



The Defender

Weekly parish bulletin of the Catholic community of
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

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Our Mission

To be the presence of Christ...

In Welcoming

In Service

In Worship

In Compassion

In Faith Sharing

In Fellowship

To be the Light of the World!

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May 17, 2020



Weekly Message

The end of our fiscal year, June 30, is almost upon us. This is also the time of year when personnel changes are most likely to happen. That certainly is true for us. Deacon Andy Ferguson has served as Administrator/Business Manager of our parish for over 15 years. He will be retiring from that position on June 30. His presence in the office will be missed by me, both personally and professionally. It is important for all of us to realize that he will still be serving our parish as a deacon, and so you will still be seeing him on weekends.

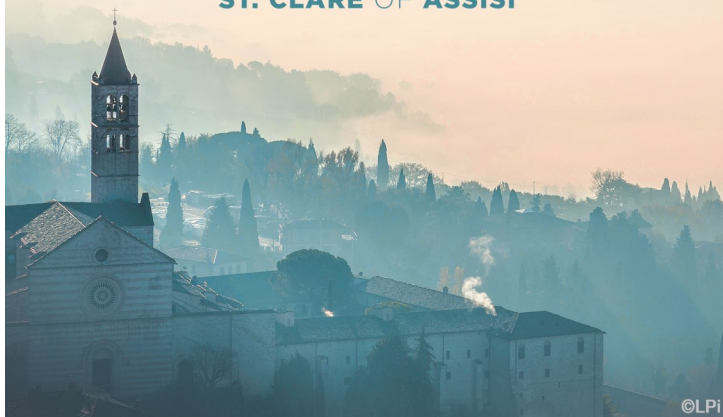
Within the office, Sue Miyashita will be moving from her part-time admin position in the Faith Formation Department to a full-time admin one for the parish. She will be taking up many of Deacon Andy's purely administrative tasks. This means that our Faith Formation Department will be advertising for a part-time administrative assistant.

A bit more of a surprise to many will be the moving on of Peyton Thomasson. For the last two years, she has worked out of our Lake House, guiding the EDGE program for our middle school youth. We have been greatly blessed by her positive, spirited, and prayerful presence. She has truly brought a sincere and faith-filled spirit to our parish community. She is moving on to a ministry that she had considered many years ago. I think it will be a great opportunity for her continued growth as a spirit-filled young woman. And I like to think that we have helped her grow to the point where this will be a beautiful experience for her and those she will be serving. This means we will also be advertising for her replacement. Change is something we may not particularly enjoy, but it is a certain thing in life. I thank God for Deacon Andy and Peyton and for Sue, as she moves into her new position. Please keep them and all our staff in your prayers. It is they who help me as I seek to be your pastor and shepherd. I could never do it without them.

Peace and love,
 Fr. Dan

"WE BECOME WHAT WE LOVE
AND WHO WE LOVE SHAPES
WHAT WE BECOME."

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Worship & Sacraments

Scripture Reading for the Following Weekend

May 24, 2020
Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

Mass Intentions

† Deceased

Sat.	May 16	5 PM	Noel Genie †
Sun.	May 17	7:45 AM	Wanda Colquhoun †
Sun.	May 17	9:15 AM	Joyce Doheny †
Sun.	May 17	11:15 AM	Marilyn Lewis †
Sun.	May 17	5 PM	For the People
Mon.	May 18	12:15 PM	Patricia Alder †
Tue.	May 19	7:30 AM	
Wed.	May 20	8:30 AM	Victor Menezes †
Thu.	May 21	12:15 PM	Peggy Lomba †
Fri.	May 22	7:30 AM	
Sat.	May 23	5 PM	Mary Violet D'Mello †
Sun.	May 24	7:45 AM	Tony Merollo †
Sun.	May 24	9:15 AM	Thomas Croce †
Sun.	May 24	11:15 AM	Veronica Chung
Sun.	May 24	5 PM	For the People

TO FIND JOY,
FIND CHRIST





The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has activated a Vincentian Relief Fund (VRF), and they are asking for donations to assist with the increase in request for help that they are receiving.

Vincentians have been able to respond to those in need quickly and compassionately. A gift to the Vincentian Relief Fund will allow them to continue to serve the increase in families who have been financially impacted by these trying times.

Donate Online: svdp-rva.org

Your Own Parish Records At Your Fingertips!

With *My Own Church*, you will be able to review and update your family information, including names, contact information, and more!

Also, you can view our online parish pictorial directory, where you will be able to upload your favorite family photo.

Plus, *My Own Church* gives you the flexibility to choose whether or not you wish your family information and photo to be visible to other parishioners or parish administrators only.

Getting started is fast and easy. All in five easy steps!
Visit the My Own Church Page: <https://bit.ly/my-own-church>



Introducing... **E-SCRIP** Gift Cards



Online shopping is more important than ever.

To adhere to social distancing guidelines, we are not conducting in-person SCRIP Sales.

We are pleased to offer you the convenience of buying your SCRIP gift cards online!

Introducing E-SCRIP Gift Cards!

Now, you can continue to shop at your favorite store or online retailer, while supporting our parish!

Hundreds of top-brand gift cards are now available as E-SCRIP gift cards.

E-SCRIP Gift Cards are sent immediately to your account (Wallet) for use.

They are perfect for your regular purchases and take-out orders.

Send an E-SCRIP gift card to someone in need. Schedule an E-SCRIP gift card to be sent to someone's email inbox on a specific date as a special gift!

Support Our Parish, Help a Friend, and Support the Economy!

How to Get Started - It's Quick and Easy!

- You may use a computer or smartphone to get started.
 - **On your computer/laptop:** visit <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/> and click on *Register*
 - **On your smartphone:** visit myscripwallet.com and click on *Create an Account*
- Enter your personal and credit card information.
- Enter the beneficiary code (3F1DFB4D5936).
 - **Please make sure to enter the code correctly to ensure that our parish receives the commissions.**
- Select *EGIFT Card* to order the merchant, dollar amount, and number of gift cards you wish to purchase.
 - No local merchants available at this time.
- The E-SCRIP Gift Card will be available immediately on your Wallet account to:
 - print and use at a retail location
 - show the card in your Wallet on your phone when ready to pay in person



WeShare Online Giving

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The St. Michael Knights of Columbus is looking to recognize outstanding young Catholics for their commitment to academic excellence and for their support of their church, school, and community.

Eligibility Requirements

- Young Man and Young Woman who will graduate from high school in May or June 2020 and who will be going on to further their education
- Practicing Catholic, member of St. Michael Catholic Church, and of good character

Evaluation Criteria

- Demonstrated academic excellence
- Leadership and participation in extracurricular activities
- Support for church and community
- Essay

Selected Candidates Will Receive

- Presentation of a certificate, recognizing the individuals as the 2020 Youth Scholarship recipients. One certificate each, for the selected young man and young woman.
- Award of prizes: \$1,000 each, made out to the institution of his/her choice
- Use of selection for this award in applications for college, jobs, etc.

Scholarship Form

Please Note: the form should be downloaded, saved, and then typed (filled in) prior to printing and mailing (or emailing back as an attachment).

- **Visit to download form:** <https://www.saint-mikes.org/youth-scholarship>
- **Email to request a copy:** Bobby Baughan | bobbyjmu@aol.com

Application Submission

All completed forms should be submitted by either:

- **Email form:** Bobby Baughan | bobbyjmu@aol.com
- **Regular mail:** KOC 11172 | Scholarship Committee | 10637 Argonne Drive | Glen Allen | VA 23060

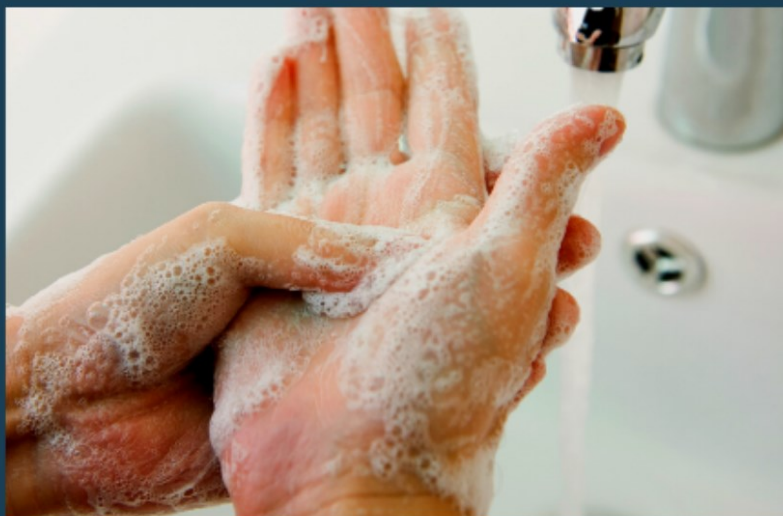
Application Deadline

DEADLINE EXTENDED - NEW DEADLINE: May 22, 2020

(We are not responsible for applications lost in the mail.)

Winner Announcement

- The Evaluation Committee will review all submissions anonymously in May.
(All information will be treated confidentially and destroyed upon the conclusion of the selection process)
- Winners will be recognized in June (details to follow).



COVID-19 | CORONAVIRUS *UPDATE*

A portion from Bishop Knestout's Letter (dated March 16, 2020)

As anxiety and concerns about the possible spread of COVID-19 takes root throughout this land and so much of the world, the Lord is speaking to us, calling us to a deeper relationship with him. This age may seem to be a time of fear and isolation, but we have an opportunity to see it in a new light, as a retreat into the desert with Our Lord and to encounter God in solitude and prayer. As Psalm 91 says:

*'You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness, nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.
A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand fall at your right, you it will never approach;
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.'*

Given the necessary restrictions to public gatherings in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to ensure the common good, to provide for public health and safety, and yet to maintain the mission of the Church allowing access to sacraments, to Church teaching and to works of charity in a way appropriate to the circumstances of our age, as well as to renew our spiritual vitality as a diocese during a time of Jubilee, **Bishop Knestout has instructed that the following take place within our diocese.**

Read in Full: Bishop Knestout Writes Letter to the Faithful in Regard to COVID-19:

<https://bit.ly/bishop-letter-covid-19>

Diocesan Coronavirus Resources & Information: <https://richmonddiocese.org/coronavirus/>

What to Expect As We Transition in Virginia's Three-Phase Reopening

<https://bit.ly/what-to-expect-transition>

(Information Updated: April 26, 2020)

Mass

Public Masses have been suspended until further notice. This includes Sunday, Holy Day, and weekday Masses.

We will be streaming Daily Mass (Monday-Friday) at 12:15 PM and Sunday Mass at 11:15 AM.

PLEASE NOTE that these livestreamed Masses will be private Masses.

Also, the church building will be closed during our livestreamed Masses.

Stream Live: [Facebook.com/stmikesvillage](https://www.facebook.com/stmikesvillage)

Watch Previous Livestreams: saint-mikes.org/livestream

Bishop Knestout will livestream his private celebration of Sunday Mass until further notice for the faithful.

More Info: richmonddiocese.org/livestream

Reconciliation

Regular Reconciliation times have been suspended until further notice.

Personal confession is available between 10 AM and 3 PM (Monday-Friday).

Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Church Campus Hours

Parish Office: 10 AM - 3 PM

We encourage parishioners to conduct business with the Parish Office by either email or phone.

***Updated* Church Building & Lake House:**

- **Monday - Friday:** 10 AM - 12 PM | 1 PM - 7 PM
- **Saturday:** 10 AM - 7 PM
- **Sunday:** 1 PM - 7 PM

Parishioners may come at their discretion during the day for private prayer and personal devotion.

The Emergency Line will continue to be monitored.

Meetings & Events

All meetings and events have been canceled until further notice.

Pastoral Visits

Lay visits to the homebound have been suspended until further notice.

Baptisms, Weddings, & Funerals

Baptisms, weddings, and funerals will be allowed to be celebrated, but restricted to immediate family, and in any case, fewer than 10 people.

Faith Formation Programs

Elementary

- **The Elementary Program has been canceled.**
- Families will receive emails with at-home activities for families to keep living and learning about our faith at-home.
- At-home families should continue working through their *Gospel Weekly* curriculum.
- A decision regarding Preschool and Kindergarten classes that run until April will be made at a later date.
- First Communion families should continue working at home with the *Blessed* curriculum. We are working on a plan for the Parent/Child Retreat portion of the preparation. Families should look for their weekly *Blessed* email for further details.

Youth

- **All Youth Ministry in-person activities are on hiatus until further notice.**
- Stay connected with our Youth Ministry Flocknotes and Instagram for digital content.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions requests should be conducted over the phone. Please call the Parish Office.

SCRIP Sales

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For more information regarding E-SCRIP: saint-mikes.org/scrip

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Please Pray

NOTE:

When adding people to our Prayer List, please ask them ahead of time if this is alright with them. Not everyone wants his/her name announced or published, and we wish to respect everyone's privacy.

Let us pray also for those parishioners with ongoing health concerns:

Rebecca Phares, Amy Toombs, Victoria Arroyo, Shirley Froemming, Rosemarie Walpole, Anthony Doria, Tom DelPozzo, Thomas Forbs, Tyler Bohn, Maria Teresa Kelleher, Robin & Ron Woods, Nancy Harris, John Rymisyewski, Andy Flores, Tina Polito, Roy Ambler, Stefanie Cousins, Kess Kessler, Charlotte Domalik, Thomas Bunce, Francis Laghi, Tyler Bohn, Richard Taylor, Joan Pardue, Percy Pickral, Michael Levay, Earl Harris, Toni Schmiegelow, Monique Anastasio, Eleonor (Ele) Dashielle, Evan Neal, Emily White, Robin & Ron Woods



Please also pray for these members of the St. Michael extended family:

Malgoscia Banasinska, Ela Barszcz, Alfred Neill, Gloria Schuster, Christopher Tomasi (Sabina Volpe), Jean Folkes (Clair Folkes), Bert & Becky Kuhns (Liz & Mike Munger), Lexi & Rowan Galkowski (Lana Dreelin), Justin Dutcher & Genevieve Myrick (Colleen Dutcher), Kristine Fitzgerald (Simon Family), Danny White, Raymond Laureano (Nancy Fonseca), Donna Jardine (Chris & Keith Burns), Anna Huseboe (Bernadette Law), Percy Pickered (Janet McBride), Billy Esposito (Fred Esposito), Robert Accomando (Debra Vuturro), Grace Whitmer (Richmond Walsh), Lori Lewis, Marilyn Barrett (Marie Chickey), Sauling Hong (Chris Burns), Knox Walker (Lani & Rey Vasquez)

We remember those who have preceded us to the Father:

Victor Menezes, Bertram Walter Sequeira, Phoebe June Stacy, Kenneth Schriewer, Mary Jane Heaton, John Barret

Please pray for those in our military who are serving here or overseas:

Tanner Phister, Allan Schmidt, Leslie Schmidt, Kurt Ober, Roberto & Rebecca Fonseca, Nicholas Paraiso, Captain Russell Timmons, Michael Gaines Ballato, Jason Strickland, Nicholas Perkins, Jacob Fonner, Nicholas Hassell, Jason Maraffi, Adam Dutcher

Would You Like Your Loved One On the List?

Contact: Magda Schultheis | 804-527-1037 ext. 126 | mschultheis@saint-mikes.org

Every few months, we delete names listed here and ask family members to contact the parish office again, if they wish their loved one added back in. In the section *We remember those who have preceded us to the Father*, we usually include the names of the recently deceased or those celebrating an anniversary that week. In order to have a request pertaining to anniversaries of the deceased included in the *Prayers of the Faithful* (the Universal Prayer) at a Sunday or weekday Mass, such request should be submitted through the parish office in the form of a *Mass Intention*.

Around the Diocese

Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC)

CCC continues to provide critical services, such as:

- Food Pantry
- Baby Clothes Closet
- Counseling Services
- Workforce Development
- Housing Counseling
- Independence for Seniors (Call Reassurance Program)

For more info, visit: cccofva.org

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