First Sunday of Lent

MARCH 5
2017

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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Our Parish Office is across the street from the church.
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The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of:

**Special Intention**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**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

**Monday, March 6**
7:30am  ✝ Richard Hindson
5:30pm  ✝ John Paul & Paul Gossett

**Tuesday, March 7**
7:30am  Barrett Family
5:30pm  ✝ Angela Dorsey

**Wednesday, March 8**
8:30am  ✝ Audrey Metzger
5:30pm  ✝ Sandra Ryan

**Thursday, March 9**
7:30am  ✝ James Donley
5:30pm  ✝ Mary Bulava

**Friday, March 10**
7:30am  CCHS-SJA Class of 1946

**Saturday, March 11**
7:30am  ✝ Recently Deceased
4:30pm  People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 12**
7:30am  ✝ Emma Gertrude & Alan Albert
9am     ✝ Charles A. Cesnales
11:30am Edward J. Coyne Family

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

Please be advised there is no Baptism Preparation during Lent. Classes will resume on Thursday, April 13th at 6pm in the Angelus Center. Please contact Courtney in the Parish Office to register.

COLLECTION TOTALS

**February 29, 2017**
- 1st Collection: $9,307.92
- 2nd Collection: $2,302.00
- Misc. Collections: $677.00
- Total: $12,286.92

Attendance: 905 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, March 11, 4:30pm**
- Sacristan: Carole Kliner
- Lector: AJ Bucon
- Altar Servers: S. Dieffenbaugher, Isaac Zende, Isaac Schmit
- EMOHCS: Bill Wilson, Galey Wilson, A. Dieffenbaugher, Donna Clark, John Clark, Ava Zende, Rose Zende

**Sunday, March 12, 7:30am**
- Sacristan: Mary Kay Wensyel
- Lector: Jeep Naum
- Altar Servers: Isaac Smith, Danielle Agcaoili
- EMOHCS: Mary Kay Wensyel, Pat Plunkett, Gretchen Wilson, Kathy Ulevich, Rudy Conti

**Sunday, March 12, 9:00am**
- Sacristan: SMPS
- Lector: SMPS
- Altar Servers: SMPS
- EMOHCS: SMPS

**Sunday, March 12, 11:30am**
- Sacristan: Mike Hughes
- Lector: Melissa Michael
- Altar Servers: Gage and Gavin Michael, DJ Daugherty, Nathan Stryker
- EMOHCS: C. Dieffenbaugher, Ron DiLorenzo, Robbie DiLorenzo, Barb Varlas, Hannah Boord, Ted Erickson, Margaret Erickson

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. Stations of the Cross will be 2:15 pm (St. Michael Parish School) and 5:30 pm*

* Please note: Evening stations are earlier than our schedule in previous years.
TRIVIA NIGHT 2K17

Hosted by Fr. Bill “Trebek” on Saturday, March 25th from 6:00-10:00 pm in the Angelus Center. To participate in the trivia, you are encouraged to collect a team of 6-8 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. Babysitting will also be provided at a cost of $15 for the 1st child and $12 for each additional child. Children must be preregistered. To reserve a table of trivia players or to register for babysitting, please contact Kathleen at 304-242-1560 Ext. 9 or kathleen@stmikesparish.org.

JOURNEY OF THE CHALICE

The schedule is as follows:
March 11: Shandi Nodurft
March 18: Doug and Sandy Pell
March 25: Rose and Jack Palmer

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.

Do you know about the CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITYCARE™ SYSTEM?
If you want help with INFERTILITY, if you are interested in learning about today’s effective methods of NATURAL FERTILITY REGULATION, if you are married or single and looking for a way to treat WOMEN’S health problems other than using birth control pills then you need to come to the Creighton System Introductory Session that will be held on Saturday, March 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the Caveney Room at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Reservations are necessary.

For more information or to make a reservation call Kathy Hirkala at 304-723-0478 or email at kathnfp@msn.com.

The 2017 Fish Fry will be held every Friday during the Lenten Season excluding Good Friday. Fish will be served from 4-7 pm in the school cafeteria. In the event that school is cancelled due to weather, the Fish Fry does not get canceled. The show must go on! Menu Includes:

**Entrees**
- Baked Fish Dinner
- 6 Pc Shrimp Dinner
- Fish Dinner

Includes choice of two (2) side dishes & a roll

**Side Dishes**
- French Fries
- Green Beans
- Cole Slaw
- Mac & Cheese
- Baked Potato

**A La Carte** (Purchased separately, not considered a side dish)
- 3 Pc Shrimp
- Fish Sandwich
- 3 Pierogies
- Grilled Cheese
- Cheese pizza by the slice

**Beverages**
- Soda/Bottled Water/Coffee
**FATHER BILL’S MUSINGS**

**Saints of the Week—Perpetua and Felicity:** They were Christian martyrs who lived during the early persecution of the Church. Perpetua was a well-educated noble woman; Felicity was her servant. Perpetua’s pagan father begged her to recant the Faith, but she refused. Felicity gave birth to a daughter just before her martyrdom. They were killed by the sword in Carthage. They are the patron saints of mothers, expectant mothers, ranchers, and butchers. Their feast day is March 7.

**Daily Mass attendance during Lent:** I encourage our parishioners, especially our families, to attend daily Mass during Lent: 7:30 AM or 5:30 PM. Saint Michael Parish School parents: please consider bringing your children to Mass before school starts.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Our Lenten Penance Service will be held at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish on Thursday, March 23, 7:00 PM.

**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.

**First Sunday of Lent:** Lent is primarily the time of intense spiritual preparation for conquering our temptations using the means Jesus used during his forty days in the desert in preparation for his public ministry. It is also the time for renewing our lives for the celebration of Easter with our Risen Lord who conquered sin and death by his suffering, death and Resurrection. Today’s readings teach us that we are always tempted by the devil, by the world and by our own selfish interests. So we need to cooperate actively with God’s grace to conquer our temptations.

**The Devil’s Timing (March Madness Style):** In basketball, things change much more quickly than in football. This is partly because there are three-point shots; partly because of the major effect of last second foul shots; partly because the basketball court is still the same size as it’s always been while players are now much taller and bigger.

The score and the balance of power can change instantaneously. Entire games are played; entire lifetimes are lived in those last two minutes. Even if a team is down by 20 points at halftime, it can still rally to win. That is why the most nail-biting, hair-raising, blood-pressuring moments in sports are the last ten seconds of a neck-and-neck basketball game. Everything comes down to timing. Especially in the game of life, timing is everything. Does anyone doubt the devil’s timing when he arrived to challenge Jesus after he had spent forty days and forty nights of fasting in the wilderness? Jesus was exhausted, hungry, alone, tired, and wobbly. The devil calculated that Jesus would be the perfect victim. But his timing is often perfect when he tempts us.

**Joke of the Week:** “I gave them up for Lent”: A Catholic priest who worked in an inner city was walking down an alley one foggy evening on his way back to the rectory. As he rounded the corner, a young man approached him and pointed a knife against his back. “Give me your money,” the hoodlum muttered. The priest opened his jacket and reached into his inner pocket to remove his wallet, exposing his clerical collar. “Oh, I’m sorry, Father,” said the young man, “I didn’t see your collar. I can’t take your money.” Trembling from the scare, the priest removed a cigar from his shirt pocket and offered it to the young man. “Here,” he said, “have a cigar.” “Oh no, I can’t do that,” the young man replied, “I gave up smoking for Lent!”

**Season of Lent:** Abstinence from meat is observed by everyone 14 years of age or older. When health or the ability to work is affected, the law does not oblige. 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

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 Fry!

PRAYER MINISTRY

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.

UPCOMING CONCERT

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 of this event.

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
- Lieutenant Colonel 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.

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

† Marian “Idale” Thomas

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.

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

**St. Michael Parish School** would like to thank the following people for their generous donation in memory of † Rosemary McGee:
The Saratoga Hospital, The Holy Name Society, Theresa and David Kennedy, Deborah Moreau, Kay McGee, Jerry Mulhern, Suzie and Dennie Busch, Elise and Romeo Reyes, Michael and Martha Iacolucci, Audrey Ciri-pompa, Susan Costanzo, Larry, Jo Ellen, and Billy Teufel.

Ohio County Public Library is offering **FREE TAX HELP** from January 23-April 18th. Hours are: Mon, Wed, Thurs from 9:30am-3pm and 6pm-8pm on Tuesday. They are closed Friday from 10am-3pm and available Saturday by appointment only. Last client sign-up is 1/2 hour before closing time. Sign-up does not guarantee there will be time to do your taxes. Please contact 304.232.8985 for more information.

**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.