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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March 12, 2017
Second Sunday of Lent
The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of:

Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Zale

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, 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

**Monday, March 13**
7:30am ✡ Marguerite Donahie (A)
5:30pm ✡ Jamey Conlin

**Tuesday, March 14**
7:30am ✡ Thomas Myles (A)
5:30pm ✡ Bonnie Smith

**Wednesday, March 15**
8:30am ✡ Mr. & Mrs. Harry Flading
5:30pm ✡ Albert J. Engelmeier (A)

**Thursday, March 16**
7:30am ✡ Dorothy Schmitt (A)
5:30pm ✡ Gary Ouellette

**Friday, March 17**
7:30am ✡ Rita Durkin

**Saturday, March 18**
7:30am ✡ Tami Simmons
4:30pm ✡ Deceased Members of John & Donna Clark Family

**Sunday, March 19**
7:30am People of the Parish
9am ✡ John Michael Pinto
11:30am ✡ Laurita Churma

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

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent

**Tuesday:** Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

**Wednesday:** St. John of God

**Thursday:** St. Frances of Rome

**Friday:** Abstinence

**Saturday:** Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset

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**

**March 6, 2017**

1st Collection - $9,856.50
2nd Collection - $4,354.55
Misc. Collections - $3,708.51

Total - $17,919.56 Attendance- 851 Total

Ash Wednesday - $4,354.55

**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, March 18, 4:30pm**

Sacristan: Karen Kelly
Lector: Brann Altmeyer
Altar Servers: Andrew and Thomas Komorowski, Alex Tarr, Daniel Goodson
EMOHCS: Karen Kelly, Jim Kelly, Vincent Murphy, Jen Carter, Paul Litvak, Charlene Kirkpatrick, Lucille Otte

**Sunday, March 19, 7:30am**

Sacristan: Mike Rempe
Lector: Denny Wilson
Altar Servers: Lillian Bischof, Max Schmidt
EMOHCS: Kathy Galinski, Peek Gutman, Joe Roxby Bob Fanning, Jeep Naum

**Sunday, March 19, 9:00am**

Sacristan: Phil Emmerth
Lector: Marcy Hartzell
Altar Servers: John Emmerth, Margaret and Andrew Hartzell, Benjamin Halicki
EMOHCS: Phil Emmerth, Marybeth Emmerth, Emily Emmerth, Jennifer Decker, Becky Bower

**Sunday, March 19, 11:30am**

Sacristan: Kristy Riedel
Lector: Nancy Ellen O’Leary
Altar Servers: Madie, Kelly, and Abie Riedel, Emma Nodurft
EMOHCS: Kristy Riedel, Adrienne Michaud, Janet Roskovitch, Chris Tiu, Shandi Nodurft, Lynne Petchar, Jay McLaughlin

**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.
WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

This American saint gave away a $20 million inheritance to build Catholic schools for Native American and African-American children:
A. Elizabeth Ann Seton
B. Frances Xavier Cabrini
C. Katharine Drexel
D. Marianne Cope

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

JOURNEY OF THE CHALICE

The schedule is as follows:
March 11: Shandi Noduruf
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.

FISH FRY

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 or 6 Pierogis
  - Grilled Cheese
  - Cheese pizza by the slice

- **Beverages**
  - Soda/Bottled Water/Coffee

**Take out orders** for the Fish Fry are welcome. Please call the Friday Fish Fry Hotline, **after 3 pm 304.214.6578**.

TRIVIA NIGHT 2K17

Hosted by Fr. Bill “Trebek” on Saturday, March 25th from 6:00-10:00pm 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 trivial!) 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 email kathleen@stmitesparish.org.

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.
During the Lenten season, we are asked to consider "Detachment" – the process of letting go of unhealthy attachments. Detachment helps us to be truly free, to choose God’s path and to grow closer to him. As a visible way of committing to detachment, we draw your attention to the large urn in the middle of the church. You are invited to write down one thing on the purple slips of paper that you would like to detach from during this Lenten season and then place the paper in the urn. These slips of paper will then be burnt in the Easter fire which begins the Great Easter Vigil. Let us pray for each other that we may deepen our relationship with God during these 40 days.

Please join St. Michael’s Pro-Life Committee on Saturday, March 18th and April 1st for peaceful prayer at the Pittsburgh Planned Parenthood Center. For more information call Anita Smith at 304-242-5053.

**What is 40 Days for Life?**

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God’s power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America. The mission of the campaign is to ring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God’s favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion in America.

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.

Our SMPS Brownie troop will be selling **Girl Scout Cookies** after the 4:30pm mass on March 25th and 9:00 am and 11:30 am masses on March 26th. The cookies are $4 or $5 each. Proceeds from the sale will go towards installing a new safety fence at a local softball field. This idea came from one of the girls directly. The sales will also fund our troop for summer camp opportunities and other activities. Checks can be made out to GSBDC Troop 1134. For more information or to place an advance order contact Margaret at 304-312-8731.

**Lunchtime Concert with Organ, Handbells, Flute**

March 17 @ 12:05pm St. Matthew Episcopal Church

All are welcome to attend this Lenten Concert featuring music for organ, flute, and handbells. Our own music director, Chad Carter, will be the featured handbell soloist juggling/playing 8-15 bells per selection; he will be joined by Mr. Robert Troeger (organ) and Mrs. Katie Shaffer (flute). This 30-minute program will feature music for Lent plus a few Irish selections in honor of St. Patrick. The concert is free and open to all. A light luncheon will follow.

**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.

**Men’s Schola to sing for Good Friday:** All men of the parish are invited to sing with the Men’s Schola which will lead the music for our Good Friday Service (March 14) at 7pm. If you are interested in joining this small ensemble, please contact Chad Carter (304.639.0077). Rehearsals are scheduled for March 26 and April 9 following the 11:30am 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 kathnfph@msn.com.
It was a successful **Math Field Day** for our St. Michael’s young mathematicians last week. Overall, 20 SMPS students in Grades 4-8 competed at the Ohio County Math Field Day on Monday, Feb. 20. Congratulations to the following students on their Math Field Day achievements:

- 5th Grade: **Ryan Linder** third place
- 7th Grade: **Danielle Agcoaill** first alternate, **Erin Brogan** second place & estimation room winner, **Nathan Dieffenbaugh**er first place
- 8th Grade: **Giulio Gentile** first alternate, **Halea McCabe** third place

A big thank you goes out to **Mrs. Przybysz and Miss Mortakis** for their hard work in preparing the students for this event. Our SMPS Math Field Day winners will move on to the RESA 6 Math Field Day, to be held March 25 at Wheeling Park High School. Best of Luck to all!

Congratulations to 7th grader **Erin Brogan** on placing first in the **West Virginia Teens for Life Pro-Life essay contest**. Erin received a monetary prize and certificate, and will have her essay published in their newsletter. In addition, Erin was also invited to read her essay at a Pro-Life rally held in Charleston in the next few weeks. Congratulations, Erin!

Eighth grade geography enthusiast, **Hunter Midcap**, has qualified for the state level of the **National Geography Bee**. Hunter will travel to Concord University on March 31st to compete. We all congratulate Hunter and wish him the best of luck!

We had several students compete and place in the **WLU Science and Engineering Fair**. Special congratulations to:

- **Abie Riedel** - 2nd place in Biochemistry: Junior Division and a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement for Ability and Creativity in In Vitro Biology
- **Madie Riedel** - 2nd place in Medicine and Health: Junior Division
- **Lucia Perri** - Chi Beta Phi Originality Award and Nomination to compete in the 2017 Broadcom MASTERS.

**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.

Tickets will be available at each of 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!

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 W.Va. Catholic Foundation is accepting applications to the **Frank and Nazel Busacca Scholarship Fund**, a four-year scholarship opportunity valued at $1,000 per year. Eighth grade students are the only applicants eligible for this fund. The scholarship is a memorial to Frank and Nazel Busacca, who worked hard and sacrificed much to make sure all five of their children benefited from the gift of a Catholic education. Priorities for selection will include a B average or better, financial need, and the applicant’s commitment to family and to a Catholic education. The scholarship committee is seeking information on the candidate’s work ethic as well as their vision on how they would help others in the future. Applications are available in the parish office or by contacting the Catholic Foundation at bmminor@dwc.org.

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. Michael received the following thank you from our **Angel Tree Project**: *The Lazarus House community of men and women thanks you very much for the Christmas gifts which you sent our way. You have helped to provide a place for us to rebuild our lives, a home we feel safe and get the help we need. Your gifts show how much you care. Thanks for being part of the miracle, witnessing to a God who never gave up on us.*

- The Men and Women of the Communities of Lazarus, Mary & Maratha

**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](http://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](http://www.usccb.org) under “Issues and Action,” click “Child and Youth Protection” from the drop down menu.