

St. Michael Church

ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA



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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.

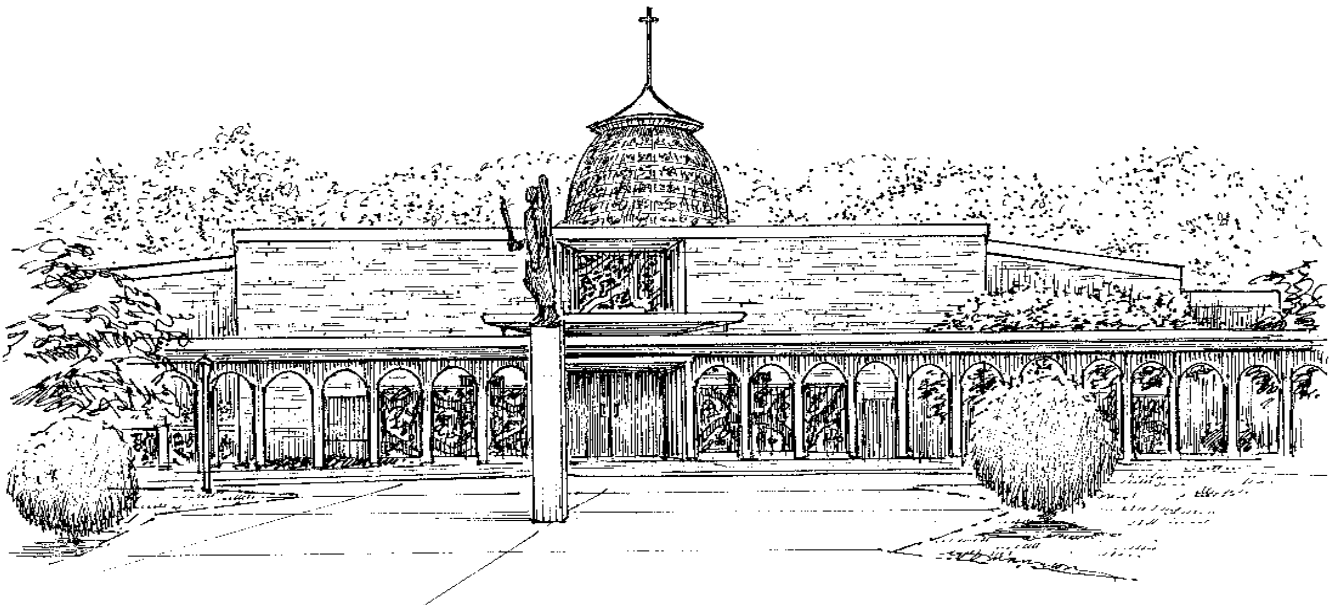
CLERGY OF PARISH

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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PALM SUNDAY

March 28, 2010

“The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.”

~ Isaiah 50: 7a

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 29

6:15 a.m. David Bier +
8:30 a.m. Biven Family
12 noon Priest's Intention

Tuesday, March 30

6:15 a.m. Mary Sheahan +
8:30 a.m. Biven Family +
12 noon Priest's Intention

Wednesday, March 31

6:15 a.m. Karen A. Hanson +
8:30 a.m. Jerry Coretti +
12 noon Priest's Intention

Thursday, April 1

7:30 p.m. *Easter Triduum*

Friday, April 2

no Masses on Good Friday

12—3 p.m. 7 Last Words (Tre Ore)
3 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 3

8:30 p.m. *Easter Triduum*

Sunday, April 4

6:15 a.m. All Souls +
7:45 a.m. Larry & Cheryl Biven
9 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Huy & Kim Lien family
12 noon Merle C. Gomes +

Essential Reduction

All my theology is reduced to this narrow compass: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.”

~ Archibald Alexander

FROM THE PASTOR

Passion (Palm) Sunday -- *Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelcīs!* Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Holy Week, the most solemn and intense period of worship in the Christian faith, begins with Passion Sunday, the Sunday before Easter. In spite of the spiritual gravity of Holy Week, it begins with joy; for on this Sunday, the Church celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem which foretells the victory of His Resurrection and His return to earth in glory; and with the first reading of the Passion in the liturgies of Holy Week, the Church begins her commemorative pilgrimage with her Lord on His way to Calvary.

Liturgical commemoration -- of the Passion actually begins during the fifth week of Lent, when Masses are focused on the power of the Cross and the Kingship of Christ. Until the liturgical reforms just before the Second Vatican Council restored important liturgical elements of the early Church which had gradually disappeared (the Easter Vigil, for example), the Fifth Sunday of Lent was called Passion Sunday, and the Sunday beginning Holy Week was called Palm Sunday. Earliest accounts describing the beginning of Holy Week speak of Passion Sunday.

Blessed Palms -- The blessing and distribution of palms takes place on Passion Sunday, and altar decorations are palm branches rather than flowers. The palms are solemnly blessed by the priest, and each worshipper holds the blessed palm during the singing of the ancient hymn, Gloria Laus ("All Glory, Laud and Honor") and during reading of the Passion.

These solemnly blessed palms -- are sacramentals, or signs of Christ's grace which help Christians in the practice of the faith, and, as they are associated with Christ's triumph, the palms symbolize victory over spiritual danger and death. For this reason, palms are associated with martyrdom, and often appear in paintings and sculpture of those who were martyred for the faith. This also explains the old custom of burning a palm in the stove in time of danger (from a threatening storm, for example). As the blessed palms are sacramentals, then, Catholics keep them in their homes, customarily placing them behind the crucifix. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from the burning of blessed palms.

This Sunday was also sometimes -- called the Pasch of Flowers in European countries, because throughout the Middle Ages flowers were blessed on this day along with palms and olive branches. (The State of Florida is so named because Ponce de Leon landed there on Pasqua Florida Sunday.) The words "pasch" and "paschal" come from the Hebrew word "pesach" meaning "passage" or "passover." The Passion Sunday liturgy, incorporating both the blessing of the palms and commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the joyous Hosannas of the people, and the reading of the Passion Gospel, combines two contrasting elements. The two parts are linked by the traditional procession which follows the blessing and distribution of the palms and which leads into the Sacrifice of the Mass; hence symbolically reproducing the historical

event of Our Lord's royal entry into Jerusalem which signifies the actual meeting of the Church with Christ; moreover, His entry foretells the entry of the faithful into the eternal Jerusalem, the Kingdom of Heaven.

Palm Procession -- According to the account of a fifth-century Spanish pilgrim to the Holy Land, Passion Sunday Mass was celebrated in Jerusalem at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After this the people were invited to meet again in the afternoon at the Mount of Olives, in the Church of Eleona (the grotto of the Our Father). They then proceeded to the Church of the Ascension for a service consisting of hymns and antiphons, readings and prayers, where at five o'clock in the afternoon the Gospel of the palms was read and the procession set out for the city. The people responded to the antiphons with the acclamation, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord," as we say even today. All these pilgrims carried palms, and with their little children in their arms they escorted the bishop (who represented the Savior) to the Church of the Resurrection where the procession ended with Vespers (evening prayer). This palm procession was introduced in the West first in France and then in Italy. In the Middle Ages the custom began of carving a wooden statue of Christ seated on a donkey which was then placed on a cart, the center of the procession. These statues were called Palm Donkeys or Palmesels, and some are preserved in museums.

In medieval Rome the papal procession -- set out from the papal residence at the Lateran, then the official headquarters of the Popes as the Vatican is now. The palms were blessed by a cardinal and some were distributed by acolytes at the ancient Church of St. Sylvester nearby. The Pope also distributed them himself in the Hall of Leo IV at the Lateran.

Those who jump off a bridge -- in Paris are in Seine. A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking. Dijon vu - the same mustard as before. A hangover is the wrath of grapes. Does the name Pavlov ring a bell? Reading while sunbathing makes you well red. When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I. A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired. What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead give away.) Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana. In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes. She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion. If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed with her marriage, she got a new name and a dress. The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered. You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it. Local Area Network in Australia - the LAN down under. Every calendar's days are numbered. A lot of money is tainted - It taint yours and it taint mine. A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat. He had a photographic memory that was never developed. Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall. Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses. Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) -- Thank you to everyone who has supported the BLA. The funding from this appeal supports programs and apostolates that help in the religious education of children, young adults and families in our diocese as well as supporting various parish programs. If you made a pledge, you

will receive a monthly reminder statement to help you fulfill your pledge. If you have not yet made your pledge to the BLA, it is not too late! Please fill out a pledge card today or contact the parish office for information. As of March 18, you have pledged \$132,566 or 75% of the \$180,000 goal. Many thanks!

The Dome Reconstruction Project -- as I mentioned at Mass a week or so ago is proceeding according to schedule as we discussed during the Parish meeting some time ago. We should have samples for your review soon. I cut my finger so I'm unable to write as much as I would like. The Bulletin deadline is early, so you'll have to wait for details -- or talk to me after Mass. The rumor about me using a picture of myself as the basis for one of the icons for consideration is not true. Seriously folks, you'll be able to weigh in on the various design proposals before a decision is made.

IN OUR PARISH

Holy Land Shrines

On Good Friday, April 2nd, there will be a second collection for Holy Land Shrines.

Pancake Breakfast Hosted by Knights of Columbus (KoC)

Due to the power outage earlier this month, the KoC have rescheduled the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 28th (after the 7:45, 9, and 10:30 Mass) in the Senior School Cafeteria. All profits will benefit the Building Fund. The Knights will be cooking plenty of pancakes with your choice of bacon or sausage!

St. Michael School Open House

We will be holding an open house for prospective parents on Monday, March 29, 2010 from 9-10:30 am and 7-8 pm. Come and visit our school and see the great things that are happening. Registration for the 2010/2011 school year has begun! If you have any questions please call the school office at 703-256-1222.

Mass in Vietnamese

St. Michael's offers Mass in the Vietnamese language once a month: April 4, May 2, and June 6 at 5 p.m. Future Mass date and times will be set after determining what is found best and most convenient for Vietnamese people of the parish and surrounding areas. Please spread the word around!

St. Michael Parish Spaghetti Dinner

Join us Saturday, April 17th from 6 pm until 8 pm in the St. Michael School Cafeteria. Enjoy a fabulous spaghetti dinner with all the fixings, raffles, and loads of fun!!!! Tickets \$10 for Adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, free for children 2 and under. Maximum per family \$30 (Immediate family only). To get your tickets contact Michelle Kennedy at 703-658-3597 or by email at activities@stmikes22003.org or look for us after Masses the weekend of April 10th. Sponsored by the St. Michael Enrollment Management Committee.

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 Maddelena; Cuc Huynh; Diane & Ryan Sacco*; with apologies to anyone we dropped – call Father Pokorsky or the Office for next week.

This Week's Coming Events

Sunday, March 28

Pancake Breakfast after 7:45, 9, 10:30 a.m. Cafeteria
 Bible Study 10 a.m. Lower Level, Rm. 3
 CCD 10:15 a.m. various classrooms

Monday, March 29

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

Tuesday, March 30

Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Church

Wednesday, March 31

Confessions & Novena 6:30/7:30 p.m. Church

Friday, April 2

Tre Ore 12 p.m. Church
 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3 p.m. Church
 Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m. Church

Saturday, April 3

Confessions 9:30-11 a.m. Church
 Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m. Church

Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Mark the Year for Priests, declared by Pope Benedict, by making spiritual sacrifices for our priests, especially those here assigned to St. Michael's! Simply fill out the Spiritual Bouquet prayer cards available at the entrance to the church or online at www.arlingtondiocese.org, and return the bottom half of the card to the parish office, or return it by mail.

"Year for Priests" Video Dedication

In honor of the "Year for Priests" declared by Pope Benedict XVI, parishioners are thanking our diocesan priests for their years of ministry and the positive impact they have had on those they serve in short videos. View these video dedications online by checking out the Media Center at www.arlingtondiocese.org. Please continue to pray for our priests as they serve our diocesan Church.

Eagle Scout Project

Daniel Calabro, a member of St. Michael's Boy Scout Troop 894, has an Eagle Scout project to help the homeless through the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter. The shelter is in desperate need of any travel size items (example: deodorant, soap, hand lotion, toothpaste, mouth wash, shampoo, shaving cream, small first aid kits, chap stick, etc.). In addition, the shelter needs gently used socks, hats, pillowcases, blankets, and sleeping bags. They are willing to take donations of movies, notebook pads, pencils, and card games. A collection box can be found in the Church and School lobbies with the shelter's name. All your donations will be very much appreciated, and will be collected now through the end of April.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 11th. There will be a special Holy Hour from 2-3 p.m., followed by the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

 AROUND THE DIOCESE

Men's Discernment Visit

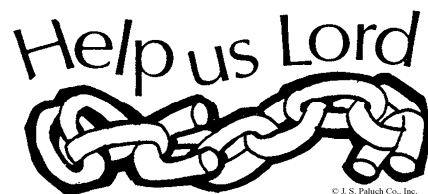
The Men's Discernment Visit to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., will take place on Saturday, April 17 - Sunday, April 18. The group will leave from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at 9 a.m. and return Sunday around 6 p.m. Single men 17-45 who are interested please call the Office of Vocations at (703) 841-2514 by April 14.

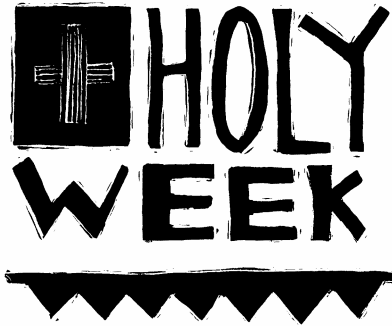
Trip to Lancaster, PA to see "Joseph"

Queen of Apostles Parish Women are planning a trip to Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA on May 12, 2010 to see the brand new, not-to-be-missed "Joseph." \$110 includes the show, dinner and transportation, and probably an hour to shop at a nearby discount mall. The bus will leave Queen of Apostles rectory parking lot at 9 a.m. and return approximately at 9 p.m. Men are more than welcome to participate!!! Contact Marilyn Cole A.S.A.P. for payment/information at emcee@webcomet.com or 703-256-3418 (payment with reservation is requested).

Summer Intern Position Available!

The Office of Youth Ministry for the Catholic Diocese of Arlington is looking for 4 summer interns to work on a full-time basis, from the last week in May to the second week of August, assisting with the preparations and operations of two, week-long WorkCamps. Work in a community based environment and gain a better understanding of your diocesan church! Send Resume and cover letter to hr@arlingtondiocese.org with "Youth Ministry Internship" in the subject line.





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Holy Week Schedule at St. Michael's:

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday, Confessions will be available after all Masses, and at 6:30 p.m. sharp.

The *Holy Thursday* Mass will be at 7:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard after Mass.

On *Good Friday*, there will be the 7 Last Words (Tre Ore) from 12 – 3 p.m. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be at 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be at 7:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard during the Tre Ore, and after Stations of the Cross.

Good Friday is a day of ***Fast & Abstinence***. *Fast* means one main meal per day and two smaller, meatless meals (that do not equal the large meal) 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.

On *Holy Saturday*, Confessions will be heard from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Easter Mass Schedule:

8:30 p.m. Vigil (note: NO 5 p.m. vigil)

6:15 a.m.

7:45 a.m.

9 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

12 noon

Adoration Chapel Schedule

Please note: just before the Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper at 7:30 p.m., the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed and the Adoration Chapel will be closed. Directly after the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration until Midnight. At Midnight, the Chapel will close and will remain closed through Good Friday and Holy Saturday until after the Easter Vigil Mass.