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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February 5, 2017 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of:

**Jamie Hannig**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, February 4**
7:30am  †Bruce Patalano
4:30pm  †Alberta Edwards

**Sunday, February 5**
7:30am  Special Intention
9am  People of the Parish
11:30am  †Wayne Robbins

**Monday, February 6**
7:30am  †Ebony Green
5:30pm  †Margaret Ann Lane Snider (A)

**Tuesday, February 7**
7:30am  †John Kovalchie Jr.

**Wednesday, February 8**
8:30am  †Fred Kirchner (A)
5:30pm  †Adam Durante & Sylvia Santavicca Durante

**Thursday, February 9**
7:30am  †Dwayne Coleman

**Friday, February 10**
7:30am  †Mary Lou Stein

**Saturday, February 11**
7:30am  †Margaret Ann Korsnick
4:30pm  †Jamey Conlin

**Sunday, February 12**
7:30am  †James Reisinger (A)
9am  Recently Deceased
11:30am  People of the Parish

- **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
**WEEKLY READINGS**

**Monday:** Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday

**Monday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions

**Wednesday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

**Friday:** St. Scholastica; 
*Tu B’Shvat* (the Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset

**Saturday:** Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary; World Day of the Sick

**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, February 11, 4:30pm**

Sacristan: Joe Bourgo

Lector: David Post

Altar Servers: Andrew and Thomas Komorowski, Noah and Ryan Blair

EMOHCS: Joe Bourgo, Tiffany Boury, Vincent Murphy, Ava Zende, Rose Zende, A. Dieffenbaugher, Paul Litvak

**Sunday, February 12, 7:30am**

Sacristan: Mary Kay Wensyel

Lector: Lillian Bischof

Altar Servers: John Emmerth, David Benson

EMOHCS: Mary Kay Wensyel, Joe Roxby, Bob Fanning, Jeep Naum, Mark Sengewalt

**Sunday, February 12, 9:00am**

Sacristan: SMPS

Lector: SMPS

Altar Servers: SMPS

EMOHCS: SMPS

**Sunday, February 12, 11:30am**

Sacristan: Edie Fuller

Lector: Bob Miller

Altar Servers: Emma Nodurft, Andrew and Kate Tiu, Jimmy Brogan

EMOHCS: Edie Fuller, Ted Erickson, Margaret Erickson, Chris Tiu, Shandi Nodurft, Lynne Petchar, Jay McLaughlin

**COLLECTION TOTALS**

**January 29, 2017**

1st Collection (Weekly Church) - $9,935.25

2nd Collection (Youth of Parish) - $1,880.91

3rd Collection (Home/Latin Mission) - $958.00

Misc. Collections - $212.00

Total - $12,986.16  Attendance - 898 Total
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

Wheeling Central Catholic won its final WV State Catholic Basketball Championship in 1966 and its last WV State Catholic Baseball Championship in 1969. Which school did they defeat each time?

A. Charleston Catholic  
B. Clarksburg Notre Dame  
C. Parkersburg Catholic  
D. Weirton Madonna

Last week’s answer: The U.S. Supreme Court used the right to privacy based on the Fourteenth Amendment as a principle for allowing for the abortion of unborn babies.

The Journey of the Chalice is Back!
The Journey of the Chalice is a prayer ministry that St. Michael Parish would like to reactivate. Several parishioners have requested that we reinstitute this longstanding practice, which provides an opportunity for families or individuals to pray for vocations or other intentions.

Here’s how it works: All parishioners are invited to sign up to host the chalice for a week. While the chalice is in your home, you’re asked to pray together as a family. (Suggested prayers come with the chalice, or you may use your own!) After a week, you return the chalice, and Msgr. Peterson or Fr. Bill will present it to the next person or family on the list at a weekend Mass.

If you’d like to participate in the Journey of the Chalice, please contact Parish Secretary Courtney Coleman by phone (304-242-1560) or email (secretary@stmikesparish.org). We ask that you seriously consider participating in this powerful ministry!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group schedule for the month of February is as follows:

Sat. Feb. 4th: Grades 5th and 6th will meet from 5:30-7:30pm  
Sun. Feb. 12th: Grades 7th and 8th will meet from 6:00-7:30pm  
Sun. Feb. 26th: High School students will meet at the Angelus Center at 12:30 to go to Elmhurst.

**YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO BRING A FRIEND!**

In addition, the Youth Group is looking forward to an evening of fun when the Diocesan Office of Youth Adult Ministry presents PURSUIT! Pursuit will take place Sat. March 4th from 6-7:30pm in the Angelus Center. This is an opportunity for teens AND THEIR PARENTS to experience a fun and faith-filled evening of celebrating our Catholic Faith. This is open to all of St. Michael’s Youth Group members and their parents. We invite everyone to bring a pot-luck item to share with the crowd!

The Pastoral Council has developed a parish-wide survey that will go out to parishioners in the coming weeks. The survey can be viewed on-line or in paper form that will be distributed at mass.

The intention of the survey is to determine how our parishioners grade us on our services as a Catholic Church and faith community. We are also looking for feedback on ways that we can improve to meet the needs of our people.

Please watch for more information about the distribution of the survey. We hope that you will take a few minutes to share your thoughts and ideas with us!
The St. Michael Christian Life Fellowship invites you to spend an evening with St. Thomas Aquinas as presented by Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Wheeling Jesuit University, Rich Mullin.

St. Thomas Aquinas, the Theologian is featured in Bishop Robert Barron’s series on the Saints, “Pivotal Players.”

The fascinating story of St. Thomas includes his captivity for one year by his family who tried to keep him from becoming a Dominican Friar. While in captivity St. Thomas tutored his sisters and maintained communication with the Dominican Order.

In an effort to change Thomas’ mind, his brothers used a prostitute to seduce him away from his desire to enter into religious life. After the failed attempt, two angels appeared to him in a dream to strengthen his resolve to remain celibate and pursue the religious life. From there his journey includes service to the faith by teaching, writing and establishing a university in Naples where he was seen levitating in prayer before an icon of the crucified Christ. His comments and writings are still debated today and his works influenced many literary works like those produced by James Joyce.

Pope Pius V declared St. Thomas a doctor of the church, saying Thomas was “The most brilliant light of the Church.”

The presentation will be on Wednesday, February 22, in the Angelus Center. We will begin at 6:30pm with music and prayer. The presentation will run from 7-8pm with Q&A until 8:30pm. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge for the event.

We deposited a GIANT check into our Connections Fund. We received the donation from our generous matching donor. It was a welcome sight in our daily mail and certainly more fun to open than utility bills! The campaign was officially closed on December 31, 2016. However, we continue to receive contributions for the fund. My answer to that? Please and Thank you! The monies are being added to the Connections CD and will remain restricted for Buildings and Grounds.

As I’ve mentioned, our Buildings and Grounds Committee keeps a close eye on all of our property. The smaller projects are handled swiftly by the staff, but the projects over $500 are reviewed by at least one member of the committee.

Two members of the B&G Committee also sit on the Finance Council. They keep the lines of communication open between the two committees. The Finance Council members are: Brann Altmeyer, John Carenbauer, Danielle Doerr, Tom Galinski, Rob Krall and Matt Mansuetto. Danielle Doerr also helps to keep lines of communication open, as she is also the president of the St. Michael Parish School Advisory Board. On behalf of all of us, our sincere appreciation goes to these wonderful stewards!

We have recently completed two small, yet important, projects. We had some electrical work completed in the school cafeteria kitchen and repaired the ceiling outside of the kitchen. Both of these projects addressed safety concerns and were a great use of our Connections funds. Thank you!

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

† Margaret K. Coleman

May her 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.

Wendy F. Hinerman
Business Manager
St. Michael Parish School would like to thank Williamsburg Condo. Association for their generous donation in memory of Robert G. Mueller.

AOH Scholarship
The Bishop Whelan Division of Ancient Order of Hibernians, Wheeling, WV is offering three $750 scholarships.

Applicants must be seniors and attending a high school in Ohio County or Marshall County in West Virginia or Belmont County in Ohio.

Scholarships are to be used for tuition or school expenses only and to be used to pursue post-secondary school education, such as a two year college degree, a four year college degree, a trade school or other acceptable post-secondary education or training. All applicants must have a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Each person will be judged on his or her grades, reference letter, extracurricular school activities, knowledge of Ireland and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, civic and religious activities and the required essay.

The deadline for submission of an application is March 17, 2017. Application and details can be found at https://aohwheeling.shutterfly.com/scholarship

St. Michael Parish School presents TRIVIA NIGHT!
Saturday, March 25th
6:00-10:00pm in the Angelus Center

With Fr. Bill “Trebek” acting as emcee, we will gather for an evening of facts, food and fun! Round up a table of your smartest friends and bring your brain power! In addition, all participants are invited to choose a “theme” for your table and to dress accordingly. Bring your own tailgate-type foods to share with your table! (Themes and costumes are NOT necessary to participate.)

The evening will include special door prizes and raffles. $20 per person includes table snacks, soda and beer. Specialty beers may be purchased for an additional cost. To reserve your spot, please contact Kathleen at 304-242-1560 Ext. 9 OR kathleen@stmikesparish.org

St. Francis Statue Raffle - Father Bill donated a statue to be raffled off to raise money for St. Michael Parish School. Tickets are $1 for 1 ticket or $5 for 6 tickets. Please contact Gretchen Wilson if you would like to purchase tickets or would like more information 304.280.1451.

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!

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!
The CCHS French Department will present its French Follies on Sunday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Admission is $3.00 for adults and $2.00 for students. Come join us for a fun-filled evening of French skits, songs and dances.

Sunday, February 26 is Scholarship Competition Day from 1-3p.m. A completed online application is required to attend. Competing in the scholarship essay competition is required for any student seeking a CCHS scholarship. ALL APPLICANTS will receive details for this event in the mail.

Incoming Freshman Registration will be held at 6pm on March 7th. A completed online application is required to attend. All public and non-local parochial students must provide 7th & 8th grade transcripts, most recent report card and standardized test scores by February 9, 2017. SMPS, OLP, C.C.,SVPS & ASCS will provide CCHS all needed transcripts.

First phase acceptance letters will be mailed the week of February 20. After 2/20, applications and student records will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee as received. ALL APPLICANTS will receive details regarding registration in the mail.

Indoor Soccer League for boys and girls ages 4-9 years old. Registration deadline is Wednesday, February 8 with the league beginning on Saturday, February 18th. Prices are $15/child for YMCA Members and $35/child for Non-YMCA Members.

Pre-School Sports for boys and girls ages 3 and 4 years old will be held on Wednesdays, February 8,15,22 and March 1. Prices are $15/child for YMCA Members and $35/child for Non-YMCA Members.

For more information or to sign up for one of these activities please contact Curt at 304.242.8086.

St. Michael Parish invites you to a Winter Picnic in the Angelus Center Saturday, Feb. 11th at 5:30pm

We will gather as a parish to welcome all new parishioners and families that have joined us within the last year!

We ask everyone to bring an appetizer, covered dish, side dish or dessert to share!

(Paper products and drinks will be provided)

Please reply to Kathleen and include a number of people that will be attending: kathleen@stmikesparish.org OR 304-242-1560 Ext. 9

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.