

St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church



History of Our Sodality

- Organized on **July 16, 1930**
- First of its kind in Montgomery County
- Moderator was Father Thomas A. Calnan
- Enrolled spring of **1931** in Rome under the name *Immaculate Conception*
- Began with 51 members
- Affiliated with the Archdiocese of Washington's Sodality Union (and the Council of Catholic Women)
- First Prefect was Mrs. Rose Clark
- Officers for 2008 – 2010
 - Prefect, Ms. Peggy Hannah
 - Vice Prefect, JoAnn Mackey
 - Recording Secretary, Yvette Robinson
 - Treasurer, Barbara Rigsby

Acts of Charity

- Visit the Sick and Shut-in (the Eucharist)
- Cleaning of the church
- Replenishing holy water
- Attend to the altar
 - Made priest's vestments
 - Made altar cloths

Fundraising – parish needs benefited by Sodality fundraising

PAST

- Previous Organ
- Mary's Shrine in the front of the Rectory
- Penance Rooms in the church and rectory
- Rectory Library
- Illumination of the church tower

PRESENT

- Monthly Parish Bake Sale (**NO** Bake Sales in December, Month of Easter, June, July & August)
- Annual Holiday Bazaar
- Established a scholarship for graduating 8th grader continuing Catholic education ('05)
- Established supplemental scholarship ('05)
- Beautification of Mary's Garden (front of the Rectory) – ('06 [annually])
- Repaired, replaced and added new lighting to the exterior locations of the church, school and old rectory (2010)

Spiritual Life Acts

- Attend our monthly Mass (1st Sunday of each month) as a group and receive the Holy Eucharist
- Attend wakes and funerals of Sodalists and if at all possible the wake of a Sodalists' family member. We form an *Honor Guard* at the funeral of a Sodalists – it is appropriate at the beginning and end of the funeral
- Attend Annual Day of Recollection at the Washington Retreat House (located on Harewood Road, across from Catholic University of America)
- Attend First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
- Attend First Saturday Reparation
- Serve in liturgical works/parish ministries, such as: Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Religious Education Teacher, Bible Study, Matthew 25, Stewardship, Evangelization . . .
- Visit the sick and shut-in
- Aid our youth and young adults

Apostolic Life Acts

- Involvement with Birthright
- Involvement with the Elderly
- Involvement with the Homeless
- Involvement with Legislation
- Involvement with Education
- Involvement with other Social Concerns (i.e., drugs, AIDS, etc.)