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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:

**Rita Dunn**

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 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

**Monday, March 20**
7:30am ✦ Alexandra Chmel
5:30pm ✦ Randee Evans

**Tuesday, March 21**
7:30am ✦ Dr. Thomas Knorr
5:30pm ✦ Mary Louise Stillmak

**Wednesday, March 22**
8:30am ✦ Bill & Angela Luddy
5:30pm ✦ Dolores Matheny (A)

**Thursday, March 23**
7:30am ✦ Mary Thompson
5:30pm ✦ Jim Wegmann (A)

**Friday, March 24**
7:30am Parishioners of St. Michael

Anniversary of Dedication of Church

**Saturday, March 25**
7:30am ✦ Mr. & Mrs. Leo Flading (A)
4:30pm ✦ Commemorative Mass Association

**Sunday, March 26**
7:30am ✦ Katrine Rempe
9am People of the Parish
11:30am ✦ Steve Rovnak

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

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Joseph; Spring begins
Thursday: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

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 25, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Joe Bourgo
Lector: Carole Kliner
Altar Servers: S. Dieffenbaugher, DJ Daugherty, Kate and Andrew Tiu
EMOHCS: Joe Bourgo, A. Dieffenbaugher, Marianne Blair, Bill Wilson, Galey Wilson, Donna Clark, John Clark

Sunday, March 26, 7:30am
Sacristan: Mary Kay Wensyel
Lector: Amy Miesel
Altar Servers: David Benson, David Gaudio
EMOHCS: Mary Kay Wensyel, Ed Bowie, Sally Bowie, Mark Sengewalt, Pat Plunkett

Sunday, March 26, 9:00am
Sacristan: Maureen McNabb
Lector: Jacob Dailer
Altar Servers: Elizabeth and Adam Wolf, Laken Costanzo, Ryan Linder
EMOHCS: Maureen McNabb, Shelby Imer, Daniel O’Leary, Isaac Smith, Adriana Wolf

Sunday, March 26, 11:30am
Sacristan: Edie Fuller
Lector: Margaret Erickson
Altar Servers: Noah and Ryan Blair, Danielle Agcaoili, Matteo Gattesco
EMOHCS: Edie Fuller, Tom Conti, Nancy Conti, Rebecca Petrosino, Claire Dieffenbaugher, Adrienne Michaud, Barb Varlas

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.

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.

“A Walk With Christ Traveling Stations”
The St. Michael Youth Group is teaming up with our PSR students to host a new Lenten program. These stations of the cross will be interactive. Each participant will receive a token at each station that has symbolic meaning from that station. This is a great program for any age group! Mark your calendars for April 7th at 5:30pm in the Church.

COLLECTION TOTALS
Due to St. Patrick’s Day the bulletin deadline was pushed ahead. Collection totals were not available at time of print. Please check next weeks bulletin for totals.
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: The American saint who gave away her inheritance was Katharine Drexel

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 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 email kathleen@stmikesparish.org.

Holy Thursday & the Ringing of the Bells
We invite all who plan to attend the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday (April 13) to bring bells from home of various shapes and sizes. As you know, the church bells located in the tower and the bells within the church are to ring out during the singing of the Gloria on Holy Thursday and then are silenced until the Gloria on Holy Saturday. So, we invite you to highlight the Gloria on this special night by ringing your bells during this great hymn of praise which we have “abstained” from during the season of Lent.

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.

St. Michael Parish School

List of Events - March
- March 19th Confirmation Retreat
- March 22nd Star Assembly
- March 23 Communal Penance @ St. Vincent
- March 24th Fish Fry
- March 25th SMPS Trivia Night
- March 27-31st Terra Nova Testing
- March 30 Tatiana Concert
- March 31st Fish Fry

List of Events - April
- April 2nd Bishop Cross mass and dinner
- April 5th Acre testing 5th and 8th
- April 6th Makeup Acre Test Day
- April 6th Big Booth Dinner Angelus Center 6:30
- April 7th Make Up Acre Testing
- April 7th Fish Fry
- April 7th 5:30 Living Stations
- April 10th-17th Spring/ Easter Break

Communal Penance Service (in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul) will be held Thursday evening, March 23, at 7:00 pm at St. Vincent’s.
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.

**CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITYCARE™ Introductory Session** 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.

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.

The Stewardship Council is collaborating with the Students for Life Club at Wheeling Jesuit University to create “TLC” packages for new mothers. For the next several weeks, we will be collecting items such as: fuzzy socks, lotion, shampoo, breast pads, lanolin ointment, chapstick, chocolate, body wash, loofahs, or candles. Collection boxes can be found in the back of church. Please consider pampering a new mom with some of these items!

**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.

The parish is seeking families or individuals that are interested in acting as greeters for the Easter Masses. The Easter Mass schedule is as follows:
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil: 8:00pm
Easter Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am
We would like to have (8) people for each mass so that each entrance is covered. If you are interested in being a greeter please contact Kathleen in the Parish Office at 304-242-1560 Ext. 9 OR kathleen@stmikesparish.org!

**St. Michael Parish School** would like to thank Tom and Judy Gornik and Chris and John Hannig for their generous donations in memory of Rosemary McGee.

**St. Michael Parish** would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. John Lane for their generous donations in memory of James Schellhase, Rosemary McGee, and Robert Mueller.
The Parish Office is to replace all four units at that time. We will be prepared. If and when one unit fails, our plan is to replace all four units. We will not schedule the parking area between the school and the church will be resurfaced. The timing of the projects must be carefully coordinated. The church parking lot project will begin as soon as the festival has been torn down and will be completed prior to the first day of school. The Angelus Center lot is our youngest (2009), but it is need of attention, too. The AC unit will be resealed and re-striped after the last day of school.

What’s cool? Our parish school has been cool for quite some time, but it has been challenging to keep it cool. The four rooftop HVAC units over the original school building have all been replaced within the last three years. Our attention now turns to the units over the Bishop Schmitt addition. These units have served us well, but they are all over 20 years old and have exceeded their equipment life expectancy. Connections money has been set aside to replace all four units. We will not schedule replacement, but as our crystal ball says it’s inevitable, we will be prepared. If and when one unit fails, our plan is to replace all four at that time.

The Parish Office is going to be cool! The building has never been upgraded to a cooled environment. The construction of the building made it cost prohibitive to install central air conditioning, but we will be adding units to individual rooms and zones. These units will provide cooling and will also provide supplemental heat in the cold months. Your Parish Office will say goodbye to the window air conditioners and the portable heaters.

These projects have been reviewed by our Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Finance Council. Projects of this magnitude also require approval from Bishop Bransfield. ALL projects are planned with constant prayers of thanksgiving for the generous parishioners who made the Connections campaign successful! THANK YOU for your commitment to St. Michael Parish and St. Michael Parish School!

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.

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.

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**JOURNEY OF THE CHALICE**

The schedule is as follows:

**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.

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**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!

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**Our Lady of Peace annual Infant of Prague Novena**

begins Monday March 20th at 7pm and continues nine consecutive Mondays, ending May 15th. This year them is “Mary, Holy Mother of God”.

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**Please Host a Booth at Our Stewardship Fair!**

Are you responsible for one of our parish ministries? Or is there a ministry you’d like to start at St. Michael Parish? We’d like to hear from you!

St. Michael will host a Stewardship Fair after every Mass the weekend of April 29th and 30th in the Angelus Center. Please let us know if you would like to host a table to talk about your ministry and answer questions from families that might want to get involved. All Masses will be celebrated in the Angelus Center that weekend, and we plan to serve light refreshments for parishioners to enjoy while they walk through the fair.

We hope that all the groups and ministries in our parish will be represented. As in the past, we encourage you to have a display that is reflective of your ministry, as well as volunteers available to interact with the fairgoers. If you’d like to participate, please call Kathleen Dieffenbaucher, our stewardship director, at 304.242.1560, or email kathleen@stmikesparish.org.

Please include your name, phone number and email address and the name of your ministry or proposed ministry.

Booths are available on a first come, first served basis, so call or email Kathleen today to ensure that you get a good spot.

We look forward to another successful Stewardship Fair that celebrates all the wonderful people that give of their time, talent and treasure for our faith community!

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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 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.