

# ST. MICHAEL PARISH

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**Website:** [www.stmikesparish.org](http://www.stmikesparish.org)  
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## St. Michael Parish Councils & Committees

Pastoral Council	Marty Medovic, President
Finance Council	John Hannig, President
Stewardship Council	Louis Volpe, President
Buildings & Grounds	Denny Wilson, Chairperson

## St. Michael 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.

January 24, 2016

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of **JOHN TARR**



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

**Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated on the first weekend of the month during or after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, or during or after the 11:30am Mass on Sunday. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Parent preparation is required.

**Matrimony:** Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact one of the priests at their residence. Anyone anticipating surgery is encouraged to request this sacrament prior to entering the hospital.

**Homebound Parishioners:** Contact Kathleen Dieffenbaugher at the Parish Office to arrange a pastoral visit.

**Christian Initiation of Adults:** Please contact the Parish Office for information regarding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

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

**Joining the Parish:** Contact the Parish Office to obtain a registration form. Be sure to introduce yourself to one of the priests after Mass.

**Parish School:** Contact the school office for registration information.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, January 23

7:30am Christian Mothers/ Women  
4:30pm (Vigil) People of the Parish

### Sunday, January 24

7:30am Special Intentions  
9am † Recently Deceased  
11:30am † Leah Reisinger (A)

### Monday, January 25

7:30am † Bruce W. Patalano  
5:30pm † Connie and Ray Johnson

### Tuesday, January 26

7:30am † Joe Palmer

### Wednesday, January 27

8:30am † Kerry Gilligan  
5:30pm † Irene Heffner (A)

### Thursday, January 28

7:30am † Betty Gordon

### Friday, January 29

7:30am † Dr. & Mrs. Garrett Craft

### Saturday, January 30

7:30am † Sydney Payne (A)  
4:30pm (Vigil) † Paul T. Schubert

### Sunday, January 31

7:30am People of the Parish  
9am † Luke Zien  
11:30am † Alfonso M. Zambito



**Amanda Rockwell & Jeff Kelly**

To be married January 30, 2016

May the God of love and peace abide in you, guide your steps, and confirm your hearts in love, now and forever. Amen.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22;

Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or 9:1-22;

Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;

Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11;

Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;

1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30



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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catholic Schools Week

Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle;  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

Tuesday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Wednesday: St. Angela Merici

Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

**Holy Name Society Membership Sunday** is on February 7th, envelopes will be placed in the pews. There will be a meeting Sunday **February 14th after the 7:30 mass.**

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

**JOHN TARR**

**DOROTHY SCHELLHASE**

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.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

*This schedule has been emailed/mailed to all ministers. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the Parish Office. 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 participation and cooperation!*

### January 30TH 4:30pm

**Sacristan:** Carole Kliner

**Lector:** David Post

**Altar Servers:** David Benson, Timmy McCabe, Grant McCabe

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Charlene Kirkpatrick, Lucille Otte, John Clark, Marianne Blair, Bill Wilson, Galey Wilson, Donna Clark

### January 31ST 7:30am

**Sacristan:** Mary Kay Wensyel

**Lector:** Jeep Naum

**Altar Servers:** David Gaudio, Nathan Stryker, Alex Tarr

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Gretchen Wilson, Mary Kay Wensyel, Kathy Ulevich

### January 31ST 9:00am

**Sacristan:** Madge Emmerth

**Lector:** SMPS Students

**Altar Servers:** SMPS Students

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** SMPS Faculty and Staff

### January 31ST 11:30am

**Sacristan:** Margaret Erickson

**Lector:** SMPS Students

**Altar Servers:** SMPS Students

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** SMPS Faculty and Staff

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

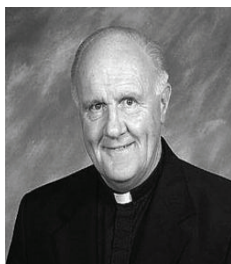
1st collection: \$8458

2nd collection: \$1678.25

Mass attendance total: 794 Total

For 2015 donation summaries to the parish, please call the Parish Office at 304-242-1560 ext. 8 or email Stephanie Hockenberry at: [shockenberry@stmikesparish.org](mailto:shockenberry@stmikesparish.org) with your request.

## PASTOR'S PEN



I went to a seminary at St. Peters in Wexford, Erie with a priest friend of mine named Rev. Monsignor Morgan Rowsome, who ministered in the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas. Last year I met him at a seminary reunion in New Orleans and he gave me a copy of his book *Stories & Jokes for Laughing Louder and Living Longer*. The following are some excerpts from his book to raise the cockles of your hearts.

### The Irish Taxi Driver

A man gets off a plane in New York and gets on a taxi, whose driver was an Irishman. The man says, "take me to Christ Church." The Irish taxi driver takes him to the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral and the man says, "this is not Christ Church!" The Irish taxi driver says, "If He is not in there, sir, then He is not in town."

### The Priest Substitute

A priest came to a parish while the pastor was sick. He explained very carefully that he was not the pastor, that he would not be staying and that he was just a substitute. He went on to explain further, that it was like when a pane of glass is broken in the window, you might not have another pane to go in the window, so you would put a substitute, a piece of cardboard or a hard board as a substitute until you get the real pane of glass to put in the window. After the mass, the people were going out and one gentleman came over to the priest and said: "Father, you are no substitute, you are a real pane!"

### Quotes from St. Teresa of Avila:

"Lord deliver me from sad-faced saints."

### When she was thrown out of a cart into the mud she said:

"If this is how You treat your friends, Lord, it's no wonder you have so few of them!"

### And lastly she gave this advice:

"Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing affright you. All things are passing."  
 "God alone is changeless. He who has patience wants for nothing"  
 "He who has God has all things. God alone suffices."

## "Take Courage! It is I. Don't Be Afraid!"



What are you afraid of? We have all been afraid at some time or another. We are all afraid of one thing or another. And that was as true two thousand years ago as it is today.

One day disciples of Jesus got into a boat and started to the other side of the lake. Before they got to the other side, it became dark. The wind started to blow and the water became very rough. The disciples were already beginning to be a bit afraid when they looked and saw someone coming toward them walking on the water. The Bible says that the disciples were terrified! Then, they heard the sweet voice of Jesus. He said, "It is I, don't be afraid." The Bible tells us that when they realized that it was Jesus, they were willing to invite him into the boat with them and they were no longer afraid.

When we invite Jesus into our boat, we have nothing to fear, because we are not alone. Whatever frightens us in life, often the fear of the unknown, we are not facing it alone. Jesus looks to you and me and reminds us both, "Take courage, it is I, Don't be afraid". And there is no reason for us to fear. Above the wind we hear a sweet voice: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid!' it's Jesus.

In the middle of a storm, when even our faith is failing, let's listen for the sweet voice of Jesus who says to us, 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid!'. Are you ever afraid? Then God has something to say to you today. "Don't be afraid. It's Jesus. Don't be afraid. God is near. Don't be afraid. Jesus is holding you."

## The Adoration Chapel

is open

Mon. - 8am-5pm, 6pm-10pm;

Tues., Thurs., Fri. - 8am-5pm.

Wed. - 10am-5pm; Sat. - 8am-noon

All are welcome to come in and pray during these hours.

Gretchen Wilson (304-280-1451) or Shaney Faini (304-639-4523).

**\*Follows Ohio County winter school closing schedule**

### Returning and inactive Catholics...WELCOME!!!!

If you are a Catholic who has been away, we invite you to be an active part of us again. **LANDINGS** is an eight-week program that offers "a safe place to land," a place for listening and for being heard, a place for reconnecting with the faith as an adult. We begin our first session on Feb. 15th. If you are interested, please contact Mary T. Niggemyer at 304-242-5929.

The final event of the **Events of Advent** is a thank you to our parishioners. On behalf of Father McSweeney, Father Sebastian and the parish staff, please accept our sincere appreciation to everyone who helped out in any way! You all helped to create a joy-filled Advent and Christmas season for our parish community!

We'd like to send a special shout-out to Janet Boyle, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, John & Christine Hannig, Paula Foster, Katrina Mosman, Jen Imer & our Youth Groups, Pastoral Council, Tammy Miller, Deacon Cody Ford, Heather Ziegler and David & Launa Post. Each of you went the extra mile to support our many initiatives! Over fifty people combined forces to present the Outdoor Living Nativity. Special thanks go to the set-up and tear down crew, stage crew and our outstanding cast. We are also grateful to Wayne Kirk (Kirkland Farms) for bringing our four-legged friends.

Finally, we thank our generous sponsors of the Events of Advent. In addition to a few silent angels, we thank Jim & Ester Anderson, Rosie Kluth, Jeep & Vanessa Naum, Scott & Laura Reed, Robert Pack and Andy Cooney of Tim Hortons for your financial support. Your stewardship of treasure helped to make it all happen!

We can't wait until next year!

**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
- ◆ Technical Sergeant Andrew G Futey, US Air Force
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Sergeant Anthony W. Widmer, US Marine Corps
- ◆ 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.



**Keeping YOU Informed about  
St. Michael Parish School**

By Mary Beth Criniti  
Advancement Director

**CSW Project to Benefit Children's Home**

As part of the 2016 Catholic Schools Week events, SMPS will be collecting Axe brand body wash and deodorant (no spray, please) and boys socks for the Children's Home of Wheeling. If any parishioners would like to help with this service project, you may drop off your donations in the school office between now and Feb. 1. Thank you for your generosity.

**Donation Acknowledgement**

We gratefully acknowledge Mooney's Frozen Yogurt Shop who donated promotional gift cards to St. Michael Parish School for our Star Awards Program. The students will undoubtedly enjoy some delicious treats compliments of this great establishment. Thank you, Mooney's!

**Career Fair Presenters Needed**

Plans for the 10th annual St. Michael Parish School Career Education Week (April 25-29) are underway and we are currently looking for individuals interested in being part of this great event. Presenters are needed for the Career Fair on Tuesday, April 26, as well as for in-class presentations conducted throughout the week in Grades TK-3. If you are interested in sharing your career with students as part of Career Education Week, please contact Advancement Director Mary Beth Criniti at 304.242.3966 ext. 7.



**Holy  
Baptism**

St. Michael Parish would like to welcome:

**CARMEN ELIZABETH HALICKI**

to our Christian community through the waters of Baptism. You have put on Christ – In Him you have been baptized. Alleluia! Alleluia!



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The **House of Hagar**, a Catholic Worker home in East Wheeling, is doing God’s work in caring for homeless people in our community. The people who gather at House of Hagar are in desperate need of some of life’s basic necessities. If you can help, please place any of the following items in one of the blue bins at the back of the church and we’ll get them to the people in need. Our Stewardship Council will collect these items throughout January. *If you’d like to learn more about the House of Hagar and how to get involved, visit their website: <http://www.houseofhagarcw.com/about> or email [houseofhagarcatholicworker@gmail.com](mailto:houseofhagarcatholicworker@gmail.com).*

- Women’s bras and underpants – stretchy sports-type bras are great because they are easy to fit.
- Men’s underpants
- Toilet paper/ Feminine hygiene products
- Chap stick or other lip balm
- Cough drops
- Liquid body wash
- Art supplies/ Playing cards
- Hand warmers
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Laundry soap

**Saint Michael Parish has received the following Angel Tree Project thank you letter**

On behalf of our patients, staff, and volunteers please accept our heartfelt thanks in helping to provide hundreds of dollars in gift cards for the children of area patients.

You have opened your hearts to making a special Christmas for many families. We appreciate your thoughtfulness to help these children have a wonderful Christmas that they would not have had.

It’s because of people like you in the community that we are able to offer the opportunity of quality free health care and prescriptions to those who are less fortunate. Wheeling Health Right currently serves over 18,000 underinsured in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia and Belmont County, Ohio; giving those in need a “hand up, not a hand out.”

In this Christmas season, please know that you have made a difference for these families in the community. Thank you again!

Kathie H. Brown & Dee Phillips  
Executive Director/Executive Secretary  
Wheeling Health Right

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## **Bulletin Announcements**

All bulletin announcements should be emailed to the parish secretary: [secretary@stmikesparish.org](mailto:secretary@stmikesparish.org).

**The weekly deadline is 9am Monday morning.**

We will do everything we can to share your announcement.

## **A Night To Remember the Challenger 51-L**

### **Crew**

Community Event January 28th 6-9 pm at the Challenger Learning Center at WJU

Free family night with hands-on activities, Skype with an astronaut!

RSVP [clc@cet.edu](mailto:clc@cet.edu)

## **St. Joseph Retreat Center ~ January 30, 2016**

### **All are Called: Following Christ in the World**

This day of input and sharing will focus on the call to all baptized persons to give oneself to the following of Christ in the world. We will reflect on the gift and interplay of various calls within the Church with emphasis on consecrated life. Facilitator: Sr. Janet Mock, CSJ  
Fee \$25 (includes lunch) 9:30am - 4:30pm  
304-232-8160 ext. 112  
[saintjosephretreatcenter137@gmail.com](mailto:saintjosephretreatcenter137@gmail.com)

## **Valentine Dinner Dance, Feb.12th**

Reservations are now being taken for the 2016 Valentine Dinner Dance - Love is Sweet, hosted by Our Lady of Peace School. The event will be held on Friday, February 12th at Wheeling Park White Palace. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Dancing will be held from 8-11 p.m. with music by NiteLife. Cost is \$100 per couple or \$50 single. Cost includes social, dinner, dessert, beer, wine, and set ups for the entire evening. Complimentary pictures will be taken during the social hour. To make your reservation call the school at 304-242-1383 or email Joyce Bibey at [jbibey@olpschool.org](mailto:jbibey@olpschool.org). Previous years have sold out, so get your reservation in as soon as possible. Thank you.

The Catholic Charities West Virginia

## **'Impressions of Hope' Gala**

will be Saturday, February 27, 2016, at the White Palace Ballroom in Wheeling. Proceeds will provide vital support for agency programs that alleviate, prevent and reduce poverty in West Virginia. Attire is elegant cocktail. Tickets are \$75 per person and include reception, open bar, dinner, and dancing with live music.

For more information call 304-905-9860, visit [CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://CatholicCharitiesWV.org), or email [cpyle@ccwva.org](mailto:cpyle@ccwva.org).

## **The Holy Name Society of Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Catholic Church**

4136 Jacob Street, Wheeling, West Virginia, will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016. The time will be from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Menu will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread & butter, dessert, and coffee or tea. The cost will be \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.50 for children. It will be held in the Church Hall which is handicapped accessible. Carry out available. Telephone 304-232-1777.

Everyone is welcome!

## **Join us in a "Married Couples" Retreat**

@Priestfield, WV on the weekends of :

March 18,19,20th—Fr. Charles Canterna

April 1,2,3rd—Fr. Jim Van Dorn

May 13,14,15th—Fr. Paul Schenck

For more information call Elaine Galeone at

(410)252-5355

## **Ignite the Flame!**

Confirmation Retreat and Middle School Youth Rally

Special guest: Paul J. Kim and Mark Guiney

February 21, 2016

9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling

*(Please RSVP at [hbise@dwc.org](mailto:hbise@dwc.org) by February 15<sup>th</sup>)*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** The Knights of Columbus Carroll Council of Wheeling is seeking new members to carry on the good works of the Knights. We support our parishes and local charities through a variety of activities. We will be holding a membership drive at St. Michael Parish the weekend of January 23-24. We will provide information and answer any questions you have. Please call Brian Gordon at (304) 243-5677 to obtain more information or to join. Thank you.

