

St. Michael Parish

1225 National Road Wheeling, WV 26003 www.stmikesparish.org



St. Michael 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.

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The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of

Alfonso M. Zambito



Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation: 3pm-4pm on Saturday, 8am on First Saturday, or by appointment.

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on the first weekend of the month during or after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, or during or after the 11:30am Mass on Sunday. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Parent preparation is required.

Matrimony: Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact one of the priests at their residence. Anyone anticipating surgery is encouraged to request this sacrament prior to entering the hospital.

Homebound Parishioners: Contact Kathleen Dieffenbacher at the Parish Office to arrange a pastoral visit.

Christian Initiation of Adults: Please contact the Parish Office for information regarding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday 8am-5pm, 6pm-10pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am-5pm; Wednesday 10am-5pm; Saturday 8am-noon

Joining the Parish: Contact the Parish Office to obtain a registration form. Be sure to introduce yourself to one of the priests after Mass.

Parish School: Contact the school office for registration information.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 27th

7:30am † William Breyer
 4:30pm † Margaret McSweeney

Sunday, February 28th

7:30am † Undo Sparachane
 9:00am People of the Parish
 11:30pm † Salome Jayasekera

Monday, February 29th

7:30am † Joseph Krall
 5:30pm † Mary Zambito

Tuesday, March 1st

7:30am † Oelerich Walter
 5:30pm The Bush Family

Wednesday, March 2nd

8:30am † Audrey Metzger
 5:30pm † Michael Zoekler (A)

Thursday, March 3rd

7:30am † Martha Myslinsky
 5:30pm † Joseph Krall

Friday, March 4th

7:30am † Commemorative Mass
 Association

Saturday, March 5th

7:30am † Kris Rataker
 4:30pm (Vigil) † Steve Carter

Sunday, March 6th

7:30am People of the Parish
 9am Edward J. Coyne Family
 11:30am † Eleanor, Charles, Cynthia
 Gruber

St. Michael Parish Councils & Committees

Pastoral Council	Marty Medovic, President
Finance Council	John Hannig, President
Stewardship Council	Louis Volpe, President
Buildings & Grounds	Denny Wilson, Chairperson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



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Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

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: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Alternate readings (Year A):

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

Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel

Friday: St. Casimir; World Day of Prayer;
First Friday; Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Church Offering: \$12,858.62
Connect: \$1,674.82
Misc.: \$1,172.05
Total: \$15,705.49
Attendance: 872

NEXT WEEK COLLECTIONS

Collections for March 6th : Weekly Church Offering, Catholic Relief Services, and Monthly Church Support.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

This schedule has been emailed/mailed to all ministers. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the Parish Office. 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 participation and cooperation!

March 5th 4:30pm

Sacristan: Karen Kelly

Lector: Sharon Bourgo

Altar Servers: Janessa Blake Livingston, Leah Coleman, Danielle Agcaoili

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Donna Clark, John Clark, Karen Kelly, Jim Kelly, Kelly Saines, Paul Litvak, Dawn Ann Dean

March 6th 7:30am

Sacristan: Mike Rempe

Lector: Lillian Bischof

Altar Servers: Thomas and Andrew Komorowski, Alex Tarr

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Rudy Conti, Kathy Galinski, Jeanne Bischof

March 6th 9:00am

Sacristan: Maureen McNabb

Lector: Marian Mullin

Altar Servers: Aaron Mazur, Timmy and Grant McCabe

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: John Moore, Rob Krall, Jennifer Decker, Becky Bower, Maureen McNabb

March 6th 11:30am

Sacristan: Edie Fuller

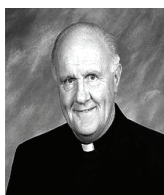
Lector: Tom Conti

Altar Servers: Andrew and Kate Tiu, Max Schmidt

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Aric Varlas, Barb Varlas, Hannah Boord, Edie Fuller, Ted Erickson, Margaret Erickson, Janet Roskovich

St. Michael Parish would like to congratulate Fiona Hutchison! Fiona is a student at Triadelphia Middle School and placed 1st for the 7th grade level at Ohio County Math Field Day. Keep up the good work!

PASTOR'S PEN



This week I would like to share the following quotes with our parish.

“We are not on Earth to guard a museum, but to cast wale a flourishing garden of life”. - Pope Saint John XXIII

“All of us are always going to do better tomorrows, and we would, too, if only we started today.”- Anonymous

“Errors should be a reason for growth, not excuses for discouragement.”-Anonymous

“Never for the sake of peace and quiet deny your own experience or convictions.”-Dag Hammarskjöld

“To grow is to change, and to have changed often is to have grown much.”-Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman

PARISH MISSION

St. Michael Parish Mission
 “Merciful Like the Father”
 with Father Ben St. Croix, CC

There will be confessions before the mission from 6:15pm-6:55pm. There will also be a Communal Anointing of the Sick on Monday, Mach 7th, at 1pm.

<u>March 6</u>	<u>March 7</u>	<u>March 8th</u>
7pm – Welcome	7pm – Welcome	7:00pm- Welcome
7:20pm- Talk	7:30pm- Talk	7:20pm- Talk
8:10pm- Exposition	8:10pm- Exposition	8:00pm- Evaluations
8:45pm- Benediction	8:45pm- Benediction	8:10pm- Collection
8:55pm- Closing	8:55pm- Closing	for “ <i>Companions of the Cross</i> ”
		8:20pm- Testimonies
		8:40pm- Reception

How to Participate More Actively in the Mass 2



(Continued from last week) The Eucharistic Prayer is our central Christian prayer, the fullest statement of our belief. Our participation in the Eucharistic Prayer is not just a "listening" and "watching" but a "doing." Jesus told us: "Do this in memory of me." On the night before He died for us, He took bread and gave thanks. As we hear these words, we can place ourselves with the Apostles at the table with Jesus. In placing ourselves at that table with Jesus we offer ourselves to the Father with Jesus in His Spirit, sharing the Eucharistic bread and cup. Our active participation culminates in our reception of Holy Communion. We get up, go to the altar and share the bread and the cup. We are all concerned about passing on the faith to the generations that come after us. The faith and reverence expressed in our reception of Communion speaks louder than any mere verbal explanation. We need to be here for the concluding part of the mass. We should not skip this last part of mass to be the first ones out of the busy parking lot. The concluding prayer and the Final blessing are very important. The priest gives us his blessing and every time we are blessed by a priest; this is like Christ himself blessing us. It is the commemoration of that blessing with which our Lord blessed his Apostles at the time when he was taken up to heaven.

Finally, we are being commissioned to go forth and bring Jesus Christ, whom we have heard and received, into the world. The broken bread is the sign of how our lives are going to have to be poured out for the good of all men and women.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays 6:15pm-6:55pm Confessions
 7:00pm Chaplet of Mercy followed by Stations of the Cross

St. Michael Parish has received another thank you from our Angel Tree Project!

St. Mikes,

WOW! Thank you for the mighty outpouring of God's love on our hurting, struggling neighbors. Your love reached into the needs of so many here and made God present through your actions. May the corporal and spiritual work of mercy continue to be such a guiding light in your parish. Your love ministers not only to the struggling neighbor but to us as well. Thank you for letting us see God alive, God at work, and God hearing our prayers through your generosity. Many blessings and love back.

- House of Hagar

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

✠ **William Breyer**

May their souls 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.

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
- ◆ Technical Sergeant Andrew G Futey, US Air Force
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Sergeant Anthony W. Widmer, US Marine Corps
- ◆ 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.



Keeping YOU Informed about
St. Michael Parish School
By Mary Beth Criniti
Advancement Director

Internet Safety Program...THIS EVENING!

St. Michael Parish School will host an informational program for parents and interested community members titled "Internet and Social Media Safety: Know the Risks." The event will take place this evening February 28 at 6 p.m. in the Angelus Center meeting rooms. Featured speakers will be Corporal James Dean of the West Virginia State Police, Attorney Christopher Gardill, and Sharon Goudy from the DWC Office of Safe Environment. Please spread the word, invite a friend, and join us for this informational program aimed at protecting our children.

SMPS Trivia Night

Reserve your table now for SMPS Trivia Night, taking place Saturday, March 5 in the Angelus Center. Tables of 6-8 people are needed to fill the gymnasium for what promises to be a fun evening for all. The cost is \$10 per person, payable in advance or at the door. Water and soft drinks will be provided-- participants are welcome to bring their own additional beverages and/or snacks to share with their table. Please contact Advancement Director Mary Beth Criniti at 304.242.3966 ext. 7 or mrscrittini@smpswv.org with any questions or to reserve your table for the evening. We hope you can join us!

Diocesan Tuition Assistance

For the 25th consecutive year, the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire this experience for their children but may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. For this reason, Bishop Michael J. Bransfield has allocated funds for distribution to Catholic families in need of financial assistance. Any Catholic student accepted for the 2016-2017 school year in any Diocesan Catholic school (PK thru Grade 12) is eligible. Determinations are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants. Online applications are now being accepted at www.factsmgmt.com. There is a \$25 application fee—the Diocese will pay \$12.50 and families pay the other \$12.50. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2016 with notifications of assistance going on in late May. Please contact Principal Lee Gruber with any questions.

UPCOMING MEETING REMINDERS

Pro Life Activities

The first Monday of every month the Pro Life Committee will have their monthly meeting. The third Monday of every month will be the prayer rosary in the Church.

God Has A Special Plan and Purpose for Women

Find out what it is through the Women of Grace Foundational Study Series, Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life. Women of Grace Informational Meeting will be Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7pm in my home. If interested, please call Peg Krall at 304-243-0659.



The Confraternity of Christian Mothers & Christian Women

Our next meeting is March 9th, 6:30 p.m. in the Angelus Center. This month's program: The Power of a Praying Wife and Power of a Praying Parent. Guest speakers include: Sis Richardson and Gretchen Wilson. Members are welcome to invite a guest. Babysitting is available— please call ahead to make arrangements with Mary Jo McGinley at 304-243-1558. Thank you.

Consecration to Jesus Through Mary, Instruction Using the book 33 Days To Morning Glory

Begins Monday, April 11. Only 5 minutes of reading per day! Six meetings, once a week for 90 minutes, consists of a video teaching by Fr. Michael Gaitley and group discussion. If interested, please call ahead so we can order your books. Call Rob & Peg Krall at 304-243-0659.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Bulletin Announcements

All bulletin announcements should be emailed to the parish secretary, Courtney Coleman at: secretary@stmikesparish.org. **The weekly deadline is 9 a.m. Monday morning.** We will do everything we can to share your announcement.

The **Pro-Life Committee** invites you to attend the 1st Friday all night prayer vigil on March 4th from 9pm-7am, followed by 7:30am Mass. Use the church entrance by the rectory only. Night vigils have long been recognized by the Church as a powerful means of calling down grace and mercy from heaven for our personal intentions, as well as making reparations for sin; especially sins against the sanctity and dignity of life. You may drop in for 15 mins, 1 hour, or long as you wish. There will be people present in prayer all night. Questions? Call Anita Smith 304-242-5053 or text Gretchen Wilson 304-280-1451.

Department of Formation & Mission

The Department of Formation & Mission is sponsoring four "Preparing for Christian Marriage Preparation Workshops in 2016". The dates and locations are as follows: March 4-6 at Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center in Huttonsville, May 20-22 at Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center in Huttonsville, July 8-10 at Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, and October 14-16 at Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston. For more information and to register, please visit: <http://wvmarriage.org/engaged/> or contact Jeanne McKeets in the Department of Formation & Mission at jmckeets@dwc.org or 304-233-0880 x374.

Let The Little Children Come to Me Adoration With Children

March 7th, March 21st—April 4th, April 18th — May 2nd, May 16th : Join us the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 9am-10am for Adoration with children. For questions, please contact April Veltri (304)914-1894, Amanda Voellinger (304)780-7096, or Sarah Brogan (304)242-1813.

All are welcome to attend the monthly **First Friday Mass** celebrated at the Bishops' Chapel located in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling. The First Friday Mass for the month of March will be celebrated at 5:30pm on March, 4, 2016. Please invite family and friends to join us for the holy sacrifice of the Mass and to remember our beloved dead who are buried within the cemetery. Also, please remember that clean-up starts on March 1, 2016 and ends on March 15, 2016. Please remove everything and including all keepsakes.

Friday Noon Concerts

Each Friday during the Lenten Season, Mr. Robert Troeger of St. Matthew Episcopal Church (Chapline Street in downtown Wheeling) hosts a free 12 noon concert featuring music for organ and/or other instruments. These concerts are free and open to the public; as well, a light luncheon of soup and sandwiches follows. The February 26 noon concert will feature our Parish Music Director, Mr. Chad Carter, in a performance of music for solo hand bells and flute. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Corpus Christi Ladies Guild Annual Penny Auction

On March the 5th @ the Parish Center on Warwood Avenue in Wheeling. Doors open @ 5:30 pm. Event begins @ 7 pm.

Great prizes
Delicious food
Fabulous fellowship

Boy Scout Troop 5 Flower Sale

The Boy Scouts are sponsoring an Easter Flower sale. Easter Lilies, Daffodils, Tulips and Hyacinths are available for purchase. Order form can be downloaded at <https://troop05.shutterstock.com/flowers>. Orders due by March 7 2016 and pickup on March 23 2016. Thank you for your support of the Boy Scouts.

Community Baby Shower

For Wheeling Catholic Charities

Sponsored by Junior League of Wheeling Help local babies in need, every child deserves a baby shower! Join us for an afternoon of food, prizes, and fun. April 16th, 2016 from 3pm-5pm at Wheeling Catholic Charities. Please donate diapers and wipes. Contact 740-579-1587 to R.S.V.P. or to make a donation. Thank you!

WV Auxiliary of the Congregation of St. Joseph Hosts Spring Membership Tea March 13

The annual spring membership tea of the WV Auxiliary of the Congregation of St. Joseph will be held Sunday, March 13 from 2-4 p.m. at Mount St. Joseph in Wheeling. Members are invited to bring a guest. There is no charge. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.

Mount St. Joseph in Wheeling "Growing Food, Health and Hope – Year II" will be held on Saturday, March 5

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

It will be a day for networking and learning about the current "crises and opportunities" regarding access to healthy food in the Upper Ohio Valley. This event will continue the networking, learning, and conversations which were begun in 2015 among church and neighborhood gardeners, social service providers, the education community, and other interested persons.

Free-will donations will be shared with Grow Ohio Valley's Toolbrary. For more information/registration contact: (304) 232-8160 x112 or x145.



Enjoy the 7th Annual Irish Evening Saturday, March 12th

This is a parish-wide event sponsored by CM/CW & Holy Name Society. Dinner includes: ham, Irish soda bread, side dishes, beverage and light dessert. Children's menu will also be available. Meals will be served from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Carry-out is available. Donations will be accepted to benefit the physical needs of our parish and the charitable needs of our community.

FELLOWSHIP FOOD MUSIC FUN

Don't miss the free entertainment from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Youth performers include: Audrey Blust, Jacob Coughlin, Hannah Dieffenbaugher, Nathan, Ben, and Caroline Foster, Nathan and Noah Blair, Zach Gordon, SMPS Choir, and the Oglebay Institute Youth Dancers.

Tickets are available NOW at the Parish Office.

