

WELCOME TO  
**ST. MICHAEL'S**  
**ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**





**75+ Years**  
of worshipping in our  
neighborhood

Since its founding in 1948, St. Michael's Episcopal Church has been a vital, transformative presence in Arlington. Located in the heart of a thriving neighborhood, St. Michael's strives to be a nurturing spiritual community, living as doers of the Word alongside Christ and others in our community and beyond. As we approach eight decades of worship, we now seek our eighth rector to guide our parish.



**90%**  
of our parishioners  
live within 15 minutes  
of church. 33% live  
within 5 minutes.



**>50%**  
of our parishioners  
have been coming  
to St. Michael's for  
**10 years or more.**



**Our church sits on nearly  
an acre, with beautifully  
maintained trees and  
native gardens.**



## COMMUNITY CHURCH

**St. Michael's is a vibrant, intergenerational neighborhood church where shared identity and face-to-face relationships define who we are.** Our spiritual life revolves around a single Sunday Rite II service that is reverent yet warm and welcoming. We prioritize communal worship over performance, engaging deeply with preaching that grounds scripture in everyday life and lifting our voices together from the 1982 Hymnal. Lay leadership is foundational—nearly every adult serves in a volunteer role—and we cherish the “joyful noise” of children, who are welcome to

remain with their families or join our weekly children's chapel. Financially robust and resilient, we extend our faith beyond our walls through deep commitments to serving neighbors facing food and housing insecurity.

Parishioners uniformly recognize St. Michael's as a neighborhood church with a strong sense of community. We know each other by name, care for each other across generations and stages of life, welcome newcomers, and take to heart the Gospel imperative to love our neighbors.

## MUSIC

*A Rich Tradition of Sacred Music*



At St. Michael's, music is the heartbeat of our worship. We carry forward an unbroken tradition of a volunteer choir that has augmented our services since the church's founding. This choir is anchored by a magnificent 890-pipe Schantz organ, installed in 2000 to celebrate the new millennium.

Under the distinguished direction of our Organist and Choirmaster, Mike Schmidt—a faculty member at Episcopal High School in Alexandria—our program blends deep tradition with professional excellence. While our dedicated Sanctuary Choir leads the 9:30 AM service during the school year, we frequently elevate our worship with the addition of guest musicians and a “pick up” choir that welcomes all.





**Two blocks from church sits our parish rectory, a comfortable and convenient family home that puts the best of Arlington within easy reach.**

The St. Michael's rectory is a 4-bedroom, 3-bath single-family home built in 1939. The rectory sits on a quiet corner in a lovely neighborhood lined with mature trees. Inside features a newly renovated kitchen and a charming living room with a wood-burning fireplace. A large deck and adjoining screened-in porch provide a lovely space to relax and entertain. In addition to the new kitchen, recent renovations include a new roof, tree maintenance, and a new storage shed.





**St. Michael's is located in the heart of Arlington, Virginia, one of the most vibrant, inclusive, and connected communities in the nation.**



**Arlington's public schools are among the nation's finest.** Opened in 2021, Cardinal Elementary School is a 10-minute leafy walk from the St. Michael's rectory. Cardinal's playground, sports fields, and connection to the newly renovated Westover Public Library make it a standout. Older children will enjoy an even shorter walk to nearby Swanson Middle School.



Westover Village offers local restaurants, a beer garden, farmers market, ice cream shop, hardware store, pharmacy, a destination Italian market and countless community activities, all **a short walk from St. Michael's and the rectory.**



**Arlington, Virginia, is consistently ranked as one of the best places to live in America,** offering a highly desirable blend of urban sophistication, economic opportunity, access to nature and a high quality of life. Our community has a diverse and highly talented professional workforce and is defined by distinct, walkable neighborhoods, each offering a unique blend of culture, dining, and atmosphere.



Arlington is ranked “America’s Fittest City,” a Platinum Walkable Community, a Gold Bikeable Community, and won the 2025 Gold Medal for best public parks in America. Arlington is also ranked among America’s best educated cities, among the best places to raise a family and be a working parent, and **one of America’s happiest communities.**



While Arlington is a powerhouse in its own right, **our location in the Washington metro area creates boundless opportunities to explore and for a spouse or partner to find professional and personal fulfillment.** Washington, D.C. is mere minutes away by car, bike, Metro rail, or bus, and many members of our community commute each day to McLean, Tysons Corner, Bethesda, and other local hubs. This connectedness also provides unique opportunities to speak and lead on a national, and even global, scale.



**The D.C. area offers a cultural landscape unmatched globally,** anchored by the Smithsonian Institution’s vast, free collection of museums and galleries—a treasure trove encompassing everything from world history and American innovation to art and aerospace. Beyond the iconic National Mall, the region boasts world-class performance venues, a vibrant theater scene, and multiple professional sports teams including baseball, basketball, hockey and soccer.

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