ST. MICHAEL PARISH
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
In the tradition of St. Michael the Archangel, Guardian of all, we are a Roman Catholic community called to bear witness to Christ through sacrament, stewardship, worship and proclamation of the Gospel.

PARISH COUNCILS & COMMITTEES
Pastoral Council - Leslie Kosanovic, President
Stewardship Council - Louis Volpe, President
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JANUARY 8, 2017  THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of:

*David & Jimmy Lynskey*

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, January 7**
- 7:30am  Special Intention
- 4:30pm  ♠Lynskey & Merckle Families

**Sunday, January 8**
- 7:30am  ♠Dominick F. Gaudio
- 9am  People of the Parish
- 11:30am  ♠Eleanor & Carl Huss

**Monday, January 9**
- 7:30am  ♠Paul Otte
- 5:30pm  ♠George L. Zoeckler (A)

**Tuesday, January 10**
- 7:30am  Special Intention

**Wednesday, January 11**
- 8:30am  Christopher & Susanna Jamison
- 5:30pm  ♠Undo Sparachane

**Thursday, January 12**
- 7:30am  ♠Bruce Patalano

**Friday, January 13**
- 7:30am  ♠James “Randy” Donley

**Saturday, January 14**
- 7:30am  ♠Bill Freeman (A)
- 4:30pm  ♠Adam Durante Jr.

**Sunday, January 15**
- 7:30am  People of the Parish
- 9am  ♠Mary Pasquale
- 11:30am  ♠Madge Emmerth

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- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word** held every Sunday at 9am Mass.

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The **Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation** is held 3pm-4pm on Saturday, 8am on First Saturday, or by appointment.

Please contact Courtney at the Parish Office if you are interested in any of the following: **Baptism, Matrimony** (six months prior to the desired wedding date), **Anointing of the Sick, Christian Initiation of Adults, or joining the parish.**

To arrange a pastoral visit for **Homebound Parishioners** please contact Kathleen Dieffenbaugher at the Parish Office.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is held Monday 8am-5pm, 6pm-10pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am-5pm; Wednesday 10am-5pm; Saturday 8am-noon.

For information about **St. Michael Parish School** contact Diane at the school office.

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**2017 Mass Intention & Commemorative Mass Association**

Weekday Mass - $10 Suggested Stipend
Sunday Mass - $20 Suggested Stipend
C.M.A. - $50 Annual Enrollment Fee

*Name printed on insert the first Friday of every month, total of 18 masses dedicated in their memory - enrollment good for 1 year.*

Sanctuary Candle - $20 Donation
**WEEKLY READINGS**

**Monday:**
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17  

**Tuesday:**
Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28  
or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28  

**Wednesday:**
Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39  

**Thursday:**
Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45  

**Friday:**
Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12  

**Saturday:**
Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17  

**Sunday:**
Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:**
The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week  

**Monday:**
The Baptism of the Lord  

**Tuesday:**
First Week in Ordinary Time begins  

**Friday:**
St. Hilary  

**Saturday:**
Blessed Virgin Mary

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

The information is also available at [www.stmikesparish.org](http://www.stmikesparish.org). Please be sure to arrange your own substitute if you are unable to serve. Thanks for your dedication to this ministry.

**Saturday, January 14, 4:30pm**

Sacristan: Carole Kliner  
Lector: AJ Bucon  
Altar Servers: Joey and Alex Carter, Jimmy Brogan, Grant McCabe  
EMOHCS: Lucille Otte, Jen Carter, Marianne Blair, Bill Wilson, Galey Wilson, Sharon Bourgo, Tiffany Boury

**Sunday, January 15, 7:30am**

Sacristan: Mary Kay Wensyel  
Lector: Denny Wilson  
Altar Servers: David Gaudio, Ryan Linder  
EMOHCS: May Kay Wensyel, Jeep Naum, Gretchen Wilson, Kathy Ulevich, Rudy Conti

**Sunday, January 15, 9:00am**

Sacristan: Shirley McCloskey  
Lector: Maddie Tiu  
Altar Servers: Gage Michael, Fallon McNally, Noah and Ryan Blair  
EMOHCS: Shirley McCloskey, Becky Bower, Shelby Imer, Emily Emmerth, Daniel O’Leary

**Sunday, January 15, 11:30am**

Sacristan: Edie Fuller  
Lector: Margaret Erickson  
Altar Servers: Isaac and Mason Schmitt, Danielle Agcaoili, Max Schmidt  
EMOHCS: Edie Fuller, Tom Conti, Nancy Conti, Barb Varlas, Hannah Boord, Ted Erickson, Janet Roskovich

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**COLLECTION TOTALS**

**December 25th, 2016**

1st Collection (Weekly Church) - $8,155.00  
2nd Collection (Catholic Charities) - $5,354.74  
Christmas Offering - $9,053.48  
Misc. Collections - $2,832.66  
Total - $25,515.88  
Attendance- 1740 Total

**January 1st, 2017**

1st Collection (Weekly Church) - $9,177.00  
2nd Collection (Monthly Church) - $4,009.00  
Misc. Collections - $1,047.00  
Total - $14,233.00  
Attendance- 784 Total
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

**Question:** In which Gospel do we find the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt?

A. Matthew  
B. Mark  
C. Luke  
D. John  

**Last week's answer:** Regis is not one of the original members of the Magi

ANNULMENTS—Please contact Father Bill if you want information about acquiring an annulment. I will help you throughout the process. Even if a divorced Catholic was married in a non-Catholic ceremony (Protestant church or Justice of the Peace), he / she still needs an annulment if they plan to remarry.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL "TRIVIA NIGHT"

This is my final answer! SMPS will host another trivia night fundraiser on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Father Alex Trebek will serve as Master of Ceremonies and provide the Q/As. If you want to help, please contact Kathleen Dieffenbaugh, kathleen@stmikesparish.org The Password is..."trivia night."

REFLECTIONS ON 2016 / GOING FORWARD IN 2017

As we look back on 2016 we thank God for all the blessings showered upon us. If we fell short on our personal goals last year, use 2017 as a fresh start.

1. Did we return the love we received from our family members, co-workers, friends and neighbors? Did we practice the new commandment given by Jesus, "Love others as I have loved you?"

2. Was I a barren fig tree in the Lord’s orchard by not practicing any virtues, or a grapevine producing bitter fruits of pettiness, jealousy, prejudice, and intolerance?

3. Was I able to control my evil tendencies, sinful habits and dangerous addictions, relying on the power of the Holy Spirit living within me and invoking His assistance every day?

4. Did I try to see the presence of Jesus within me and within every one who came in contact with me? Did I try to honor and respect each of them?

5. Was I grateful to God who extended my life to see another year, who blessed me with bodily and mental health and who healed me from my illnesses?

6. Did I find time every day to listen to God by reading and meditating on a portion of the Bible? Did I talk to Him in personal and family prayers?

7. Did I realize the truth that the gift of time is God’s precious gift, and one hour wasted or misused a day is 15 days wasted or misused in the passing year for which I am accountable?

This is the opportunity to seek God’s pardon for our sins and a time to prepare working promises for the New Year, resolving not to fall into the same sinful habits.

Year end is a time to offer our life to God on the altar and pray for extra strength and divine assistance and daily fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit every day of the New Year, 2017.
**St. Michael Parish School** is seeking individuals to give of their time and talent to support our Hot Lunch Program. Volunteers are needed to assist with meal preparation, serving, and clean-up. Hot lunch workers arrive at 10:00am and work until about 1:00pm on school days. We welcome any parishioner that is interested in helping! It is not a requirement to be a parent of a current student! If you are interested in helping out 1 or 2 days per month (or more!), please contact Michelle in the school office (304-242-3966) OR Kathleen in the Parish Office (304-242-1560 Ext. 9).

The **Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center on 18th Street** is seeking volunteers. Volunteer opportunities include meal deliveries, on-site meal preparation, kitchen assistance, office assistance, pantry assistance and more. Please consider volunteering and helping change the lives of our neighbors. For more details, contact Grant Coleman at 304-232-7157 ext. 7 or gcoleman@ccwva.org. Also, volunteers are needed to work at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month during November thru March. Individuals can work one of two shifts (or both): 8:00am to 11:00am or 11:00am to 2:00pm. Please call Jacqueline Kaniecki at 304-242-9289 or 304-280-9673.

The **Wheeling Winter Freeze Shelter** opened on Dec. 15th and will be in operation until Mar. 15, 2017. The shelter provides a place for the homeless in our community to sleep at night during the coldest months of the year. The Freeze Shelter is in need of people to make dinner meals for the individuals who use the shelter. If you are able to help by donating a meal, or by volunteering your time to serve the meals, please contact Holly at 304.218.2847! Thank you for sharing your gifts!

**Youth Group Schedule**

- **Sunday, January 8th** - 5/6 Grade, 6-7:30pm
- **Sunday, January 15th** - 7/8 Grade, 6-7:30pm
- **Sunday, January 22nd** - High School, 6-7:30pm

All meetings will be from 6-7:30pm in the Chambers Youth Room. Stay tuned for more activities that are being planned!

**SAVE THE DATE:**
Youth Group will return to Camp Zion for an overnight on June 25, 2017!

**St. Michael Parish School** wants your First Start Easy Readers! If you have any beginning reading books for Kindergarten students please drop them off at the school. Thank you.

The **Connections Campaign** came to an end on December 31, 2016. St. Michael Parish would like to thank everyone who contributed to the campaign. An announcement and total are coming soon!

**Are you a Junior in high school?**
You are invited to attend a T.E.C. Retreat (Teens Encounter Christ) with Mrs. Imer and the junior Youth Group members! The retreat will take place the weekend of Jan. 13-16th. Cost for the 3 day event is $50. This is a wonderful experience that you don’t want to miss!

Please contact Mrs. Imer with questions or if you would like to sign up! jimer@stmikesparish.org OR 304.280.0853
ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL

Early Childhood Open House January 25, 2017
Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 6:00 p.m. for our Early Childhood Open House. Our Open House is designed for parents with children between the ages of 2 and 6 years old. During this informational session, parents will learn more about our Lil' Cherubs 2-year-old program, our 3 & 4 year old preschool programs, Transitional Kindergarten, and Kindergarten Programs. All Early Childhood Teachers will be on hand to highlight their programs, answer questions, and provide a tour of their classrooms. Light refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the evening, which is slated to last about 90 minutes.

Registration packets have been mailed out to parish and school families for children in the designated age ranges. If you did not receive one or would like a packet to be mailed to a friend, neighbor, or relative, please contact SMPS at school@smpswv.org.

-Jamie Kovalski, Principal

Attention All Lectors! The new lector workbooks for 2017 can be picked up in the Parish Office OR in the sacristy. Please sign your name on the accompanying list to indicate that you received one. Thank you!

PRO LIFE

“The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development.”
Pope Francis’ address to Congress on Sept. 24th 2015

Mark your calendars for the Pro-life candlelight prayer service on Thursday, January 26th at 7pm followed by a prayer vigil before the Blessed Sacrament until 5pm Friday, January 27th.

Spiritual Adoption Program Update:
Hi! I’m three months old now. I’m about 3 inches long and I weigh one ounce. That’s not much, but I’m fully formed and can even suck my thumb! Keep praying for me!

Our Lady of Peace currently has 25 seats available on the bus to attend the January 27, 2017 March for Life in Washington, D.C. Call the Our Lady of Peace Parish Office 304-242-6579 to reserve your seat!

Please pray for these men and women serving our country in the military, and for their families:
- Petty Officer Second Class Eric J Auber, US Navy
- Staff Sergeant Robert Michael Baker, US Marine Corps
- Sergeant Anthony DiBias, US Army
- Chief Warrant Officer 4 John DiBias, US Army
- Lieutenant Andrew Klug, US Navy
- Captain Zach Lehman, US Marine Corps
- Capt. Michael Neuman, US Army
- Major Christopher Nodur, US Marine Corps
- Seaman Cody Patterson, US Navy
- Specialist Seth Sleime, US Army
- Sgt. Christopher Snyder, US Army
- First Sergeant Stephen Spohn, US Army
- Sergeant First Class Wendy Spohn, US Army
- Major Aaron P Tillman, US Air Force
- Chief Master Sergeant Patrick Van Vranken, US Air Force
- Airman First Class Taylor Wilkinson, US Air Force

Please contact the Parish Office with changes in rank or to add someone to the list. Thanks to ALL who have served or are currently serving!

The community of St. Michael Parish offers our sympathy and prayer for the repose of the souls of...

† Robert Mueller
† Mary Margaret Stein
† James Randall Donley

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, continue their journey to new life in the presence of God in the heavenly kingdom.
**Bulletin Announcements**

All bulletin announcements should be emailed to the parish secretary, Courtney at: secretary@stmikesparish.org. **The weekly deadline is 9am Monday morning.** We will do everything we can to share your announcement.

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**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 2017 Celebration**

Organized by the Wheeling MLK Celebration Committee

You are invited to attend the MLK March on Sunday, January 15th at 1:15pm starting at the top of MLK Way and windmill. At 2pm there will be reflections on King’s legacy at 4th Street Methodist Church on Chapline Street followed by a community meal at 3pm with a suggested donation of $3. To conclude, there will be a community worship service at Macedonia Baptist Church on 12th street with sermon remarks by Rev. Kenneth Hardway and recognition of 2017 MLK award winners. For more event details please visit: Facebook.com/MLKjrWheeling

Please note that the **Adoration Chapel** is closed when Ohio County Schools are closed due to inclement weather. When Ohio County Schools are on a two hour delay the Adoration Chapel schedule operates on a regular schedule. If you cannot travel due to road conditions don’t hesitate to call Gretchen or Shaney for a substitute. Stay safe!

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**St. Michael Parish would like to welcome the following NEW PARISHONERS:**

- Craig Campbell and Lisa Butler
- Ronald, Kevin, and Ava Peterson and Eileen Davis

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**Office of Safe Environment**

**Keeping you informed …**

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ **Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People** by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incident of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop’s designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, 270. For more information on the Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment, please go to [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), then click the “Diocese” tab, then click “Office of Safe Environment” under the “Offices” menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church’s efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit [http://www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) under “Issues and Action,” click “Child and Youth Protection” from the drop down menu.

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**Wheeling Jesuit would like to invite you to the Winter Space Camp at the Challenger Learning Center at WJU for grades K-3rd on January 16th, 2017 from 9:30 - 12:00. Space is limited. Call today 304-243-8740.**

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**Have an upcoming WEDDING?**

Join us for a “Married Couples” Retreat @ Priestfield Retreat Center in Kearneysville, WV on March 3,4,5 or April 7,8,9. For more information call Elaine Galeone at 410.252.5355. Retreat Master is Father Rick Kramer from the Office of Family Life in Washington, DC.