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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
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March 26, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Lent
The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of:

**Alexandra Dene Chmel**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**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

**Monday, March 27**
- 7:30am
  - Mother Angelica
- 5:30pm
  - Mary Margaret Stein

**Tuesday, March 28**
- 7:30am
  - Mary Podesezwa (A)
- 5:30pm
  - Women’s Prayer Group

**Wednesday, March 29**
- 8:30am
  - Gino Angelo

*No evening Mass, all are invited to Cathedral for Lenten Pilgrimage: Confessions 6-7pm, Mass at 7pm.

**Thursday, March 30**
- 7:30am
  - Robert Mayles & Ada Fonacchio

*No evening Mass, Tatiana Concert 7pm.

**Friday, March 31**
- 7:30am
  - Special Intention

**Saturday, April 1**
- 7:30am
  - Vick Pellarin
- 4:30pm
  - Millie Mulhern (A)

**Sunday, April 2**
- 7:30am
  - Rudolf Pastor
- 9am
  - Dorothy Grubler
- 11:30am
  - People of the Parish

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
   Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
   Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: 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, April 1, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Carole Kliner
Lector: David Post
Altar Servers: S. Dieffenbaugher, Faith Zende, Andrew and Thomas Komorowski
EMOHCS: Karen Kelly, Jim Kelly, Vincent Murphy, Ava Zende, Rose Zende, Audrey Dieffenbaugher, Paul Litvak

Sunday, April 2, 7:30am
Sacristan: Mike Rempe
Lector: Nathan Stryker
Altar Servers: Lillian Bischof, Alex Tarr
EMOHCS: Gretchen Wilson, Kathy Ulevich, Rudy Conti, Kathy Galinski, Peek Gutman

Sunday, April 2, 9:00am
Sacristan: Shirley McCloskey
Lector: Meredith Dailer
Altar Servers: Isaac Smith, Tyler Dean, Daniel Goodson, B. Halicki
EMOHCS: Shirley McCloskey, Camille Basinger, Jackie Kaniecki, Stan Kaniecki, April Stolfer

Sunday, April 2, 11:30am
Sacristan: Kristy Riedel
Lector: Lynne Petchar
Altar Servers: Madie, Kelly and Abie Riedel, Jimmy Brogan
EMOHCS: Kristy Riedel, Ron DiLorenzo, Robbie DiLorenzo, Hannah Boord, Ted Erickson, Margaret Erickson, Janet Roskovich

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 (April 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 interactive Stations of the Cross. 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

Sunday, March 20 2017
1st Collection - $8,735.75
2nd Collection - $1,549.00
3rd Collection - $1,829.00
Misc. Collections - $628.77
Total - $12,742.52
Attendance - 829 Total
WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

Which of these four Catholic universities did not play in the men’s NCAA Final Four basketball championship in 1985?
A. Georgetown  
B. Marquette  
C. Saint John’s  
D. Villanova

Last week’s answer: The Woman Caught in Adultery (John 8) is not used in the Lenten Scrutinies.

CAMPUS MINISTRY CONTACTS FOR INCOMING COLLEGE FRESHMEN

Parents of high school seniors ... Please contact Fr. Bill at wmatheny@dwc.org or 304-242-1560 ext. 7 where your child will be attending college in the fall. "The Newman Connection" is a national Catholic organization designed to inform individual colleges about the new Catholic students attending their schools. Each parish has been asked to send them the names of our graduates. For instance, many of you may have participated at Mass at St. John University Parish in Morgantown and/or frequented Newman Hall next door. We want to keep our youth exposed and active to the Catholic Faith. Thank you.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as "Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday." It expresses the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord. Today's readings remind us God gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul. Likewise, we should constantly be on our guard against spiritual blindness.

Blinded by prejudice: In the late 1700s the manager of a large hotel in Baltimore refused lodging to a man dressed like a farmer. He turned the farmer away because he thought this fellow’s shabby appearance would discredit the reputation of his distinguished hotel. The farmer picked up his bag and left without saying a further word to anyone. Later that evening the innkeeper discovered that he had turned away the Vice-President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson! Immediately the manager sent a note of apology to the famed patriot, asking him to return to be a guest in the hotel. Jefferson replied by instructing the messenger as follows, "Tell him I have already reserved a room. I value his good intentions highly, but if he has no room for a common American farmer, then he has no room for the Vice-President of the United States of America." (Brian Cavanaugh in the Sower’s Seeds).

St. Michael Parish School

Rooted in Faith....Committed to Excellence

List of Events - March
- March 27-31 Terra Nova Testing
- March 30 Tatiana Concert
- March 31 Fish Fry

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

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.

Congratulations Monsignor Peterson for receiving the Bishop’s Cross Award !

“His Devotion to Catholic Education is remarkable...”

“The first thing I noticed about Msgr. Peterson was the way that his entire face smiles when he smiles!...”

“He has such pleasant disposition! I love his even-temper... “

“Nothing ruffles his feathers!...”

- The Parish Staff
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 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.

Baby Bottle Change Collection
Please return all baby bottles for the Pro Life change fundraiser on Palm Sunday. All checks can be made payable to the Knights of Columbus. All proceeds will benefit the Pregnancy Risk Center. Thank you in advance for your donations.

St. Michael Parish School would like to thank Mrs. Anita Kennedy for her generous donation in memory of Rosemary McGee.

St. Michael Parish would like to thank Jessica West, Brian and Sherry Williams, and The Carol Ladies for their generous donations in memory of Idale Thomas.

CALLING ALL HOUSEKEEPERS:
Please join us on Sat. April 1st at 9:00am in the church. We will be scrubbing and cleaning and dusting and fussing to spruce up the church for Easter. No need to bring anything...we will provide the buckets and rags and Murphy’s oil! Service hours are available for students in need!

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 who 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!

COFFEE AND CANVAS
Please join us for a paint and sip style event on Saturday, April 22nd from 10am-12pm at St. Michael Parish School Hall. Enjoy your favorite fresh brewed single serving coffee and pastries from Good Mansion Wines while creating your own personal masterpiece! St. Michael Parish School art teacher Amy Thalman, will demonstrate and provide step by step instructions. No artistic experience necessary. Limited to 24 persons per session. Cost is $35/artist which includes all the supplies to complete a 16x20 canvas. Registrations can be made by calling Quenton Northcraft at 304.281.0195. All proceeds benefit St. Michael Parish School Art Program.
It’s never too early to think about our summer festival! Scheduled for July 6, 7, and 8, the festival is blessed to have a new committee of enthusiastic organizers! These wonderful families have lots of new ideas and energy to bring to our favorite annual tradition!

We give our thanks and appreciation to the O’Leary family for their countless years of hunting for the perfect glassware for the Dime Pitch! As they step down from this role, the DeFranco family has offered to fill their shoes. Don’t forget to save your old cups, mugs and glasses to be used at this popular kids’ game!

After many years of tireless service, the Emmerth family is retiring from overseeing the American food booth. As a result, we are seeking people that would be willing to step in and take over this traditional booth.

In addition, we are in need of individuals that will assist behind the scenes in the kitchen. This would include food prep, cooking and food booth clean-up. Even a couple hours of your time would be helpful!

The Festival Committee is also seeking donations to help defray overall costs. In order to make improvements to the physical needs of the festival, we are asking for gift cards to Lou W. Nau, Lowe’s or Amazon.

The Prize Room is in need of small trinkets, such as favors from birthday parties, happy meals, Matchbox cars, small balls, bracelets or similar toys, new coloring books, pencils, pencil sharpeners, hair accessories or nail polish. Also, we would love to have donations of larger new items such as an iPod, wireless headphones, wireless speakers or a small TV.

There will be collection containers in the back of church and in the front of school for all donations. Items can also be dropped off at school or to the Parish Office. If you have anything that needs to be picked up, please contact Melissa Tiu at melissajtiu@gmail.com.

Many thanks!
The Festival Committee

Mark your calendars!
Wednesday, March 29 the 5:30pm Mass will be canceled at St. Michael Parish. All are welcome to join the Lenten Pilgrimage at the Cathedral. Confessions will be heard from 6pm-7pm and Mass will be held at 7pm. A light reception will follow. There will also be NO EVENING MASS on March 30th, Tatiana Concert begins at 7pm.

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 cancelled. 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.

The Festival Committee

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 Nodur, 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!
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 Come to the Stewardship Fair

Everything we have is a gift from God that we are to use to help others. St. Michael has dozens of ministries in which you can participate to serve God. Come to the St. Michael Stewardship Fair April 29th and April 30th and see some of the many ways that you can get involved. Every Mass that weekend will be held in the Angelus Center, where volunteers from most of St. Michael Parish ministries will host booths. After Mass, parishioners can visit the booths to learn about the dozens of ministries in which they can volunteer.

Some of the ministries in which parishioners currently participate include serving meals at the Catholic Charities Catholic Neighborhood Center, assisting at Masses as a lector or in the choir, teaching in the parish school of religion or volunteering in parish school classrooms or library. Our parishioners gather together to study scriptures, maintain the parish buildings and grounds or assist in the parish office. Some of the most active ministries are the quietest – rosary devotions, Eucharistic Adoration and prayer groups mobilized by letter, phone call or email.

“There’s something that everyone can do, no matter your age or your health status,” said St. Michael Stewardship Director Kathleen Dieffenbaugher. “We’re eager to help people find new ways to get involved, meet new people, and use their God-given talents.”

The Stewardship Fair is open to anyone who would like to get involved. It will follow 4:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, April 29 and the 7:30, 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, April 30. All Masses will be held in the Angelus Center, light refreshments will be served.

For details, call the parish office at 304.242.1560.

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!

Youth Group News:

The High School Youth Group members will be gathering on Sunday, March 26 from 12:30-2:00pm to walk the grounds of the church property and surrounding neighborhoods to pick up trash and litter. If you are a high school student in need of service hours, please feel free to join us!

The Youth Group is looking for student volunteers to assist with the Living Stations of the Cross that will be held on April 7th at 5:30pm in the church. Please let Mrs. Imer know if you can assist!

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 304.280.1451. For more information on the Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the “Diocesan” 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.