

# St. Michael Church

ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA 22003



**RECORDED MASS SCHEDULES:** (703) 256-0446  
**RECTORY, 7401 St. Michael's Lane** (703) 256-7822  
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**CONVENT, 7421 St. Michael's Lane** (703) 256-2130  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)** (703) 941-9403



**WEBSITE:** [www.saintmichael22003.org](http://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](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.

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:** 9a.m.—5p.m. Monday through Friday

**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.

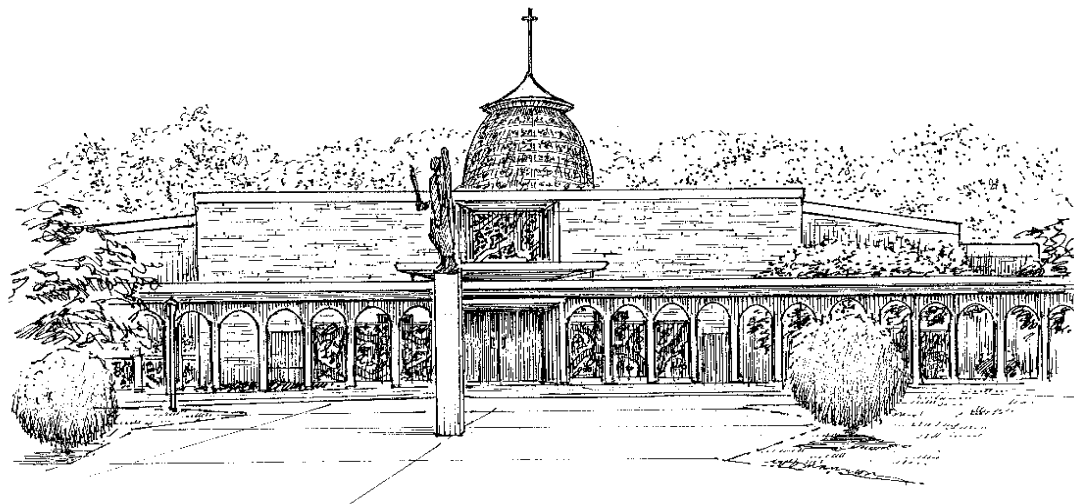
## **CLERGY OF PARISH**

**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





6TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

February 12, 2012

“Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for  
the glory of God.”  
~ 1 Corinthians 10:31

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MASS INTENTIONS

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**Monday, February 13**

6:15 a.m. Theodore M. Coleman +  
8:30 a.m. Verlin Lutzke +  
12 noon Priest’s Intention

**Tuesday, February 14**

6:15 a.m. Del Brayden +  
8:30 a.m. Atillo family  
12 noon Priest’s Intention

**Wednesday, February 15**

6:15 a.m. Dona Lucia Guimaraes +  
8:30 a.m. Jeanne Conner  
12 noon Priest’s Intention

**Thursday, February 16**

6:15 a.m. Mercedes Misko  
8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Judge Jones  
12 noon Priest’s Intention  
7:30 p.m. Christian Mothers

**Friday, February 17**

6:15 a.m. Bradlee Rock +  
8:30 a.m. Rose Giuliani +  
12 noon Priest’s Intention

**Saturday, February 18**

8:30 a.m. Vanessa Kennelly +  
5 p.m. Paul Traver +

**Sunday, February 19**

6:15 a.m. Roseanne White +  
7:45 a.m. Grandma Kathleen Murray +  
9 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Julian & Angelito Soriente +  
12 noon Mr. & Mrs. John Begley

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FROM THE PASTOR

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**The suffering people experience** -- when they are sick can help them grow closer to Jesus, Pope Benedict XVI said in his

message for the World Day of the Sick. “God, indeed, in his Son, does not abandon us to our anguish and sufferings, but is close to us, helps us to bear them, and wishes to heal us in the depths of our hearts,” the Pope said on Jan. 3. He placed a particular emphasis on the Church’s three “sacraments of healing,” which are Reconciliation, the Anointing of the Sick, and the Eucharist...Christ’s desire to heal both soul and body is best ministered in the sacraments of the Catholic Church, the Pope said, describing them as are “an expression of the physicality of our faith, which embraces the whole person, body and soul.” ...In the sacrament of Penance, the “medicine of confession” prevents the experience of sin from degenerating into despair and allows the penitent to encounter “the Love that forgives and transforms,” he explained. Penance is particularly needed at a time of suffering “in which one could be tempted to abandon oneself to discouragement and hopelessness,” the Pope wrote. Instead of despair, the sacrament can transform suffering “into a time of grace so as to return to oneself.”

**The Anointing of the Sick** -- offers “God’s medicine” to those who are seriously ill, Pope Benedict said, explaining that it “assures us of his goodness, offering us strength and consolation, yet at the same time points beyond the moment of the illness towards the definitive healing, the resurrection.” For this reason, it “should not be held to be almost ‘a minor sacrament’ when compared to the others,” he stated. The sacrament also “brings spiritual advantages to priest and the whole Christian community” because it makes everybody aware that “what is done to the least, is done to Christ himself.”

**Pope Benedict then turned to the Eucharist** -- calling it a “precious instrument of God’s grace” for sick people, since it conforms them “ever more fully to the mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ.” This means that parishes should help ensure that those who cannot attend Mass should be able to frequently receive Communion. Reception of the Eucharist is particularly important, said the Pope, at the moment of death when it is administered and received as “Viaticum.” “The Eucharist, especially as Viaticum, is – according to the definition of Saint Ignatius of Antioch – ‘medicine of immortality, the antidote for death,’” the Pope recalled. He concluded his message by thanking all those who care for the sick because “in their professional expertise and in silence, often without even mentioning the name of Christ, they manifest him in a concrete way.” (Source of the preceding: Vatican City, Jan 3, 2012, CNA/EWTN News)

**Many thanks to the folks who send Super Bowl** – goodies and treats to the rectory. We very much enjoyed everything! And the second best team won. The best team (Packers) wasn’t in the game.

**From a NYT oped** – “...The Catholic Church’s position on contraception is not widely appreciated, to put it mildly, and many liberals are inclined to see the White House’s decision as a blow for the progressive cause. They should think again. Once claimed, such powers tend to be used in ways that nobody quite anticipated, and the logic behind these regulations could be applied in equally punitive ways by administrations with very different values from this one. The more the federal government becomes an instrument of culture war, the greater the incentive for both conservatives and liberals to expand its

powers and turn them to ideological ends. It is Catholics hospitals today; it will be someone else tomorrow. The White House attack on conscience is a vindication of health care reform's critics, who saw exactly this kind of overreach coming. But it's also an intimation of a darker American future, in which our voluntary communities wither away and government becomes the only word we have for the things we do together" (January 28, 2012 - The New York Times; Government and Its Rivals; By ROSS DOUTHAT).

**President Barack Obama is adding** -- to his massive pro-abortion record by placing yet another abortion activist on a top federal appeals court — this time a lawyer credited with helping craft the Roe v. Wade decision. Obama has appointed Andrew Hurwitz to the 9th Circuit Court, the most liberal appeals court in the country based in San Francisco and covering laws approved in western states. Yet, according to the Daily Caller, Hurwitz was instrumental to providing some of the legal framework for Roe, which resulted in 54 million abortions. In a law review paper published in 2002, Hurwitz takes partial credit for drafting opinions as a law clerk that the Supreme Court would later use to frame its landmark decision in Roe v. Wade. (by Steven Ertelt | Washington, DC | LifeNews.com | 1/31/12).

**At least 24 Coptic Christians were killed** -- in Cairo during clashes with the Egyptian Army on Oct. 9.

2) [The anti-Christian Muslim group Boko Haram] ... means "Western education is sacrilege." Its aim is to establish Sharia in Nigeria. To this end it has stated that it will kill all Christians in the country. In the month of January 2012 alone, Boko Haram was responsible for 54 deaths. In 2011 its members killed at least 510 people and burned down or destroyed more than 350 churches in 10 northern states.

3) What has often been described as a civil war is in practice the Sudanese government's sustained persecution of religious minorities. This persecution culminated in the infamous genocide in Darfur that began in 2003. Even though Sudan's Muslim president, Omar al-Bashir, has been indicted by the International Criminal Court in The Hague, which charged him with three counts of genocide, and despite the euphoria that greeted the semi-independence he granted to South Sudan in July of last year, the violence has not ended.

4) Since 2003 more than 900 Iraqi Christians (most of them Assyrians) have been killed by terrorist violence in Baghdad alone, and 70 churches have been burned, according to the Assyrian International News Agency (AINA). Thousands of Iraqi Christians have fled as a result of violence directed specifically at them, reducing the number of Christians in the country to fewer than half a million from just over a million before 2003. AINA understandably describes this as an "incipient genocide or ethnic cleansing of Assyrians in Iraq."

5) When a Christian group is suspected of transgressing the blasphemy laws, the consequences can be brutal. Just ask the members of the Christian aid group World Vision. Its offices were attacked in the spring of 2010 by 10 gunmen armed with grenades, leaving six people dead and four wounded. A militant Muslim group claimed responsibility for the attack on the grounds that World Vision was working to subvert Islam. (In fact, it was helping the survivors of a major earthquake.)

6) [In Saudi Arabia] despite the fact that more than a million Christians live in the country as foreign workers, churches and even private acts of Christian prayer are banned; to enforce these totalitarian restrictions, the religious police regu-

larly raid the homes of Christians and bring them up on charges of blasphemy in courts where their testimony carries less legal weight than a Muslim's. Even in Ethiopia, where Christians make up a majority of the population, church burnings by members of the Muslim minority have become a problem. (Source: Abridged from The Newsweek/Daily Beast Company LLC, Ayaan Hirsi Ali | February 6, 2012)

**Norwegian jokes** – in honor of my Norwegian mother, God rest her: 1) One day Lena confided to her friend Hilda that she had finally cured her nervous husband, Ole, of his habit of biting his nails. "Good gracious," said Hilda, "How did yew ever dew that?" "It was really simple," was Lena's reply. "I yust hid his false teeth." 2) Ole bought Lena a piano for her birthday. A few weeks later, Lars inquired how she was doing with it. "Oh," said Ole, "I persuaded her to svitch to a clarinet." "How come?" asked Lars. "Vell," Ole answered, "because vith a clarinet, she can't sing." 3) Ole's neighbor Sven had a boy, Sven Junior, who came home one day and asked, "Papa, I have da biggest feet in da third grade. Is dat becoss I'm Norwegian?" "No," said Sven, "It's because you're NINETEEN." 4) Lars asked Ole, "Do ya know da difference between a Norwegian and a canoe?" "No, I don't," said Ole. "A canoe will sometimes tip," explained Lars. (Ouch!)

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IN OUR PARISH  
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**Local K of C to Sponsor Youth Free Throw Championship** --

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2012 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local championship will be held on February 12th, 2012 at 3:00 PM at Saint Michael's School gym.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions.

All contestants at the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Mr. Steve Jarvis at 703-941-3352. Entry forms will also be available at the time of the event and walk-on participants are welcome.

**The Christian Mothers** -- will meet for Mass on Thursday, February 16th at 7:30pm in the Convent Chapel followed by a meeting in the Teachers Lounge of the Senior school building. Please consider joining this prayerful group of women. If you have any questions, please call Patrice Connolly on 703 941-0017.

**Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.** -- This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide food, shelter, medical care, catechesis, and companionship for the lonely in a region still struggling in the aftermath of atheistic Soviet rule. Your donations help to restore the strength of the Church in the region. Please give generously to the collection next week. Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) to learn more.



January 30, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We write to you concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith. The federal government, which claims to be “of, by, and for the people,” has just dealt a heavy blow to almost a quarter of those people—the Catholic population—and to the millions more who are served by the Catholic faithful.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced a little over a week ago that almost all employers, *including Catholic employers*, will be *forced* to offer their employees’ health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be *forced* to include those “services” in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be *forced* to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.

In so ruling, the Administration has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation’s first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. And as a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences, or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The Administration’s sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply.

We cannot – we will not – comply with this unjust law. People of faith cannot be made second class citizens. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Our parents and grandparents did not come to these shores to help build America’s cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their posterity stripped of their God given rights. In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. We hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same. Our children and grandchildren deserve nothing less.

And therefore, we would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, we would also recommend visiting [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience), to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration’s decision.

As the bishops of Virginia’s two Catholic dioceses, we will also continue to speak with a unified voice whenever religious liberty issues surface in our Commonwealth. The Virginia Catholic Conference, which represents us in the halls of state government, is currently working to ensure conscience protection for faith-based child-placing agencies and to safeguard religious liberty in other areas. Please visit [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org) and sign up for the Conference’s alerts and updates.

Together, we are the people – more than 700,000 of us – that form our Commonwealth’s vibrant Catholic community. Standing together, we must defend our right to practice what we profess and express our concerns and convictions about religious freedom to our elected officials.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ Paul S. Loverde

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde  
Bishop of Arlington

+ Francis X. Di Lorenzo

Most Reverend Francis X. DiLorenzo  
Bishop of Richmond

### St. Michael Parish Lenten Suppers

Please join us every Friday during Lent from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM in the All Purpose Room for our annual Lenten Suppers!

Meatless Soup, Bread, Finger Desserts will be served.

(Until supplies last)

As in the past, donations are welcomed and will benefit a Pro-Life Group.

**Dates of Suppers: 2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, and 3/30**

If you would like to volunteer to help with preparations, bake a dessert or bread item,

earn student service hours, etc.

Please contact Jermaine Perkins @ 703-658-4876

**Calling young men to serve at the altar** -- For all those boys interested in learning this year to serve all boys fourth grade and older are asked to come to one of the two introduction training sessions to be held Monday, March 5th at 3:10PM and 6PM. We'll have further training sessions afterwards but you must attend one of these two times. If interested please contact Fr. Beres at the rectory office.

**Prayer Opportunity** -- Come join us Sunday evenings at 4PM in the church for chanted vespers during Lent. This is the evening prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours encouraged by the Vatican II Council to be joined in by all. The Liturgy of the Hours is a praying of the Psalms with Christ and His Church. We will have programs for you. We will begin on Sunday February 26th and continue through Sunday, April 1st. (No fooling :-)

**Extra-Ordinary Volunteers** -- are needed to help at Golden Senior Home (formally known as Sleepy Hollow Nursing Home) on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. In addition to gathering residents for Prayer Service/Mass in the chapel on site from 10am to 11:30am, we also visit non-ambulatory residents to pray and converse with them about life and God's great goodness! If interested, please call the parish office, 703-256-7822.

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

**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.... [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:** Michael Rowan\*; Marguerite Wise; Audrey Hink\*; Chau Duong\*; Jack Delaney\*; Natalie Stormer\*; Frances Raftery\*; Pat Pearring; Joseph Vaudry; Maria Kerrinckx\*; Dolores Rike\*; Peggy Wolfe\*; Marissa Ann Wuerthele\*; Dan Keller; Helen Barsanti\*; Michael O'Neill\*; Gordon Smith\*; John Wilson; John Zych\*; Mardy Bosch\*; Delia Sinn; Marie Tidwell\*; Meg Sayles\*; Mercedes Misko\*; Caitrin Smith; Julia & Sophia Lattanzio; Alice Haynos\*; Mary Rose Jones; with apologies to anyone we dropped; to re-add names call Father Pokorsky or the Office for next week.

### Requested Donations for ACCA

If you are able to assist the Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) food pantry, it is in need of dried red and black beans, toilet paper, and soap. Donations can be placed in the ACCA bin in the church vestibule outside the library.

If you have furniture that is in good shape that you are looking to get rid of, please consider donating it to the ACCA furniture program. The following are items that ACCA collects and distributes to those in need: mattresses and box springs for all size beds except King, dressers and chest of drawers, dining room tables and chairs, living room chairs, end tables, sofas except sleep sofas, TVs, bed sheets, blankets, pillows, microwaves, and lamps. For more information on the items that ACCA collects, please visit <http://accacares.org/documents/FurnitureItemsNeededandAcceptable.html>. To schedule to have ACCA pick up a donated item, please contact Don Di Spirito at [ddmld@verizon.net](mailto:ddmld@verizon.net) or 703-256-9513.

Thank you very much for your donations.

### **The Institute of Catholic Culture**

~ PRESENTS ~

**St. Athanasius' Life of St. Anthony**

~ WITH ~

**Abbot Joseph Lee**

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 @ 7:30 PM

**Event Location:**

**Saint Michael All-Purpose Room**

**FREE ADMISSION! NO RESERVATION REQUIRED!**

**For more information, please visit**

**[www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org](http://www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org)**

**Or call (540) 635 - 7155**

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*It's time once again for a Spaghetti Dinner!*

*When: February 25th*

*Time: 6:00-8:00pm*

*dinner served until 7:30*

*\$10 per adult, \$5 kids 12 & under, Under 2 free  
(maximum family amount \$35, immediate family only)*

***Proceeds to benefit the expansion of Camilla Hall Project.  
Camilla Hall is the infirmary for the retired and sick Sisters of  
the Immaculate Heart of Mary***

*Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 22nd to 703-256-1222*

*or [mich.kennedy@stmikes22003.org](mailto:mich.kennedy@stmikes22003.org)*





**Catholic Schools Week**

Good afternoon. My name is Katherine Baisa, and I am an eighth grader at St. Michael School. This week, Catholic Schools Week, is the time we take to appreciate what schools like this have done for our lives. Attending St. Michael School has given me a good education and friends, but most importantly, it has brought me closer to God. Being in a Catholic school has taught me things that I will value for a lifetime. In the spirit of Catholic Schools Week, I believe that St. Michael School has helped me grow in faith, academics, and service.

Sometimes it is the little things that help me grow in my faith—the prayers in class, or through the gifts I see that God has given me. Going to Mass as a school shows our unity and willingness to grow in God’s grace. Because of my time here I have learned to live by what Jesus states as the greatest commandment: to love God with all your mind, heart, and soul. I have been blessed by God to spend time with people who motivate and appreciate me. I have also grown in academics at St. Michael School, most importantly because of the inspiring teachers. They give me further insight on my faith and help me to do my best every day. Although they have different ways of teaching, I always learn valuable lessons from them. It has always been instilled in me that everyone deserves kindness and generosity. At school it is encouraged even further by understanding what Jesus has taught us, acting upon those teachings, and by doing other various acts of service. By helping others in need I have developed a broader perspective of the world around us.

The values of faith, academics, and service are all related to one another. To fully understand one of them, the other two also must be practiced. They are important to have in life, and I am humbled by having the opportunity to grow in them. When my education is completed at St. Michael School, I know that I am ready to face new challenges because of what I have been taught here. This school will continue to enlighten the hearts of the youth for many years to come!

**Congratulations to:**

Emily Carlstrom and David Perez-Christel for being awarded the Salesian Scholarship to PVI for their high scores on the High School Placement Test. Thank you to all of our teachers for helping these children to academically succeed.

Katherine Baisa and Emily Carlstrom for advancing to the second round of the Thomas Jefferson High School Placement Test. Thank you to Ms. Wilson for preparing them to advance to this level through the Honors Math program.

**St. Michael School Teaching Children Values at Children of God:**

Dear Sister Therese,

On Saturday I found \$10 on the ground. We asked the manager of the restaurant we found it next to, if anyone had asked if they had found \$10. He said, "No". So we got to keep it! My mom helped me decide what to do with the \$10. So can you please give this money to Camilla Hall. Love, Margaret Parker

From Joey Kennedy: "I got \$3 for helping take Poinsettias to a lady's car. What should I do with it?" After much thought I decided to help kids that didn't have much and gave the money to Sister Therese so she could buy a gift for a needy child for Christmas.

**We are now accepting registration for Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Please call the school office for more information or to schedule a tour, 703-256-1222**

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**What are you doing this Lent?**

Grow in your knowledge of the Catholic faith with these three-week online seminars @ Catholic Distance University. Tuition is only \$30 per seminar and the entire seminar is online.

**Classics in Spirituality: In Prayer and the Spiritual Life**

Begins February 20 with Fr. Bramwell

Develop a mature prayer life by examining the works of Saint Theresa of Avila, St. Francis de Sales and Pope Benedict XVI

**Threats to Religious Freedom in America**

Begins March 5 with Robert Royal

The pope and the bishops warn of increasing threats to religious liberty. In this new seminar from CDU, learn exactly what these threats are in the United States and what to do about them.

**Eucharistic Devotion**

Begins March 12 with Stephen Kass

Examine the history of Eucharistic devotions outside of Mass and learn more about the specific devotions that the Church encourages.

Learn more at [www.cdu.edu/Arlington-Dioecese/index.html](http://www.cdu.edu/Arlington-Dioecese/index.html)

**Open House at Pope John Paul the Great -- JP the Great**

invites all students in grades 5 – 7 to preview high school by attending our Open House on Thursday, March 15, from 4 – 6pm. Meet the faculty and students at JP, while learning more about our academics, athletics, clubs, admissions requirements, and more. Wolfie the mascot will be available for photos, and there will be plenty of fun snacks! All are welcome, including rising 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students looking to transfer to JP next year. For more information, please visit [www.jpthegreat.org](http://www.jpthegreat.org) or call (703) 445-0300.