

# ST. MICHAEL PARISH

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## **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.

## **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

## **St. Michael Parish School Contact Information**

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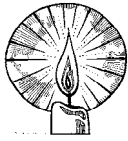
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March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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

**Millie Mulhern**



**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- March 26

8:00, Vigil RCIA Class of 2016

### Sunday- March 27

7:30am Celebrant's Intention  
 9:00am Commemorative Mass Association  
 11:30am People of the Parish

### Monday- March 28

9:00am ✠Mary Podefzwa (A)

### Tuesday- March 29

7:30am Kirchner-Coleman-Nau Families

### Wednesday- March 30

8:30am ✠Edward F. Kelly  
 5:30pm ✠Anna Schaub (A)

### Thursday- March 31

7:30am Beckett and Christiansen Families

### Friday- April 1

7:30am Commemorative Mass Association

### Saturday- April 2

7:30am The Hill Family  
 4:30pm People of the Parish

Our confessionals have been modified to have two lights above the door. In the two-color system, a green light above the priest's location shows that he is in the confessional and he is available for confession, whereas a red light above the penitents area shows that it is already occupied and that penitents should not enter. It is requested that penitents show courtesy by keeping a distance from the confessional while it is occupied.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



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**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

**Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter

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**Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter; First Friday

**Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter;

First Saturday

**St. Michael Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday, March 28. The office will re-open on Tuesday, March 29 at 8am. Thank you.**

## 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](http://www.stmikesparish.org). Please be sure to arrange your own substitute if you are unable to serve. Thanks for your participation and cooperation!

### Saturday, April 2nd 4:30pm

**Sacristan:** Carole Kliner

**Lector:** David Post

**Altar Servers:** Alex Tarr, Aaron Mazur, Anna Norman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sharon Bourgo, Donna Clark, John Clark, Kelly Saines, Tiffany Boury, Dawn Ann Dean, Paul Litvak

### Sunday, April 3rd 7:30am

**Sacristan:** Mike Rempe

**Lector:** Bob Gaudio

**Altar Servers:** David Gaudio, John Emmerth, Jacob Rine

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Pat Plunkett, Gretchen Wilson, Kathy Ulevich

### Sunday, April 3rd 9:00am

**Sacristan:** Marty Medovic

**Lector:** Camille Basinger

**Altar Servers:** Elizabeth Wolf, Melody Jennings, Josephine Kulpa

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Madge Emmerth, Jackie Kaniecki, Stan Kaniecki, Rosie Kluth, Shirley McCloskey

### Sunday, April 3rd 11:30am

**Sacristan:** Margaret Erickson

**Lector:** Melissa Michael

**Altar Servers:** Gage Michael, Matteo Gattesco, Isaac Schmitt

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Adrienne Michaud, Ron DiLorenzo, Robbie DiLorenzo, Jack O'Leary, Aric Varlas, Barb Varlas, Hannah Boord

"He is Risen"

Three words with the most important message for the whole human race.

To be a Christian is to believe in the Resurrection of Christ...

We are not Christians because we believe in sin, in the Cross, in the suffering and death, but because we believe in pardon, in joy, in liberation, in the Resurrection, and in life.

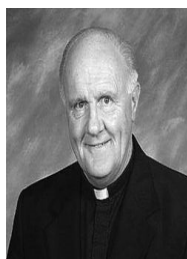
The heart of our faith is the hope that every trial becomes an increase in grace; that every sorrow will become a joy; every death a resurrection; and even that every fault may become a happy fault. All of this makes our religion supernatural.

*Rejoice with me.* Jesus, who was abandoned by his disciples, denied, betrayed, condemned to death by the religious tribunal, brought before Pilate, scourged, crowned with thorns, led to the gibbet and crucified, is *risen*.

*Rejoice with me.* Jesus, who was slain on the Cross and laid in the tomb, is *risen*.

*Rejoice with me.* My beloved children, on this Easter Day, share in the ineffable joy, which I saw for myself, before my eyes which were still filled with tears, my Son Jesus is the divine splendor of His glorified body.

To each one of you on behalf of Father McSweeney, Father Sebastian, the parish and school staffs, our best wishes for a very happy, joyful Easter. He is *risen*!

Easter 2016

"Rejoice heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ our King, is risen!"

Easter is a day of celebration because it is the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. St. Paul wrote that, unless Christ rose from the dead, our faith is in vain (1 Cor. 15:17). Through his death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next.

When we celebrate Easter, we celebrate the fact that Christ is alive in our lives, that He is a living person for us, and that His life is experienced and revealed in many ways in our own lives. Through our Easter faith we believe that there is real meaning to life, a purpose to our efforts of loving which can tire our hearts and distress our spirit and make us feel lonely and empty as Christ did at times throughout His life and especially during His Passion. We believe that the meaning and purpose of life is that we are called to love - to love God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and to love one another as He first loved us.

The center of the Gospel is Easter! That is, Jesus Christ has died and now lives! He has triumphed over sin and death; He gives us newness of life. The celebration of Easter leads us to a radical newness. Nothing is ever the same again.

He challenges us to give expression to our new life not just in church or on special occasions but in our homes, our neighborhoods and in society every day of our lives.



## SPECIAL THANK YOU

St. Michael Parish would like to thank Harry Gompers for his generous donation in tribute to Father McSweeney and his ample service.

The Holy Name Society and the Christian Mothers/ Christian Women would like to thank all who participated in the St. Patrick Day "Irish Evening". A good time was had by all. A total profit of just over \$2000.00 was achieved. The recipients of the proceeds will benefit the Youth Groups of St. Michael Parish, the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center, and the physical and charitable needs of our parish. Thanks a million.

St. Michael Parish would like to thank the following individuals for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the RCIA program: Father Sebastian, Shaney Faini, Louis Volpe, Eric Halicki, Tom Przybysz, and Kathy Baxter.

### **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  
By Mary Beth Criniti  
Advancement Director

### **Happy Easter!**

The students, faculty, and staff of St. Michael Parish School wish you a most blessed Easter holiday! May the hope and joy of this season fill your hearts today and remain with you always!

### **Mark your Calendars....**

April and May are shaping up to be busy months at SMPS. See the list below for some of what's on tap for the coming weeks.

March 28 & 29: No School (Easter Break)

March 30: School Resumes with normal schedule

April 6: First Communion Parent Meeting (6:15 p.m., Angelus Ctr.)

April 10: All School Mass

April 11-15: Testing Week

April 17: Bishop's Cross Dinner in Morgantown

April 20: Forensics Tournament at SVS

April 21 & 22: Kindergarten Screening

April 25-29: Career Education Week

May 1: First Holy Communion (2 p.m.)

### **SMPS Participating in 2016 Amazing Raise Ohio Valley**

St. Michael Parish School is thrilled to announce its participation in the 2016 Amazing Raise Ohio Valley on Tuesday, May 3. Hosted by the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley, the Amazing Raise is a 24-hour online charitable giving event meant to inspire people across the region to support local non-profit organizations. Last year, this event raised over \$426,000 for 98 area non-profit organizations. SMPS alone raised over \$23,000!! Here's how it works: On Tuesday, May 3, from 12:00 a.m to 11:59 p.m., the public is invited to visit [www.GIVEOV.org](http://www.GIVEOV.org) and make a pledge to SMPS. For every pledge over \$10, SMPS will receive a little something extra thanks to the generous sponsors of this event and the Community Foundation. There are also bonus prizes and incentives offered throughout the day to help inspire giving! More information will be forthcoming, but for now, we ask that you mark your calendars and consider making a gift to St. Michael Parish School during the 2016 Amazing Raise Ohio Valley on May 3.

## MEET THE RCIA CLASS OF 2016 !

**Brittaney Cichon** is an attorney and an International Compliance Analyst with Oreck, Harrington, and Sutcliffe, LLP. in Wheeling, WV. Brittaney was born in Wheeling but raised in Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, where her parents still reside. She has one brother and one sister who also reside in Ohio. Brittaney attended Buckeye Local High School, The Ohio State University, and Capital University Law School. Her hobbies include traveling, walking her beloved dog, reading, and spending time with her boyfriend Brandon, her friends, and her family.

**Jennifer Keane** was born in Clearwater, Florida, and resides in Wheeling with her husband Chris and her three children: D. J. (13), Sarah (9), and Grace (6). Jenn

is a pharmacy consultant. She enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends, relishing the beauty of nature and the outdoors, and helping others. Jen wishes us to know that she “wants to thank all of the wonderful people of St. Michael Parish who have been so welcoming. Joining RCIA has been a terrific experience. I have formed new friendships, learned more about myself and the Catholic Faith, and have strengthened my own faith.”

**D.J. Daugherty** is thirteen years old, born in Dunedin, Florida. He is an eighth-grade student at Triadelphia Middle School. His father is Dean Daugherty and he lives with his mother, Jen Keane, and his stepfather, Chris Keane, along with his two sisters, Sarah and Grace Keane. D. J. participates in the regular band and the jazz band at Triadelphia Middle School, playing the trumpet, the French horn, the string base, and the steel drum in the percussion ensemble. Besides music, D. J. enjoys baseball, paintball, and volunteering at the Good Zoo.

**Michael Hockenberry** is a fire protection engineer with the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), was born in Washington, Pennsylvania. He has been married to his wife Stephanie (the financial officer of our parish) for ten years and they have two children, Michala (5) and Blake (2). Mike enjoys hunting, golfing, and fishing and is learning a great deal about part-time home remodeling as he juggles work, family, and RCIA meetings while fixing-up an old/new home. Notwithstanding his busy life, Michael claims that the RCIA process has been a “. . . wonderful experience. I am grateful for the entire RCIA team—thank you!”

**Dana Marie Schmidt** is from St. Louis, Missouri, a Psychology Professor at West Liberty University and a Homestay Coordinator. She and her husband of twenty-three years, Vincent DePaul Schmidt, have three boys: August (18); Jonas (14); and Maxim (13). Busy as she is with work and taking care of her family—including her all-black German shepherd who answers to the name of Olaf—Dana unbelievably still finds time to enjoy cooking, baking and reading. As for the RCIA experience, Dana has this to say: “I have enjoyed participating in RCIA. I would like to thank Shaney, Lou, and Father Sebastian for giving their time to help all of us on our journey.”

**Bridget Murray** is the daughter of Lyn and Roger Ammons, was born in Cumberland, Maryland, but grew up in the small but vigorous town of Short Gap, WV. Bridget is blessed with two sons, Luke (8) and Zane (4) and has one sister, Bethany, along with numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. A graduate of Wheeling Jesuit University, she enjoys exercising, baking, cooking, art, hiking, biking, reading, crafts, and playing with her sons. Bridget is “happy to be coming home to the Catholic Church in the friendly parish of St. Michael’s.” As for the RCIA program she believes “the group of teachers are knowledgeable and kind.” and has “enjoyed getting to know the priests and people from the parish.”



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Bulletin Announcements**

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

### **Our Lady of Peace Annual Infant of Prague Novena**

This will begin on March 28 and held every Monday until May 23. This year's theme is "The Lives of Saints" in which each Monday a different saint will be honored. Any questions please contact the Our Lady of Peace parish office at 304-242-6579. Thank you!

### **"Let The Little Children Come to Me"**

#### **Adoration With Children**

April 4th, 18th

May 2nd, 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.

### **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.

### **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.

The **Youth Group** is seeking donations of gently used living room furniture for the Chambers Youth Room. Please call Kathleen in the parish office at 304-242-1560 extension 9 if you have anything available. We thank you.

### **Calling All Bakers!**

This year's Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Catholic Neighborhood Center at 18th Street will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2015. We are in need of lots of desserts so if you would be able to help with the baking, please call us. You may drop off your dessert at the 18th St. Center by Saturday, April 23rd or contact us if you need to make other arrangements for pick up/delivery. Any questions, please contact: Kathleen Frank at 304-232-2196.

### **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: May 20-22 at the Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center in Huttonsville, July 8-10 at the Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, and October 14-16 at the 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](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org) or 304-233-0880 x374.

**The Christian Life Fellowship** welcomes Fr. Bill Matheeny back to address a general assembly on Friday, April 22, at 6:30pm in the Angelus Center. The evening will open with a music and prayer session from 6:30-7:00pm. Fr. Bill will begin promptly at 7:00pm. The theme of the night will be "Back to the Future." Fr. Bill will revisit the gospels of Lent that help us move forward through the Easter Season into Ordinary Time. The emphasis will be on the "Year of Mercy."

The evening will conclude with fellowship and light refreshments. The event will be open to all, but an RSVP is greatly appreciated at 724-484-7536 or email [launa\\_post@yahoo.com](mailto:launa_post@yahoo.com).

