

# St. Michael Church

ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA



**RECORDED MASS SCHEDULES:**  
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## MASSES:

**Sunday Vigil:** Saturday Eve, 5:00 p.m.

**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

## 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.)

**SCHOOLS OF RELIGION:** 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.

**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.

## MARRIAGE

Please notify one of the priests at least six (6) months before the wedding.

## 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.

## SICK CALLS

Please notify the Rectory for visits and/or Communion Calls to the sick, shut-ins and those in the hospital.

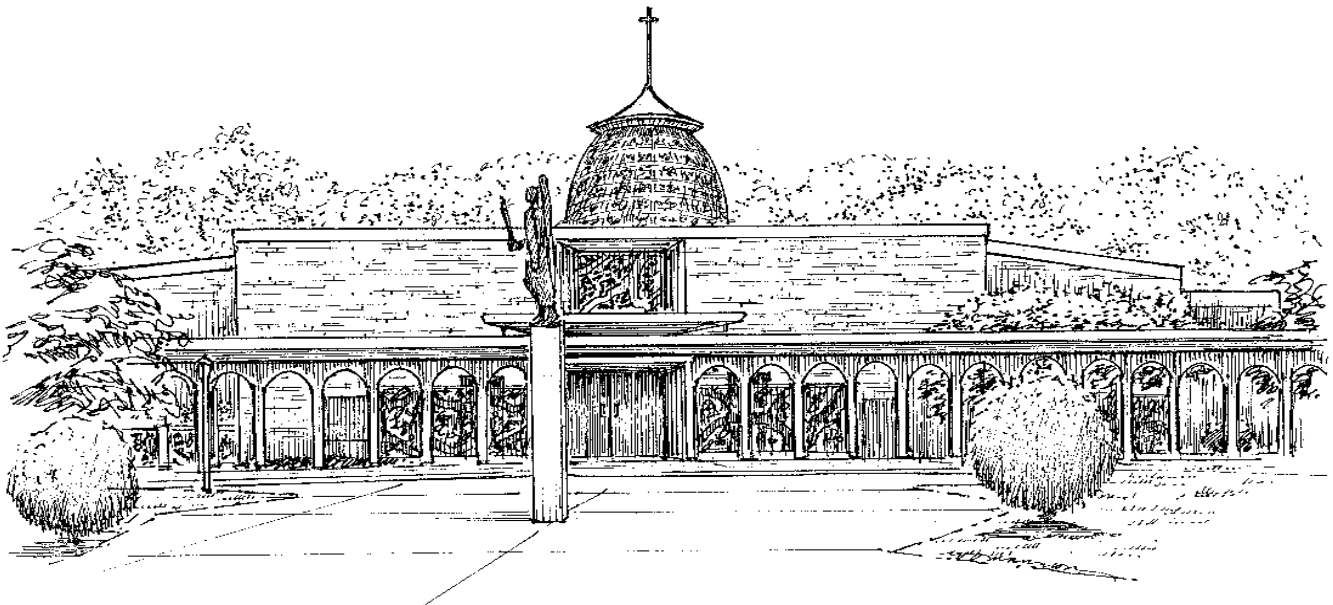
## CLERGY OF PARISH

**Pastor:** Rev. Jerry J. Pokorsky

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. John T. B. Trong, Rev. Kevin J. Beres

**In Residence:** Rev. Joseph J. Clark

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Roger T. Ostrom, Deacon David S. McCaffrey





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## 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 2010

“The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart.”

~ Romans 10: 8

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### MASS INTENTIONS

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#### Monday, February 22

6:15 a.m. Alexander J. Bauer +  
8:30 a.m. Rev. W. Leon Dalton +  
12 noon Priest's Intention

#### Tuesday, February 23

6:15 a.m. E. Reimer  
8:30 a.m. Martin Simpson +  
12 noon Priest's Intention

#### Wednesday, February 24

6:15 a.m. Daniel & Sara Jackson  
8:30 a.m. Severina Lazaro +  
12 noon Priest's Intention

#### Thursday, February 25

6:15 a.m. End to Abortions  
8:30 a.m. Olen Thornton +  
12 noon Priest's Intention

#### Friday, February 26

6:15 a.m. Christopher Brown  
8:30 a.m. Jerry Coretti +  
12 noon Priest's Intention

#### Saturday, February 27

8:30 a.m. Kerrick Kelley +  
5 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. David McCaffrey

#### Sunday, February 28

6:15 a.m. Martha Couch +  
7:45 a.m. John Smith +  
9 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Pat Ostrom +  
12 noon Han Julie family

#### Serve the Poor

“Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.”

~ St. Louise de Marillac

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### FROM THE PASTOR

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**The Gospels speak of a time** -- of solitude for Jesus in the desert immediately after his baptism by John. Driven by the Spirit into the desert, Jesus remains there for forty days without eating; he lives among wild beasts, and angels minister to him. At the end of this time Satan tempts him three times, seeking to compromise his filial attitude toward God. Jesus rebuffs these attacks, which recapitulate the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the desert, and the devil leaves him "until an opportune time." The evangelists indicate the salvific meaning of this mysterious event: Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given in to temptation. Jesus fulfils Israel's vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who had once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror: he "binds the strong man" to take back his plunder. Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion, the supreme act of obedience of his filial love for the Father. Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert. (Source abridged from the CCC)

**From Father Mark Mealey** --, the Vicar General of the Diocese: "It is with deep sadness but faith in the Resurrection that I share with you that Brother David S. Eddy, C.F.X., Secretary to Bishop Paul S. Loverde, returned to God [Monday, February 15] at 2:05 P.M. May he rest in Peace. Amen. Please pray for Brother David, Bishop Loverde, the entire Eddy family, and the Xaverian Brothers at this time of loss." Funeral arrangements were unknown for the bulletin deadline

**Folks, over the last** – couple of years, we have worked hard to reduce expenses. I am confident that the church and school are run competently, prudently and even frugally. We have the principal and sisters shoveling snow, the pastor plowing the parking lots and doing the bookkeeping as well as office management, a parochial vicar spreading salt with a team of volunteer snow shovel jockeys from the school and scouts, basic cable only in the rectory, a very competent permanent deacon as the *pro bono* DRE, and many other efforts at cost reduction. We even have a team of ladies contributing healthy meals to the rectory (cf. "They will lavish choice portions on the priests" from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah). However, we continue to need your financial help as you consider the following contributions statistics.

**We have a special gratitude** -- for the widow's mite and those who have reached into their need to support the temporal needs of the Parish. If our intention is to tug at your spirit of generosity, we would like to make it clear that some (even many) might be contributing from their needs due to personal and private considerations. You know your heart and the Lord knows your heart. But knowing the Lord knows your heart may work in the other direction as well!

**We are also very grateful** – for the long-time parishioners, perhaps now living on a meager retirement income, who have contributed so much to the church and school in years past. Your contributions continue in the bricks and mortar of the Parish and more importantly as known by God.

**Here are the contribution statistics** – for St. Michael Church for the calendar year 2009. During the year, you contributed \$1,133,625 by parish envelope or check to support the Parish as well as the various second collections. This number does not include loose cash and it does not include special large donations acknowledged by separate letters. In other words, it includes ordinary contributions for the various funds collected every Sunday and holy day. There were 1,085 donors although slightly over 1,500 families (“donors/families” base for purposes here) are registered. This suggests that over 400 parishioners either donated by cash only or did not contribute at all.

**Those who contributed \$5,000 or more** – numbered 30, or 2% of the donors/families.

**Those who contributed \$2,000 to \$4,999** – numbered 107, or 7% of the donors/families

**Those who contributed \$1,000 to \$1,999** – numbered 239, or 16% of the donors/families

**Those who contributed \$1,000 or more** – numbered 376, or 25% of the donors/families

**Those who contributed \$500 to \$999** – numbered 210, or 14% of the donors/families

**Those who contributed \$200 to \$499** – numbered 209, or 14% of the donors/families

**Those who contributed \$100 to \$199** – numbered 98, or 7% of the donors/families

**Those who contributed \$1 to \$99** – numbered 192, or 13% of the donors/families

**Those contributing by cash or not at all** – numbered 400 (or more), or 27% of the donors/families

**Here are few more statistics** – in relation to average benchmarks that may be of interest. The percentage of parishioners that spent more on cable television (say, \$500 per year) than in contributions to their Parish was 34%. According to the New York Times (cited in a previous Parish bulletin), the

average American family spends \$997.07 on telecommunications. Hence, if the statistic applies, about 75% of contributors presumably spent more on telecommunications (Internet, Cable, cell phones) than Parish contributions.

**The cost of a McDonald's meal** – is about \$5 (I'm not sure if that's “super sized” or not). Hence the cost of a McDonald's happy meal (or whatever they're called nowadays) every week is approximately \$260 a year. The number of donors who contributed less than the cost of a weekly McDonald's meal was 657 or 44% of donors/parishioners. Maybe it's because we never ask, “Would you like fries with that.” (Just kidding, ha, ha!)

**During the late 1950's and early 1960s** – my dad was a firefighter and part-time housepainter. By our pastor's decree, our family was “taxed” in support of the parish at \$1 per week or \$52 a year. The number of donors today who continue at this rate is 134 or 9% of donors or nearly 1 in 10.

**Keep in mind these are only averages** -- and the amounts next to names do not take reveal special circumstances (those without a job, those who live frugally without a cable television, etc.) In addition, sometimes the amount next to a name does not take into account donations such as annual stock donations that are acknowledged separately or really important non-monetary contributions in time and talent. Of course, as you might imagine, the absolute number of such donors is low enough not to violate the general trends indicated above.

**This fiscal year** – contributions had been holding steady until we were hit by those snowstorms. But snowstorm or not, we still have salaries and utilities to pay, not to mention the added costs associated with snow removal. We are now running a couple of collections behind last year while costs have spiked. So we need your help.

**Thought for Lent** – You may want to contribute to the Parish at least the amount you spend on communicating with your friends and family with the Internet and cell phones. Keep the communication with the Lord open here at St. Michael Church!

**Do you want to volunteer** -- and help the Parish with everyday tasks like raking leaves or shoveling snow? Why not sign up for the 1 Hour Club? Here's the deal: the next time there is a parish need (such as shoveling after a snowstorm), we'll send out an email to all those who have signed on to the "1 Hour Club." Bring a shovel at your convenience and shovel out an entrance or clean up a slippery walk way. Work for an hour and you're done! After the snowstorm of over a week ago, had 50 people volunteered just one hour, the Parish grounds would have been in tiptop shape at considerable savings to the church. If you want to be placed on the list, email: 1hourclub@gmail.com. Join us for fellowship!

**Did you hear about the cat** -- who drank 5 bowls of water? He set a new lap record; Did you hear about the cat who swallowed a ball of wool? She had mittens; What is the difference between a cat and a comma? One has the paws before the claws and the other has the clause before the pause; Why don't cats play poker in the jungle? Too many cheetahs; What is a cat's favorite song? Three Blind Mice; What is a cat's way of keeping law & order? Claw Enforcement; How did a cat take first prize at the bird show? He just jumped up to the cage, reached in, and took it; Why did the litter of communist kittens become capitalists? Because they finally opened their eyes; What is the name of the unauthorized autobiography of the cat? Hiss and Tell.

**A turtle was mugged one day** -- by two snails. When the police came to take a report, the turtle said, "I can't remember anything - it all happened so fast."

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IN OUR PARISH

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**LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

*Wednesday evenings, starting at 6:30 p.m.*

*Saturdays, 3-4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.*

**Abstinence**

Every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence. Fast means one main meal per day and two smaller, meatless meals for all between the ages of 18 and 59 (inclusive). Abstinence means no meat or meat products are to be eaten and is applicable to all who are 14 years or older. These are minimum standards for the observance of the Lenten penitential period of preparation and no Catholic may lightly excuse him/herself from them.

**Stations of the Cross**

St. Michael's will have Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. in the Church on Fridays during Lent.

**Girl Scout Cookies**

The Girl Scout Troops of St. Michael School will be selling Girl Scout cookies after Sunday Masses on Sunday, February 21st and February 28th. Please come out and support our Girl Scout Troops.

**This Week's Coming Events**

**Sunday, February 21**

Girl Scouts Selling Cookies	after Masses	Church
CCD	10:15 a.m.	various classrooms
People of Praise	2:30 p.m.	Cafeteria

**Monday, February 22**

Readers	7:30 p.m.	Church
RCIA	7:30 p.m.	Lower Level
Legion of Mary	7:30 p.m.	CCD office

**Wednesday, February 24**

Opus Dei Confessions	1 p.m.	Church
Novena & Confessions	7:30 p.m.	Church

**Thursday, February 25**

Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Church
Ancient Order Hibernians	7:30 p.m.	Teacher's Lounge
Ladies AOH	7:30 p.m.	Lower Level, Rm. 3

**Saturday, February 27**

Schola Choir	9:30 a.m.	Music Room
Confessions	3:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.	Church

**Second Collection**

The second collection this weekend is for the Black and Indian Missions, and for Special School Needs.

**New Altar Boy Training**

New altar boys, the remaining scheduled training times are:

Sunday, February 21st at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, February 23rd at 7 p.m.

If you haven't yet, please stop by the rectory to pick up a serving manual and fill out an interest form. Any questions call Fr. Beres 703.256.7822 x33.

**Please Pray for:** Maria A. Balenger\*; Paul Barsanti\*; G. R.; J. G.; M. C\*; R. Z; T. S. (friend of Alex Hrovat); M. K.; Kim Thoa; Thomas & Mildred White\*; Janet Langen\*; Mary Terese Lan; Eleanor Blake; Kendal Chatteliar; Linn Chatteliar; Norma Murphy; our soldiers overseas, especially members of our families; Bonnie Shaffer; Grace Grepo\*; Kevin and Claud Clark; Julia Lattanzio; Sylvia Buonincontri\*; Robert Bermingham\*; John Wilson; Freya Wall; Dick & Trudy Fisher\*; Dorothy Sacco\*; Jose Gonzalez and Alexis Stattel\*; Paul Terry\*; Mrs. Sylvia Sanchez\*; Marian Sneesby (sister of Lucille Catlin\*); Mercedes Misko\*; Ruth Naomi Contreras, wife of Deacon Carlos Contreras\*; Joey Norris, relative of Bill Montes de Oca\*; Dana Semerjian; Donald Clark, husband of Bea Clark\*; John Healy, brother of Dolores Wisecarver\*; Joseph Pistone; Allyson Caputo, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Caputo; Mi Nguyen daughter of Dziep N Nguyen\*; Chris Ballard, son of Jane and Jim Ballard\* and former St. Michael School student; Maria LeDoux; Veronica Kiszkiel, sister-in-law of Fran Visco\*; Hung Pham and Chau Duong\*; Francine Maddelina, Donald W. Roberts\*, with apologies to anyone we dropped – call Father Pokorsky or the Office for next week.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

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**Natural Family Planning Course**

Have you ever thought about what unnatural birth control methods **really** do to your body? To your marriage? The Couple to Couple League has the answers and more. Attend a short course and learn a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective, and in line with Church teaching. Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy. A three-part course will take place at St. James Catholic Church, 905 Park Ave., Falls Church, VA 22046, in Heller Hall on Saturday, March 13th, April 10th, and May 8th from 2 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Stephen and Susan Bamert at 703-6524637 or [nfp@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:nfp@stjamescatholic.org).

**Mass and Healing Service**

The Catholic Healing Ministry of the Diocese of Arlington will celebrate a Mass and Healing service on Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Manassas, VA. Fr. Tuck Grinnell, celebrant. For further information call 540-347-0809 or [www.healingministry.net](http://www.healingministry.net).