



**The Serra Club of Arlington**  
*Minutes for Tuesday 01 June 2021 Luncheon Meeting*  
*The Portofino Restaurant | Arlington, Virginia*



**Reverend Father Michael D. Weston**

*Associate Rector and Director of Liturgy of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Washington, DC)*

**Guest Speaker**

Reverend Michael D. Weston – Ordained in 2002 and spoke to his responsibilities and experiences as Associate Rector and Director of Liturgy of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception since 2007. As follows (no order):

- Accompanied Pope Francis during his visit in New York and Washington DC
- Considers it a Blessing to meet many people that come through the Basilica representing all languages and skill sets
- There are 80 Chapels in the Basilica along with a crypt and relics of various Saints
- There are 300 volunteers as Lectors, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Guides, etc.
- The Shrine hears over 45,000 confessions per year, served as venue for multiple events including installation of Bishop Broglio, military, and pro-life march, etc.