February 12, 2017  Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of:

Jamie Hannig

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 Dieffenbaugh 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

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, February 11**
7:30am ★ Robert Mayles
4:30pm ★ Jamey Conlin

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

**Monday, February 13**
7:30am ★ Stephen D. Herndon
5:30pm ★ Jamie Hannig

**Tuesday, February 14**
7:30am ★ Tracy, Javon, and Jadien Daugherty

**Wednesday, February 15**
8:30am ★ Larry Lewicki
5:30pm ★ Maratha Myslinsky

**Thursday, February 16**
7:30am ★ Francis Mansuetto

**Friday, February 17**
7:30am ★ Victor Greco

**Saturday, February 18**
7:30am People of the Parish
4:30pm ★ Nicholas & Nimnoon Gaphery

**Sunday, February 19**
7:30am ★ Rev. Seamus Joseph Maguire
9am ★ Charles Flaherty
11:30am ★ Rocco Leffe

- Children’s Liturgy of the Word held every Sunday at 9am Mass.
St. Michael Parish would like to welcome:

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

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday:  Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:  Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:  Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:  Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:  Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday:  Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday:  Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:  Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
Tuesday:  Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine’s Day
Friday:  The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites
Saturday:  Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's readings challenge us to choose freely and wisely to observe the laws given by a loving and caring God. He revealed His laws to His Chosen People through Moses and the prophets of the Old Testament. For the Israelites the Torah was not a set of laws, but the instruction or teaching intended to promote the holiness and wholeness of each believer. It was the revealed will of a caring God, for the people with whom He had made His covenant.

COLLECTION TOTALS

February 5, 2017
1st Collection (Weekly Church) - $9,568.00
2nd Collection (Monthly Church) - $3,930.00
Misc. Collections - $388.00
Total - $13,886.00
Attendance - 900 Total

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, February 18, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Carole Kliner
Lector: Rose Frasnelli
Altar Servers: Joey and Alex Carter, Jimmy Brogan, Laken Costanzo
EMOHCS: Charlene Kirkpatrick, Lucille Otte, Jen Carter, Marianne Blair, Bill Wilson, Galey Wilson, Sharon Bourgo

Sunday, February 19, 7:30am
Sacristan: Mike Rempe
Lector: Betsy Delk
Altar Servers: Nathan Stryker, Ryan Linder
EMOHCS: Ed Bowie, Sally Bowie, Pat Plunkett, Gretchen Wilson, Kathy Ulevich

Sunday, February 19, 9:00am
Sacristan: Phil Emmerth
Lector: Marcy Hartzell
Altar Servers: John Emmerth, Elizabeth and Adam Wolf, Tyler Dean
EMOHCS: Phil Emmerth, Marybeth Emmerth, Emily Emmerth, Isaac Smith, Adriana Wolf

Sunday, February 19, 11:30am
Sacristan: Mike Hughes
Lector: Jason Rine
Altar Servers: Isaac and Mason Schmit, Matteo Gattesco, Benjamin Halicki
EMOHCS: Tom Conti, Nancy Conti, Rebecca Petrisino, Adrienne Michaud, Ron DiLorenzo, Robbie DiLorenzo, Barb Varlas
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

What virtue does the green of Ordinary Time symbolize?
A. Faith
B. Hope
C. Love
D. Patience


ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The Pastoral Council has developed a parish-wide survey that will go out to parishioners at mass the weekend of February 18 and 19. The survey can be viewed on-line or in paper form.

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. We hope that you will take a few minutes to share your thoughts and ideas with us!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group schedule for the month of February is as follows:
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 6-8:30pm 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 students 5th grade through high school and their parents. We invite everyone to bring a pot-luck item to share with the crowd!

Serving our neighbor and our God is a huge responsibility! Join us for a Ministry Retreat to refresh your spirit and renew your ministry. Saturday, February 25 from 9am - Noon at Saint Joseph Retreat Center. No cost to attend; refreshments provided. RSVP is appreciated but not mandatory. Contact Kate at 304.622.4532 for more information or to make reservations.

The Journey of the Chalice is Back!
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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!

Many thanks to all who participated in the Pro-Life Eucharistic Evening of Prayer. Special thanks to Msgr. Peterson, Shaney Faini, Chad Carter, and Lou Volpe for the very beautiful liturgical arraignment. It was a blessing to the unborn children and their parents as well as to everyone who attended.

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PARENT INFORMATION REGARDING TUITION ASSISTANCE
2017-2018 DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS IS OPEN

For the 26th consecutive year, the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire it for their children but who may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to the ongoing and genuine commitment of Bishop Michael J. Bransfield to the Catholic schools in our Diocese, funds have, once again, been allocated for distribution to Catholic families in need of financial assistance.

Applying for TAP through FACTS is easy and affordable. You are encouraged to apply if your child is already enrolled or has been accepted by one of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for the 2017-2018 school year.

Who is eligible? Any Catholic student accepted for the 2017-2018 school year in any Diocesan Catholic school (PK thru grade 12) and who belongs to a parish included on the drop-down list as part of the on-line application is eligible. Determinations are based upon a family’s degree of need relative to all other applicants.

How do I apply? Applications are made on-line. Go to www.factsmgt.com, click on “Grant & Aid Assessment” and log in. If you do not have Internet access, contact your school office for assistance.

Cost? The application fee is $30. The Diocese will pay $15 and families pay the other $15.

Grants: Diocesan grants for Catholic families who have completed their applications and show financial need will receive up to 50% of the child’s tuition.

Phase I Deadline In order to receive notification in late May, applications (including all required April 30, 2017 documentation and payment of the fee) are to be received by FACTS by April 30, 2017. Phase I is intended for families with children currently enrolled or already accepted for the 2017-2018 school year in any Catholic school in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Phase II Deadline In order to receive notification in early September, all applications for 2017-2018 (including August 15, 2017 all required documentation and payment of the fee) MUST be RECEIVED by FACTS no later than August 15, 2017. This is a firm deadline. Phase II is intended for families new to the school or who have had a life-changing event (i.e. birth, death, loss of job, major illness). If an application was submitted during Phase I, please contact the school. Please do NOT submit a second application.

Note 1: No assistance will be available from the Diocese or from any school unless: an application is completed in full (ALL questions answered) and submitted all required documentation is provided, AND the family portion ($15) of the application fee is paid by the deadline.

Note 2: ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER FAMILY should be submitted per school year. If you made an error or had a life event change, please do NOT submit a second application. Contact your principal and your application can be updated by FACTS.

Questions? If you have questions, please contact the principal of your school.

FISH FRY ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Michael Parish and School wish to announce the return of our Lenten Fish Fry! This wonderful tradition will take place on Ash Wednesday and every Friday in Lent except Good Friday! Food will be served from 4-7pm each week and will include baked and fried fish, shrimp, lots of side dishes and baked goods!

Take-out orders will also be available. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Fish Fry, please contact Shandi Nodurft at mrsnodurft@smpswv.org or Kathleen Dieffenbaugh at kathleen@stmikesparish.org.
NEVER CURSE THE UMPIRE!
Angelo Bartlett Giamatti was the President of Yale University and later, the seventh Commissioner of Major League Baseball. Giamatti loved baseball. He felt that the structure of the game was a paradigm of the human journey in which all of us seek to break from the box, make a wide turn and get home safely. At his memorial service, Giamatti's son recalled endless hours in which his father (clad in a vest, a tie, and a Red Sox cap) pitched them in to him. His son also recall a word of advice, forcefully delivered after a Little League argument at first base (with father admonishing son). "Never curse the umpire. He’s the only one who knows the rules." It was Giamatti’s contention that the beauty of the game, indeed the very ballet of the game, required someone who could define the difference between ball and strike, fair and foul, safe and out, and who could also articulate the rules that give the game its structure. For the rules are to baseball as the law is to life. They are not the game; but without them, the game has no meaning. Or, as a character exclaims in Woody Allen’s excellent film "Crimes and Misdemeanors:" "Without the law, all is darkness." In today’s Gospel, Jesus reinterprets the Mosaic laws giving them a new meaning.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SAINT MICHAEL PARISHIONERS WHO WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL’S DINNER IN MORGANTOWN ON APRIL 2:
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Peterson -- Bishop’s Cross Award
Lexie Kosanovic -- Aquinas Medal, Central Catholic H.S.
Hannah Dieffenbaugher -- Saint Sebastian Medal, Central Catholic H.S.
Isaac Rine -- Saint Sebastian Medal, Central Catholic H.S.
Margaret Hartzell -- Aquinas Medal, Saint Michael Parish School

MOTHER TERESA’S PRAYER
(I pray this about 30 times a day!)
People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered ... forgive them anyway
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives ... be kind anyway
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies ... succeed anyway
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you ... be honest and frank anyway
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight ... build anyway
If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous ... be happy anyway
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow ... do good anyway
Give the world the best you have; it may never be enough ... give the world the best you’ve got anyway
You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.

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!

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 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!
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.

News from Wheeling Central
Wheeling Central has recently made the following announcements. Congratulations to Lexie Kosanovic, 2017 Aquinas Medal recipient and to Hannah Dieffenbaugh and Isaac Rine, the 2017 St. Sebastian Medal recipients!

The Aquinas Medal is presented each year to the one student from each diocesan school who best embodies the qualities of a Catholic school education: excellence in learning, faithful discipleship, leadership, and service to school, parish and community.

The St. Sebastian Medal is given to a male and female student-athlete from each diocesan high school in recognition of excellence in personal achievements and in representing his/her school community through athletics, academics, and service.

All three of these honorees are graduates of St. Michael Parish School.

2016 Palms
Because they have been blessed and therefore are holy objects, the palm branches used for Catholic Church services, especially those used on Palm Sunday, should not be disposed of in the regular fashion. Once an object is blessed, it is considered to be in the service of God and should be treated with respect. Therefore, it is considered sacrilegious to throw a holy item in the garbage, where it might end up in a sewer or a landfill. If you have palms in your home from last year, this is the time of year when they are to be burned. For your convenience, the Liturgy Committee has placed a container in the back of the church for your 2016 palms. We will collect palms and will make preparations to have them burned.

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 Cincinna, 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.