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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Our Parish Office is across the street from the church.
Website: www.stmikesparish.org
Email: stmikes@stmikesparish.org
Facebook: stmikes@stmikesparish.org
The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of:

Martha Paree

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, February 25
7:30am  Youth of the Parish
4:30pm  †James Reddy

Sunday, February 26
7:30am  People of the Parish
9am  †Mary Margaret & Katherine Grella
11:30am  †Dorothy Grubler

Monday, February 27
7:30am  †Albert Cinque
5:30pm  †Margaret Coleman

Tuesday, February 28
7:30am  †Richard Hindson

Wednesday, March 1
7:30am  People of the Parish
8:45am  †Commemorative Mass Association
Noon  People of the Parish
7pm  †Commemorative Mass Association

Thursday, March 2
7:30am  †Michael E. Zoeckler (A)

Friday, March 3
7:30am  †Commemorative Mass Association

Saturday, March 4
7:30am  †Father Colombo Bandiera
4:30pm  †Mark Anthony

Sunday, March 5
7:30am  †Maria Pastorova
9am  People of the Parish
11:30am  †Rudolph “Rudy” Zale

- 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
St. Michael Parish welcomes Margaret Cecilia Boyle 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: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence
Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer
Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday

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, March 4, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Joe Bourgo
Lector: Nathan Blair
Altar Servers: S. Dieffenbaugher, Joey and Alex Carter, Ryan Blair
EMOHCS: Joe Bourgo, A. Dieffenbaugher, Paul Litvak, Charlene Kirkpatrick, Lucille Otte, Jen Carter, Marianne Blair

Sunday, March 5, 7:30am
Sacristan: Mike Rempe
Lector: Lexie Kosanovic
Altar Servers: Alex Tarr, Kate Tiu
EMOHCS: Bob Fanning, Jeep Naum, Ed Bowie, Sally Bowie, Mark Sengewalt

Sunday, March 5, 9:00am
Sacristan: Shirley McCloskey
Lector: Camille Basinger
Altar Servers: Fallon McNally, Andrew and Margaret Hartzell, Isaac Smith
EMOHCS: Shirley McCloskey, Denny Snyder, Kerry Przybysz, John Moore, Rob Krall

Sunday, March 5, 11:30am
Sacristan: Edie Fuller
Lector: Danielle McCracken
Altar Servers: Emma Nodurft, David Benson, Ava Hanson, Jimmy Brogan
EMOHCS: Edie Fuller, Shandi Nodurft, Lynne Petchar, Jay McLaughlin, Tom Conti, Nancy Conti, Rebecca Petrosino

COLLECTION TOTALS

February 19, 2017
1st Collection (Weekly Church) - $8,546.57
2nd Collection (Utilities) - $2,114.32
Misc. Collections - $558.23
Total - $11,219.12 Attendance- 878 Total
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

Which one of these gospel passages from John is not used for the RCIA scrutinizes in the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent?

A. The Man Born Blind (John 9)
B. The Raising of Lazarus from the Dead (John 11)
C. The Samaritan Woman at the Well (John 4)
D. The Woman Caught in Adultery (John 8)

Last week’s answer: Ash Wednesday in French is Mercredi des cendres

TRIVIA NIGHT 2K17
Hosted by Fr. Bill “Trebek”
Saturday, March 25th from 6:00-10:00pm
Angelus Center

To participate in the trivia, you are encouraged to collect a team of (8) people, choose a “theme” for your table and dress accordingly. Bring your own tailgate-type foods to share with your table! (Themes and costumes are NOT necessary to participate in trivia!) The cost to participate as a contestant is $20 per person which includes table snacks, soda and beer. Would you rather be a spectator? If you would like to come and watch all the fun it is $10 per person which includes table snacks, soda and beer.
In addition, we will have specialty beers for purchase, as well as some door prize and raffle opportunities.
To reserve a table of trivia players, please contact Kathleen at 304-242-1560 Ext. 9 OR kathleen@stmikesparish.org.

No need to RSVP if you plan to join us as a spectator!

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!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE
7:30am
8:45am
12 Noon
7:00pm
“Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel”

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!
FATHER BILL’S MUSINGS

Saint Michael Parish School Basketball
I have thoroughly enjoyed watching our youth play basketball against the local Catholic school teams. Now that the season is completed, I am so impressed with the skills improvement demonstrated by our boys and girls over the course of the season. Coaches, thank you for sharing your time and expertise to instruct our youth.

Math Field Day
I enjoyed mathematics, but I never excelled in the subject. Our parish is blessed with several math brainiacs who placed at the Ohio County Math Field Day. Congratulations to Ryan Linder (5th grade SMPS – 3rd place); Danielle Agcaoili (7th grade SMPS – 1st Alternate); Erin Brogan (7th grade SMPS – 2nd place and Estimation Room winner); Nathan Dieffenbauger (7th grade SMPS – 1st place); Giulio Gentile (8th grade SMPS – 1st Alternate); Halea McCabe (8th grade SMPS – 3rd place); Max Schmidt (9th grade CCHS – 2nd place); Lydia Bischof (9th grade WPHS – 1st place); Jack Stryker (10-12th grade CCHS – 4th alternate); Ashley Linder (10-12th grade WPHS – 9th place); and Lillian Bischof (10-12th grade WPHS – 1st place).

Parishioner E-Mail Addresses
Courtney recently printed out for me an updated parishioner list that includes phone number, address, and e-mail. We are lacking many families’ e-mail addresses. If you are not receiving weekly e-mail parish updates from us, please e-mail me at wmatheny@dwc.org. We will update our parish website with your e-mail. Thank you.

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Theme of the Sunday: God encompasses the roles of father and mother: The first reading and the gospel complement each other. In the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, God is compared to a mother, while in the gospel he is compared to a father who provides all that his children need. Can we be foolish enough to abandon God who is so good, to worship idols? Can money give us more comfort? At what cost? The second reading is also linked to this theme; it tells us that Paul is not worried about what people say or think of him. He places 100 % trust in God.

“Today is More Important Than Yesterday and Tomorrow”
Many people worry about what happened yesterday or what will happen tomorrow. This makes it very difficult to be fully alive in the present moment. Jesus challenges us to look at the present moment and live it as time gifted to us by God. Today is the moment of grace. We look back at yesterdays to appreciate how God worked through us then, so we can better rejoice in what He does in us now. We anticipate the future with hope and trust that God continues to show us His goodness. The Lord’s Prayer reminds us, “Give us this day our daily bread.” There is no indication of worry about tomorrow. The complete trust that Jesus asks of his apostles, he also asks of us. Confidence in God is not an invitation to laziness or to stop planning for tomorrow. Instead this attitude of trust opens us up to a greater sharing of our resources.

Ash Wednesday / Season of Lent
This weekend’s scripture readings make an excellent segue into the Lenten Season. A few reminders about Lenten practices: Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.
1. Fasting is for everyone 18 years and older who has not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, enough to maintain strength, may be taken, according to each one’s needs; however, they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but consuming liquids, including milk and juices, is allowed. Good Friday is also a day of fasting.
2. Abstinence is observed by everyone 14 years of age or older. No meat is allowed. When health or the ability to work is affected, the law does not oblige. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence. If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged. The three pillars of Lenten living: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving

Readers / Servers for Lenten Evening Masses
Except for Holy Week, we will have evening Masses Mondays through Thursdays in Lent. Although we have enough readers and servers for the evening Masses, we will gladly accept other volunteers. Please contact Fr. Bill at wmatheny@dwc.org or call 304-242-1560 ext. 7.
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.

The drawing for the St. Francis statue will be Friday, April 7th at the Fish Fry. Fr. Bill will pull the winning ticket. Tickets will be available for sale until then and will be available at each of the Fish Frys!

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

✝ Richard Brodie Hindson

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, continue their journey to

WHEELING CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

The Lady Knights Basketball Team will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 26 from Noon-5pm at Generations in Wheeling. The cost is $10 per person (Kids under 5 are free) and includes a buffet of three pastas, two sauces, meatballs, sausage, ravioli, salad, bread, dessert and drinks. To place a takeout, call 304-281-8246.

Freshman Registration will be held Tuesday, March 7 at CCHS beginning at 6pm. All public and non-local parochial students must provide 7th and 8th grade transcripts, most recent report card and standardized test scores. First phase acceptance letters will be mailed the week of February 20. After that time, applications and student records will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee as they are received. All applicants will receive details regarding their registrations in the mail.

Starting on Ash Wednesday, please join us in praying the rosary at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center (125 18th Street, Wheeling) on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. We are excited to increase the presence of prayer at the Neighborhood Center and pray for the intentions of those it serves. We hope you will consider coming as part of your Lenten prayer practice.

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!
**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.

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**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. Special thanks to Bordas and Bordas Law Office for their generous sponsorship for this event.

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**Mount Calvary Cemetery Clean-Up** starts on March 1, 2017 and ends on March 15, 2017. Please remove all keepsakes and decorations.

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St. Michael School and Parish wish to announce the return of our **LENTEN FISH FRY**! The 2017 Fish Fry will be Wednesday, March 1 and every Friday during the Lenten Season excluding Good Friday. Fish will be served from 4-7 pm @ 1221 National Road, Wheeling.

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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.

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**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.