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
Buildings & Grounds - Denny Wilson, Chairperson
Finance Council - Brann Altmeyer, Interim President

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ST. MICHAEL PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION
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Website: www.stmikesparish.org
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The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of:

Angela Phillips

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.

**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.*

Sanctuary Candle - $20 Donation

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

Monday, January 16
7:30am  ✠ Bob Mueller
5:30pm  ✠ James Schlick (A)

Tuesday, January 17
7:30am  Sevcik Family

Wednesday, January 18
8:30am  ✠ Theresa McCartney
5:30pm  Deacon Paul Smith

Thursday, January 19
7:30am  Special Intention

Friday, January 20
7:30am  ✠ Leonor Lauron

Saturday, January 21
7:30am  ✠ Edward Wilhelm (A)
4:30pm  People of the Parish

Sunday, January 22
7:30am  ✠ Richard Fitzsimmons
9am    ✠ Leah Reisinger (A)
11:30am ✠ Jess Ciripompa

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

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: St. Anthony
Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
Saturday: St. Agnes

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The information is also available at 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 21, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Joe Bourgo
Lector: Brann Altmeyer
Altar Servers: Andrew & Thomas Komorowski, Benjamin Halicki, Ryan Linder
EMOHCS: Joe Bourgo, Donna Clark, John Clark, Paul Litvak, Charlene Kirkpatrick, Tiffany Bourny, Vincent Murphy

Sunday, January 22, 7:30am
Sacristan: Mike Rempe
Lector: Amy Miesel
Altar Servers: David Benson, Grant McCabe
EMOHCS: Kathy Galinski, Peek Gutman, Joe Roxby, Bob Fanning, Jeep Naum

Sunday, January 22, 9:00am
Sacristan: PSR 8th Grade
Lector: PSR 8th Grade
Altar Servers: PSR 8th Grade
EMOHCS: PSR 8th Grade

Sunday, January 22, 11:30am
Sacristan: Mike Hughes
Lector: Lynne Petcher
Altar Servers: Emma Nodurft, Andrew and Kate Tiu, Fallon McNally
EMOHCS: Chris Tiu, Shandi Nodurft, Jay McLaughlin, Rebecca Petrosino, Claire Dieffenbaugher, Adrienne Michaud, Barb Varlas

COLLECTION TOTALS

January 8th, 2017
1st Collection (Weekly Church) - $9,673.42
Misc. Collections - $875.87
Total - $10,549.29 Attendance- 839 Total

* The Second Collection total was not available at the time the bulletin was sent off to print. Please check next week's bulletin for the collection total.
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

Question: Which American saint, whose feast day is March 3, gave away a $20 million inheritance to build Catholic schools for African-American and Native-American children throughout the south and southwest? 
A. Elizabeth Ann Seton
B. Frances Xavier Cabrini
C. John Neumann
D. Katherine Drexel

Last week’s answer: Matthew’s gospel contains the story of the Holy Family’s flight to Egypt

HOW JESUS BEGAN WOMEN’S LIBERATION
Ralph Peters, Fox News strategic analyst (New York Post, 12/22/2016)

We can pinpoint the dawn of our civilization. It didn’t come in ancient Egypt or Babylon. It didn’t even occur in classical Greece, although Athens gave us an edge. We became civilized on the day, 2000 years ago, when an itinerant rabbi named Jesus stopped a mob from stoning a woman to death.

When Jesus said, “Let he who is without sin cast the first stone,” we began to acknowledge the moral equality of girls and women to men. And so began the greatest revolution in human history: the long transition of females from male property to achieving legal and social equality.

The problem is that it hasn’t yet happened elsewhere. For all of the left’s mendacity about the moral equivalence of cultures, our civilization remains by far the most humane and decent—and the only one where women enjoy fully equal rights under the law.

Elsewhere the situation remains grim, particularly in the Muslim world, where barbarism reigns. Last week, The Washington Post reported a case in which five Pakistani schoolgirls had been tortured and killed for the crime of dancing (fully clothed) in a video clip. Pakistani authorities hushed up the crime, but the facts ultimately emerged. Village elders had ordered the girls’ families to kill them to preserve the honor of the tribe. The local authorities also ordered the extermination of the entire family of a boy who may have been in the room with the girls for a few minutes.

How can we pretend—how can the left insist—that a “civilization” that condones such brutality has the same moral authority as our own?

The truest test of a civilization, the basic qualification, is how women are treated. On that day 2000 years ago, when Jesus stopped a village honor killing, our Judeo-Christian world changed profoundly.

No, women didn’t attain fully equal rights until the latter half of the 20th Century. Yet, there was always a difference. In the West, queens could rule, but there never was a female caliph or sultan. In northern Europe in the Middle Ages, women enjoyed greater legal and property rights than they do in much of the Muslim world today. And rare was the daughter tortured to death for flirting with a boy.

How can the left and its academic commissars regard female genital mutilation as merely “a part of their culture?” How can campus do-gooders overlook the Islam-wide tradition of honor killings? Or just of refusing to let girls learn to read? (Given their often-colorful personal lives, one suspects that few of our “down with the West” activists would long survive in traditional Muslim cultures.)

Even those parts of the West where an obsessive conflation of female virginity and family honor prevailed—Greece, southern Italy and Sicily, southern Spain—were territories long occupied by Arabs, Turks, or Berbers, whose subjugation and sequestration of women infected local folkways over the centuries.

Certainly, not all Muslims treat women barbarously. But we must be willing to call out states, justice systems, religious authorities and the girl-slayers’ apologists who perpetuate the savage oppression of women.

Civilization began with the recognition of female humanity and the revolutionary concept that men were as much to blame for sin as women. When Jesus shamed Eve wasn’t always the guilty party.

Jesus “got it.” (In the Gospels, he’s most relaxed around female followers). One wishes, that, as the Christians among us celebrate His birth, the rest of the world would get it too. Then we wouldn’t have to read about the ritual slaughter of teenage girls--for the crime of laughing and dancing.
STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

...from the Stewardship Council
St. Michael’s parishioners have been very generous with their time, talent, and treasure in sustaining the House of Hagar on 14th Street in Wheeling. Many of the poor, the lonely, the homeless, and the depressed have been helped by our financial contributions, our giving of clothes and food, and by our many talents. This past October, for example, fifteen students from Central Catholic High School (a number of them from St. Mike’s Parish)—along with three “adult” parishioners—scraped, sanded and painted the Neo-colonial front of the House of Hagar. They will finish the upper story of the home in April.

Kate Marshall and her family at the House of Hagar are extremely grateful for St. Michael’s collaboration with them in creating a neighborhood resting place—a place of welcome and security—right in the center of Wheeling.

Now, through the Stewardship Council at St. Michael’s, they are seeking a carpenter (or two) to repair the porch floor at the front of the house. If anyone has the time and the skill, please call the Parish Office. This will be a job for the spring when the weather warms, but we would like to plan in advance. All materials will be provided.

Recently, the Stewardship Council pulled their personal resources to provide a meal for the Winter Freeze Shelter. The council delivered chicken sandwiches with salad, side dishes and drinks. The shelter was so grateful for the well-balanced meal and even had enough for leftovers! As a result of the Stewardship Council filling this need, the SMPS staff will also be providing a meal for this outreach later in January. What a great way to pull together to show stewardship to the community around us! Go Team St. Mike’s!

Stewardship Council is planning a “Winter Picnic” to welcome all of our new families and parishioners that have joined us in the last year. Our picnic will take place on Sat. Feb. 11th to follow the 4:30 mass. It will be held in the Angelus Center. We invite everyone to bring a covered dish, dessert or appetizer to share with the crowd. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our new St. Michael family members!

Stewardship Council will be organizing the distribution of (50) bagged lunches for the homeless. We are looking for donations of items that can be included in the bagged lunches. Following is a list of items needed: granola bars, protein bars, peanut butter crackers, fruit cup, beef jerky/slim jims, bottled water, and dried fruit. Once we receive enough donations, we will assemble the lunches and deliver them to Wheeling Health Right. WHR then distributes them to those in need. A collection bin will be in the back of church, OR your items can be dropped off to the Parish Office. Thank you for any donation that you can give!

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

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.

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).
Enjoy Book Fundraiser Wrap-up
A BIG THANK YOU goes to all school and parish families who purchased the 2017 Enjoy Coupon books over the past few months! SMPS sold 113 books which totaled $1,130 in profit for our school and families. The hot lunch credit for any family who earned it through this fundraiser has been added to your account. If you have any questions about this, please contact Mrs. Patterson in the Parish Office. Now “go in peace and enjoy” your Enjoy Book coupons. The 2018 book will be available in October. If you missed out this year, be sure to pick one up next year. You’ll be glad you did.

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 would like to be on the planning committee, please contact Kathleen at 304.242.1560 extension 9.

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!

Youth Group Schedule
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!

The parish Youth Group will be sponsoring a Kids’ Night Out on Saturday, Jan. 21st to raise money for their programming. Youth group students are needed to assist as volunteers from 5:00-8:30pm that evening. Please contact Mrs. Imer if you can help out!

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

The Knights of Columbus will hold their 5th Sunday Rosary Devotion at their home on Edgington Lane on Sunday, January 29th at 7:00pm. Please plan to join us for this devotion to our Blessed Mother.

The community of St. Michael Parish offers our sympathy and prayers for the repose of the soul of...

† Herbert Charles Breiding
May his soul 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.

“... We are called to show mercy because mercy has been shown to us.”

- Pope Francis

St. Michael Parish

4th Annual Respect for Life Prayer Vigil

Thursday and Friday, January 26th and 27th

Schedule of events is as follows:

**Thursday, January 26th**
7:00pm - Candlelight Prayer Service followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all night Thursday until 7:00am on Friday, January 27.

**Friday, January 27th**
7:30am - Celebration of the Mass
8:00am - 5:00pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Recitation of the Pro Life Rosary every hour on the hour.
3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by the recitation of the Rosary.

(All events take place in main church)

Please consider participating in these events to pray for the renewal of the respect for life from conception to natural death and to be in solidarity with the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

St. Michael Parish School would like to thank Gerald and Sylvia Rutledge for their generous donation in memory of Jacklyn Sebulsky.

Hot Chocolate for a Pig!
The students in the Youth RCIA extend their gratitude to all who supported their efforts to provide farm animals to a needy family. Through your generosity, we raised $106, enough to buy not one, but two pigs and a flock of chickens! Thank you all!

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, 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.

St. Michael Parish School and St. Michael Parish would like to thank Harry Smith for his generous donation.