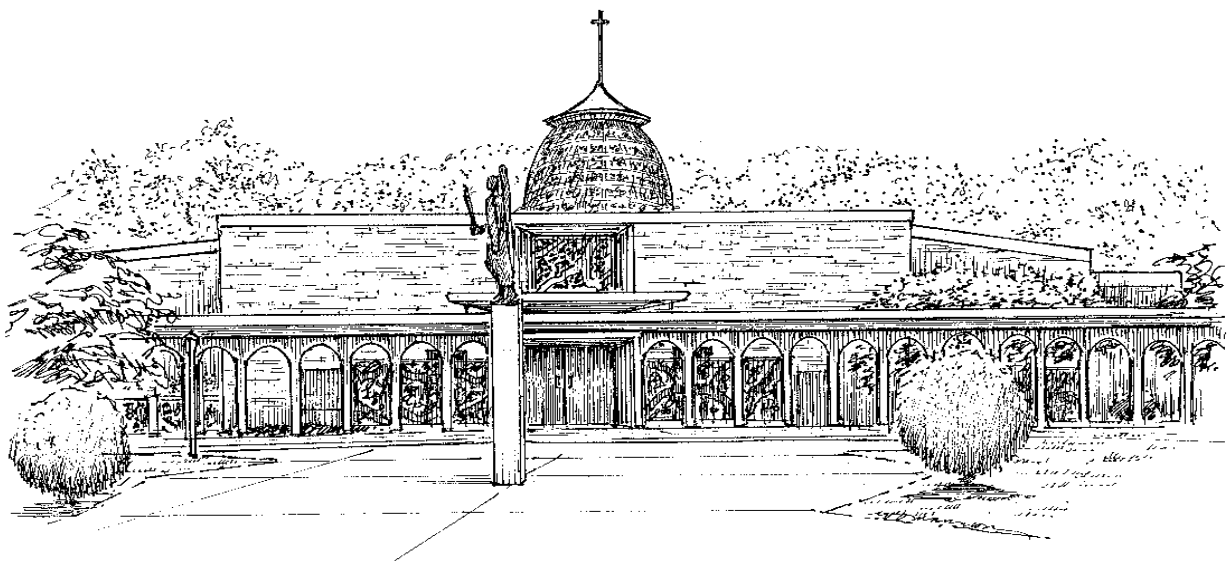
CLERGY OF PARISH

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





**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD**

January 1, 2012

“Mary kept all these things,
Reflecting on them in her heart.”
~ Luke 2: 19

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 2

6:15 a.m. Ann Dohleman +
8:30 a.m. Dee Miller
12 noon Priest’s Intention

Tuesday, January 3

6:15 a.m. Christine Nez Nelli
8:30 a.m. Mr. Pat Uglietta +
12 noon Priest’s Intention

Wednesday, January 4

6:15 a.m. Margaret Bilodeau +
8:30 a.m. Peter Walsh +
12 noon Priest’s Intention

Thursday, January 5

6:15 a.m. Marcela Lipana +
8:30 a.m. Linda Summe +
12 noon Priest’s Intention

Friday, January 6

6:15 a.m. Rosie Fricano +
8:30 a.m. Sue Gollwitzer Nardy +
12 noon Priest’s Intention

Saturday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Cesar Ponce de Leon +
5 p.m. Pat Kelley +
7:30 p.m. Hien Nathalie family

Sunday, January 8

6:15 a.m. Rose Fricano Hoffmann +
7:45 a.m. Mario Fiol
9 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Peter J. Walsh +
12 noon Fred Kratz +

FROM THE PASTOR

Pope John Paul II: Mary, Model of Eucharistic Faith and Love

--"In a certain sense Mary lived her Eucharistic faith even before the institution of the Eucharist, by the very fact that she offered her virginal womb for the Incarnation of God's Word. The Eucharist, while commemorating the passion and resurrection, is also in continuity with the incarnation. At the Annunciation Mary conceived the Son of God in the physical reality of his body and blood, thus anticipating within herself what to some degree happens sacramentally in every believer who receives, under the signs of bread and wine, the Lord's body and blood. "As a result, there is a profound analogy between the Fiat which Mary said in reply to the angel, and the Amen which every believer says when receiving the body of the Lord. Mary was asked to believe that the One whom she conceived "through the Holy Spirit" was "the Son of God" (Lk 1:30-35). In continuity with the Virgin's faith, in the Eucharistic mystery we are asked to believe that the same Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary, becomes present in his full humanity and divinity under the signs of bread and wine. "Blessed is she who believed" (Lk 1:45). Mary also anticipated, in the mystery of the incarnation, the Church's Eucharistic faith. When, at the Visitation, she bore in her womb the Word made flesh, she became in some way a "tabernacle" – the first "tabernacle" in history – in which the Son of God, still invisible to our human gaze, allowed himself to be adored by Elizabeth, radiating his light as it were through the eyes and the voice of Mary. And is not the enraptured gaze of Mary as she contemplated the face of the newborn Christ and cradled him in her arms that unparalleled model of love which should inspire us every time we receive Eucharistic communion?" ~ Pope John Paul II, Encyclical Letter Ecclesia de Eucharistica

Many, many thanks from the priests – of the Parish for the Christmas prayers, greetings and gifts we’ve received over the past several weeks. If we all start looking like Santa Claus, you’ll know why! God bless us, each and every one. (“Tiny Tim” Pokorsky on behalf the priests.)

New Year Resolutions

- 1.) Give God what’s right — not what’s left.
- 2.) Man’s way leads to hopeless end — God’s way leads to endless hope.
- 3.) A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
- 4.) He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
- 5.) Don’t put a question mark where God puts a period.
- 6.) When praying, don’t give God instructions — just report for duty.
- 7.) Plan ahead — It wasn’t raining when Noah built the ark.

Hey, have you seen long lost – parishioner Stephen Vaccarro lurking in the Parish over Christmas? He’s home for a couple of weeks from the Pontifical College Josephinum where he is a seminarian. Good to see you, Stephen. We’ll put you to work around the altar.

Actor James Caviezel -- who played Jesus Christ in Mel Gibson's "Passion of the Christ," said in a recent interview in Spain that he regards abortion as "the greatest moral defect of the western world."... He was asked by the publication Sembrar, "in your judgment, what is the greatest moral defect of the western world?" "Abortion, without any doubt," answered Caviezel. "As Mother Theresa said, 'abortion will end up bringing the world to nuclear war'. When a man kills a man in a war situation, it is bad, very sad. Attila [the Hun] went further. He said 'not only am I going to kill men, but also women and children.' He raised the bar to another level." However, added Caviezel, "abortion goes much further: when the mother herself kills her son she goes against her own nature, against her own instinct. People talk about 'choice', but when a woman does that, when she destroys the life of her unborn child, then we have arrived at the limit. The level cannot go higher regarding evil." "In the United States, there have been 50 million abortions since 1973," said the actor, observing that the number is equal to the total number of deaths in World War II, and "one-fifth of our population." "The demographic triangle is being inverted. The base keeps shrinking, until there aren't young people to maintain the population. So, what happens? The next stage is the so-called 'right to die,' euthanasia," he said. (Source: December 20, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com))

A neurologist is called to the hospital -- in the middle of the night to treat an elderly patient who arrives with a brain aneurysm. The normal procedure would be immediate surgery to relieve the pressure on the brain. Time is of the essence. Then, however, the surgeon realizes that the patient has insurance through one of the new government exchanges set up under ObamaCare and rethinks his treatment plan. The only prescribed treatment for which he will be reimbursed for this "unit" is "comfort care." This scenario was presented recently during a call to The Mark Levin Show on the topic of rationing health care. One of the fundamentals of health care expenditures is that most health care costs are usually amassed during the first and last six months of one's life. Economically, the "low hanging fruit" of cost reduction in health care is to minimize costs at these two ends of the life spectrum. President Obama echoed this sentiment when he said: The chronically ill and those toward the end of their lives are accounting for potentially 80 percent of the total health care bill out here ... there is going to have to be a conversation that is guided by doctors, scientists, ethicists. And then there is going to have to be a very difficult democratic conversation that takes place. (Source: Bob Laird | LifeNews.com | 12/21/11)

Dr. Ezekiel Emmanuel -- one of the architects of ObamaCare, advocates a "complete lives system" for rationing health care. Focusing on reducing end of life costs, he asserts that some groups of people will see reduced medical care based on cost, quality of life and age. His system presumes that the worth of an individual human being is based on the contribution made by the individual to society rather than the individual's intrinsic dignity as a human person. He wrote: Unlike allocation by sex or race, allocation by age is not invidious discrimination; every person lives through different life stages rather than being a single age. Even if 25-year-olds receive priority over 65-year-olds, everyone who is 65 years now was previously 25 years. Treating 65-year olds differently because of stereotypes or falsehoods would be ageist; treating them differently because they have already had

more life-years is not. (Bob Laird | LifeNews.com | 12/21/11)

Sign up for the March for Life! -- and stand with us in this great witness in support of the defenseless unborn.

"Having no denominational preference -- [the future Stonewall] Jackson began his study of religion [in Mexico after the American victory] by looking around him. An acquaintance with a community of Catholic monks had already introduced him to the Catholic Church -- he had spent some days visiting a monastery -- and his friends arranged conversations with the Archbishop of Mexico. Jackson had profound respect for the primate, but he did not feel that he had found a sincere road to faith within the Catholic fold. Several things seemed to disturb him. Although impressed with the Catholic services and with Mexico's sincerely devout parishioners, he found something too ornate in the church buildings and something overly ostentatious in the homage paid the clergy. A simpler faith might appeal to him." Vandiver cites Henry C. Semple, S.J., "The Spirituality of Stonewall Jackson and Catholic Influences," in Catholic World, CXVI (1922-23), 349-356. (From "Mighty Stonewall" by Frank E. Vandiver, p. 44.) OK, maybe not all that interesting in the grand scheme, but I think it's interesting. No more cufflinks for me.

Mini was asked -- her opinion on the "Occupy Wall Street" protesters. She said the protesters reminded her of this quote from the 1920s (a different era, a different culture): Evelyn Waugh: "Every effort was made to encourage the children at the public schools to 'think for themselves.' When they should have been whipped and taught Greek paradigms, they were set arguing about birth control and nationalization. Their crude little opinions were treated with respect. Preachers in the school chapel week after week entrusted the future to their hands. It is hardly surprising that they were Bolshevik at 18 and bored at 20." C'mon, Mini, that was 1924. This is 2012! We've progressed!

Arthur is 90 years old -- He's played golf every day since his retirement 25 years ago. One day he arrives home looking downcast. "That's it," he tells his wife. "I'm giving up golf. My eyesight has become so bad that once I hit the ball I couldn't see where it went." His wife sympathizes and makes him a cup of tea. As they sit down she says, "Why don't you take my brother with you and give it one more try." "That's no good" sighs Arthur, "your brother's a hundred and three. He can't help." "He may be a hundred and three", says the wife, "but his eyesight is perfect." So the next day Arthur heads off to the golf course with his brother-in-law. He tees up, takes a mighty swing and squints down the fairway. He turns to the brother-in-law and says, "Did you see the ball?" "Of course I did!" replied the brother-in-law. "I have perfect eyesight". "Where did it go?" says Arthur. "I don't remember."



IN OUR PARISH



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[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].

Please Pray for: John Zych*; Mercedes Misko*; Julia & Sophia Lattanzio; Alice Haynos*; Michael Rowan*; Marguerite Wise; Audrey Hink*; Chau Duong*; Jack Delaney*; Natalie Stormer*; Frances Raftery*; Pat Pearring; Dominic Pistolesi; Joseph Vaudry; Maria Kerrinckx*; Walter Ladick*; Dolores Rike*; Peggy Wolfe*; Marissa Ann Wuerthele*; Dan Keller; Helen Barsanti*; Michael O'Neill*; Gordon Smith*; John Wilson; with apologies to anyone we dropped; to re-add names call Father Pokorsky or the Office for next week.

Coffee & Donuts -- will be held *next weekend*, Sunday, January 8th, after the 7:45, 9, and 10:30 a.m. Masses.

Perpetual Adoration -- We are urgently in need of adorers for the following times: Fridays 5-6 p.m., Saturdays 10-11 a.m., and 5-6 p.m. Please contact Rosemary Duffy at 703-256-4468.

Is God calling you? -- The Secular Carmelite Vocation may be the answer to your prayers, for it is open to all, men and women, married or single. The Carmelites are those faithful who, by special vocation, undertake to live an evangelical life in the world imbued with the spirit of contemplation, in imitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Carmelites in the Capital Area, meet the 2nd Sunday of the month from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the St. Michael's Sr. School Cafeteria. Please contact Dr. Amadea Tette, 703-750-6478, or Janet Hillier, 703-280-1595.

IN OUR DIOCESE

St. Michael's Adult Scripture Class -- will resume after the Christmas holidays on Sunday January 8th. We will be studying Pope Benedict XVI's Jesus of Nazareth, Vol. II, "Holy Week." Meetings continue on Sundays from 10:00 to 11:30 in the Lower School, Room 3. All are invited! Bring a friend and your Bible. If you don't have a copy of Jesus of Nazareth, II, call Bill Deshler at 703-321-9730; he has some copies.

Seminarian Hoops Challenge Basketball Game, Saturday, January 7, 2012 -- Diocese of Arlington seminarians will take on the high school young men from the Quo Vadis Discernment Group in this annual game. Spectators are welcome to cheer the teams on at 10:30 a.m. in the gym at Pope John Paul the Great High School. Check the website at www.arlingtonvocations.org for more details, or call the Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514.

2012 MARCH FOR LIFE -- The 39th Annual March for Life will take place on Monday, January 23, 2012. As in the past, St. Michael's has rented a bus so that parishioners wishing to attend the march can ride together. The bus will be at St. Michael's church (main entrance) at 11:15AM. It will leave St. Michael's at 11:30AM and return at around 5:00PM. Sign up sheets are in the front of the church on the table by the Adoration chapel. Please print your contact information legibly and include a cell phone number as well as an email address. Seating is limited and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. For further information, please e-mail Anh Tu Do at anhdo18@gmail.com or call 703-919-4370.

Catholic Distance University's (CDU) Upcoming Three-week Online Seminars for just \$30 -- *The Inquisition* with Matthew Bunson, January 16 – February 6; *Basic Tasks of Catechesis* with Brian Pizzalato, Feb. 6 – 27; *Bioethics: The Catholic Approach* with William Sauders, February 13 – March 5. For more information go to www.cdu.edu.

CHOOSE LIFE Virginia License Plate -- Everyone is encouraged to order the CHOOSE LIFE special plates for you and/or your families and friends for a good cause. For more information e-mail Anh Tu Do at anhdo18@gmail.com or call 703-919-4370.

Interested in learning more about Bishop O'Connell High School? A winter Open House will be held on Sunday, January 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. Families of students in grades 5 through 8 are encouraged to attend. Eighth graders, don't forget that the application deadline for fall of 2012 is Tuesday, January 24. Questions? Please contact the Admissions Office at 703-237-1433 or visit www.bishopoconnell.org.

St. Michael's Men's Retreat -- Loyola-on-the-Potomac from January 27-29, 2012. For information and reservations call Ed Pilecki at 703-750-2368 or John Buckreis at 703-256-6963.

Give a Gift for Life: Support Women, Children and Families - - One grateful mother who received prenatal care thanks to Gift for Life donations wrote, "Before calling the Gabriel Project I was confused, stressed, and essentially did not know what to do... From the first phone call everyone was very kind and helpful... The conversations I had with the staff and my Gabriel "Angel" mentor allowed me to see that no matter what, this child is a precious gift that God has given me." Please give a **Gift for Life** this season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. Donate online at www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife

Here are the names of family members -- of parishioners who are serving our country overseas: Maj. Michael Swingler, USMC; LCPL J.C. Atkinson, USMC; Lt. Col. Geoff Kent US Army; PFC Mark Haugh, USMC; Matt and Jay Waite, Army; Lt. Col. David Griesmer, USMC; Paul Roman, Jr. USMC; and....

Walk in the footsteps of the Spanish Saints, April 30 – May 10, 2012 -- CDU is hosting a pilgrimage to Spain with Father Bevil Bramwell. The trip will include stops in Madrid, Avila, Santiago de Compostela, Santander, Zaragoza, Burgos, Montserrat and Barcelona. Learn more at www.cdu.edu or contact Barbara Ellis at 888.254.4238 ext. 719.