February 19, 2017

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

**James Reddy**

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, February 18**

7:30am  People of the Parish

4:30pm  Nicholas & Nimnoon Ghaphery

**Sunday, February 19**

7:30am  Rev. Seamus Joseph Maguire

9am  Charles Flaherty

11:30am  Rocco Leffe

**Monday, February 20**

7:30am  Fredrick Wojcik

5:30pm  Jamey Conlin

**Tuesday, February 21**

7:30am  Mary Margaret Stein

**Wednesday, February 22**

8:30am  Youth of the Parish

5:30pm  Edward Abraham (A)

**Thursday, February 23**

7:30am  Cornella Duffin (A)

**Friday, February 24**

7:30am  Leona Lucey (A)

**Saturday, February 25**

7:30am  Jaymasen Green

4:30pm  James Reddy

**Sunday, February 26**

7:30am  People of the Parish

9am  Mary Margaret & Katherine Grella

11:30am  Dorothy Grubler

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

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- **Sunday:** Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Monday:** Presidents’ Day
- **Tuesday:** St. Peter Damian
- **Wednesday:** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington’s Birthday
- **Thursday:** St. Polycarp

**ANIMA CHRISTI (SOUL OF CHRIST)**

- Soul of Christ, sanctify me
- Body of Christ, save me
- Blood of Christ, inebriate me
- Water from Christ’s side, wash me
- Passion of Christ, strengthen me
- O good Jesus, hear me
- Within your wounds hide me
- Separated from you never let me be
- From the evil one, protect me
- At the hour of my death, call me
- And close to you, bid me; that with your saints
- I may be praising you forever and ever.
- Amen

**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 25, 4:30pm**

- Sacristan: Karen Kelly
- Lector: Danielle Agcaoili
- Altar Servers: Faith Zende, Andrew and Thomas Komorowski, Grant McCabe
- EMOHCS: Karen Kelly, Jim Kelly, Donna Clark, John Clark, Vincent Murphy, Ava Zende, Rose Zende

**Sunday, February 26, 7:30am**

- Sacristan: Mary Kay Wensyel
- Lector: Bob Gaudio
- Altar Servers: David Gaudio, Grant McCabe
- EMOHCS: Mary Kay Wensyel, Rudy Conti, Kathy Galinski, Peek Gutman, Joe Roxby

**Sunday, February 26, 9:00am**

- Sacristan: Maureen McNabb
- Lector: Marian Mullin
- Altar Servers: Daniel Goodson, Gage and Gavin Michael, Max Schmidt
- EMOHCS: Maureen McNabb, Camille Basinger, Jackie and Stan Kaniecki, April Stolfer

**Sunday, February 26, 11:30am**

- Sacristan: Kristy Riedel
- Lector: Tom Conti
- Altar Servers: Madie, Kelly, Abie Riedel and Andrew Tiu
- EMOHCS: Kristy Riedel, Claire Dieffenbaugher, Hannah Boord, Ted Erickson, Margaret Erickson, Janet Koskovich, Chris Tiu

**COLLECTION TOTALS**

**February 12, 2017**

- 1st Collection (Weekly Church) - $10,720.00
- 2nd Collection (School Support) - $3,151.13
- Misc. Collections - $3,330.53
- Total - $17,201.66  Attendance - 822 Total
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

Mardi Gras means “Fat Tuesday” in French; how does Ash Wednesday translate in French?
A. Jeudi saint
B. Lundi de feu
C. Mercredi des cendres
D. Sale vendredi

Last week’s answer: Green in Ordinary Time symbolizes hope

CCHS NEWS

The CCHS Cheerleaders are sponsoring their "Love" Apparel Sale. Show your love for CCHS and support the cheerleaders at the same time! See any CCHS cheerleader or call the school office at 304-233-1660 for more information. Short and long-sleeved t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, shorts and caps are available! Orders are due by February 23 so don’t delay!

Don’t forget the CCHS Booster Association Reverse Raffle on Thursday, February 23 at the White Palace at Wheeling Park. The grand prize is $5,000, but there are lots of other ways to win too! Cocktails at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:30pm and a good time is guaranteed! $75 for raffle & dinner, $100 for raffle and two dinners, $50 for raffle only. "Expect the Unexpected!"

Congratulations to the CCHS Hockey Team for winning its second consecutive State Championship with an overtime win over Linsly and to the Lady Knights Basketball Team for winning the OVAC-AA Championship with an impressive win over Steubenville Catholic!

Have you ‘liked’ us on Facebook? It’s an easy way to keep up with the CCHS news! Just go to Central Catholic High School and click ‘like’! It’s that simple!

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!

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.

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 students 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!

Thank you for your generosity!
The Stewardship Council extends our gratitude to the parishioners that donated items for our collection for the homeless. Our goal was to assemble (50) bag lunches for Wheeling Health Right to distribute; however, because of the kindness of our community we were able to send (80) lunches! Thank you for responding to the call to help others!
Parent Information Regarding Tuition Assistance

2017-2018 Diocesan Tuition Assistance

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.factsmgmt.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.

Looking to deepen your faith? Join us for the Magnificat Chapter of Morgantown Inspirational Prayer Breakfast, March 4, 2017 at Lakeview Resort. Our inspirational speaker is Lynn Marlin. Born and raised in a dysfunctional and alcoholic family, Lynn will share her story of how God’s restorative love healed her physically and spiritually, and graced her with the gift of charismatic scripture. Magnificat is a ministry to Catholic women aimed at strengthening and sharing our faith.

WHAT: Morgantown Magnificat Inspirational Prayer Breakfast

WHEN: Saturday, March 4, 2017, 9 am to noon (doors open at 8:15am)

WHERE: Lakeview Resort, 1 Lakeview Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508

GUEST SPEAKER: Lynn Marlin

RESERVATIONS: Cost $20. Must register by February 25, 2017. Register online at magnificatmorgantown.org or call Pat at 304-296-8950. No tickets sold at the door.

St. Michael Parish School presents TRIVIA NIGHT! Saturday, March 25th from 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. 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 Dieffenbaugher at kathleen@stmikesparish.org.
FROM FATHER BILL’S DESK

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

It is important to link today’s gospel passage from Saint Matthew to the first reading from the Old Testament book of Leviticus: the need to be holy because God is holy. Leviticus specifies that "holiness" means loving one another, not just an outward show of religiosity. The gospel tells us that being holy means being like our heavenly Father -- and all the practical consequences that flow from being his children. The second reading responds to the objection, "Is not what Jesus proposes sheer madness?" Yes, it is "foolishness" for humans, but it is "wisdom" for God.

EYE FOR EYE, TOOTH FOR TOOTH

The saying "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" is called the "Law of Talion." We may think it is a very cruel law. But in fact it meant progress, intended as it was to limit revenge, protect the offender against punishment greater than the crime itself. We read in Genesis 4:24, "If Cain is avenged seven times, Lamech will be avenged seventy-seven times." Though seven is a symbolic number for totality and completeness, this text shows that vengeance was often worse than the initial offense. The Law of Moses seeks to measure vengeance but it does not seek to overcome evil with good. This is what Jesus proposes in the Sermon on the Mount. To offer the other cheek or to go the extra mile with somebody or to lend to those who ask is not a sign of weakness or of resignation. The purpose of these unexpected signs of love is to touch the person's conscience and to show that to act in a completely different way possible. Jesus wants us to break the "spiral of violence" by changing the mentality and the heart of our enemy. What is happening in many countries in Africa, as well as in the Middle East, shows that revenge only creates new rounds of violence. The vicious circle of evil can only be broken if one party in the chain of revenge consciously decides to act differently.

Martin Luther King, Jr., once said: "An eye for an eye and the whole world would go blind." That is our big challenge.

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.

Tatiana “Tajci” Cameron in concert:
Thursday, March 30th, 2017 @ 7pm
World-renowned musician, international award-winning singer/songwriter, composer & recording artist, Tatiana “Tajci” Cameron will be in concert at St. Michael Parish presenting her musical Lenten event, “I Thirst” with reflection on Thursday, March 30th at 7pm.
This will be an unforgettable, uplifting, spiritual experience of a lifetime for all those in attendance. Tajci’s concerts are enjoyed by people of all ages.

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.

Mount Calvary Cemetery Clean-Up starts on March 1, 2017 and ends on March 15, 2017, please remove everything and including all keepsakes.

GrANDMA’S HOMEMADE GNOCCHI SALE – The Ladies of St. Mary’s, Martins Ferry, Ohio, are again selling Grandma’s Authentic Italian Homemade Gnocchi. Gnocchi is $5.00/ pound. Orders can be placed by calling Kathy Kimble at (740) 633-3877, no later than March 25, 2017. Money due by April 1, 2017, to St. Mary’s Rectory, 20 North Fourth Street, Martins Ferry, Ohio, 43935. Pickup on April 8, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. – Noon, St. Mary’s School Auditorium – 24 North 4th Street, Martins Ferry, Ohio. All proceeds benefit church projects.

St. Michael Parish would like to thank Audrey E. Cirpompa for her generous donation in memory of Margaret Coleman.

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.