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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Danielle Doerr - President

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JANUARY 22, 2017         THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of:

**Roger High**

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

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

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

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales
Wednesday: The Conversion of St. Paul; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
Thursday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
Friday: St. Angela Merici
Saturday: St. Thomas Aquinas; Chinese New Year 4715

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 28, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Carole Kliner
Lector: Sharon Bourgo
Altar Servers: Faith Zende, S. Dieffenbauger, Joey and Alex Carter
EMOHCS: Ava Zende, Rose Zende, A. Dieffenbaugh-er, Karen Kelly, Jim Kelly, Lucille Otte, Jen Carter

Sunday, January 29, 7:30am
Sacristan: Mary Kay Wensyel
Lector: Amanda Castle
Altar Servers: Nathan Stryker, Alex Tarr
EMOHCS: Mary Kay Wensyel, Ed Bowie, Sally Bowie, Mark Sengewalt, Pat Plunkett

Sunday, January 29, 9:00am
Sacristan: Saint Michael Parish School
Lector: Saint Michael Parish School
Altar Servers: Saint Michael Parish School
EMOHCS: Saint Michael Parish School

Sunday, January 29, 11:30am
Sacristan: Saint Michael Parish School
Lector: Saint Michael Parish School
Altar Servers: Saint Michael Parish School
EMOHCS: Saint Michael Parish School

COLLECTION TOTALS

January 8th Second Collection Total
School Support - $ 2,793

January 15th, 2017
1st Collection (Weekly Church) - $ 10,809.75
2nd Collection (Utility Fund) - $ 2,338.92
Misc. Collections - $ 1,309.24
Total - $14,457.91 Attendance - 843 Total
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

In what year did the U.S. Supreme Court, by a vote of 7 to 2, decide to legalize the murder of unborn babies?
A. 1971  
B. 1973  
C. 1975  
D. 1977  

Last week’s answer: Saint Katherine Drexel used her inheritance to build Catholic schools for minority children.

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.

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).

St. Michael Parish will be sending out End of Year Contribution Tax Statements to anyone who donated more than $250 in 2016. If you do not fall under this category but would like to receive an End of Year Contribution Tax Statement please contact finance@stmikesparish.org or 304.242.1560 ext. 8.

St. Michael Parish School will hold their Membership Drive on Sunday, February 5th. Envelopes will be placed in the pews. Please consider joining and help our parish continue to move forward.

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!

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!

St. Michael Parish would like to thank Joan and Frank Joanou for their generous contribution to the church.

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!

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 Boy Scouts are having their annual pancake breakfast from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Sunday, February 5th in the SMPS cafeteria. Breakfast includes pancakes and sausage. Donations accepted. Thank you for your support of the Boy Scouts.
THANK YOU to all of you!
Thank you for answering our call to help with the Connections Campaign.

In March of last year, Father McSweeney announced the Connections campaign with a $200,000 challenge from a generous friend. In late summer, our friend increased the challenge to $250,000.

It is my privilege to announce that we were able to meet the $250,000 challenge! Not only did we meet the goal - we exceeded it! When the Connections campaign closed on December 31, 2016 - we had raised $272,146.57!

Combined with the match, we will have over half a million dollars in our Connections fund. All money is restricted for our Buildings and Grounds. With your generosity, we will continue to provide an environment which is safe, accessible, and welcoming to all.

How wonderful it is to start the New Year knowing that we have a vibrant, loving and generous parish - fully committed to our future. Thank you!

Monsignor Joseph L. Peterson
Father William K. Matheny
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 Nodurft, 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!

St. Michael was well represented at the MLK Walk this year. This event was organized by the Wheeling MLK Celebration Committee, and Fr. Bill was one of the featured speakers at the program that followed the walk. His reflection was very well received. In addition, St. Michael School third grader Liam Shinn was one of the MLK Essay Contest winners and was interviewed by News Channel 7.

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@mpswv.org.

St. Michael Parish School would like to thank Brian and Mary Keane, Thomas and Pamela Hennen, and the Sherrard High School Class of 1965 for their generous donation.

Wheeling Central Catholic High School will be holding their Open House on January 29th, 2017 from 1pm-3pm. Contact Jennifer Taylor, at 304 233-1660 x 6226.
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.

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.

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, 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 under “Issues and Action,” click “Child and Youth Protection” from the drop down menu.

World Marriage Day: join us Saturday, February 11, 2017, for an evening of celebrating your love and the blessing of your marriage together at St. Vincent de Paul Marist Center. We begin by celebrating Mass together at 5:00 PM, followed by a wine and cheese social in the parish center. A candlelit dinner will follow, and one couple (pre-committed) will give a brief witness to their experience in the Sacrament of Marriage. The evening ends with coffee and wedding cake served to the group. Cost of the evening is $ 45 per couple. Reservations are required and must be made no later than February 8. For more information, contact the Beiter’s at 304-238-4904 or the Reed’s at 304-242-8156.