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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May 28, 2017
The Ascension of the Lord
The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of:

**Dorothy & Bill Grubler**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, May 27**
- 7:30am  People of the Parish
- 1pm  McKee Wedding
- 4:30pm  Deceased Members of the Oglebay Knights

**Sunday, May 28**
- 7:30am  Recently Deceased
- 9am  Frank and Virgina Grella
- 11:30am  Lisa Bryson Ames

**Monday, May 29**
- **9am**  Albert Cinque

**Tuesday, May 30**
- 7:30am  Dominick F. Gaudio (A)

**Wednesday, May 31**
- **7:30am**  Luigi Conti
**Wednesday morning mass change to 7:30am for summer.**

**Thursday, June 1**
- 7:30am  Marge Hannig

**Friday, June 2**
- 7:30am  Commemorative Mass Association

**Saturday, June 3 - Pentecost**
- 7:30am  Bishop Bernard W. Schmitt
- 4:30pm  Commemorative Mass Association

**Sunday, June 4**
- 7:30am  People of the Parish
- 9am  People of the Parish
- 11:30am  People of the Parish

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

We hope you are able to spend lots of time with family and friends this Memorial Day Weekend. In observance of the holiday, our office will be closed this Monday, May 29. We will reopen at 8am on Tuesday, May 30.
WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day
Monday: Memorial Day
Tuesday: Shavuot (“Weeks”), the Jewish festival of the giving of the Law, begins at sunset
Wednesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Justin
Friday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter; First Friday
Saturday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; First Saturday

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

Deacon Paul Smith
May his soul 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.

St. Michael Parish will be partnering with “Out the Pike” Vacation Bible School. It will be held July 23 - 27th at Christ United Methodist Church from 6-8pm. Children ages 3 years old up to 6th grade are welcome to attend. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Jen Imer at 304.280.0853. Please check future bulletins for registration dates.

The Knights of Columbus, Carrol Council 505, will be having their annual May Rosary Devotion every Sunday in May at 7pm in their home on Edgington Lane. Weather permitting, the rosary will be held at the grotto outside the home. Please join us for this beautiful devotion to our Blessed Mother during her month of May.

The Holy Name Society will be holding a project update meeting. The meeting will take place in the Parish Office on June 11th at 8:30am (following the 7:30am Mass).

“Give your Hands to Serve and your Hearts to Love”
All gifts made to the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) help fund ministries and programs that benefit the parishes, missions and schools throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, as well as support for outreach programs through Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa).
www.dwc.org/CSA
St. Michael Parish is currently at $15,405 of our $63,845 goal!
Dear Parishioners,

THANK YOU SO MUCH for praying for your spiritual adopted baby. The baby that you have been praying for will soon arrive. To help celebrate their arrival, we would like to have a “Baby Shower” for all of these special babies. If you would choose to participate, please bring to church a baby item and put it by Mary’s altar in one of the laundry baskets June 10-18th. The items collected will be taken to expectant mothers in need in the area. The items do not have to be new items and you do not need to wrap them. They can range from pacifiers, baby bottles, stuffed animals, baby toys, clothes, diapers, wipes etc. And if you are in the process of decluttering, you may donate toys or baby items that you or your child no longer need.

If you have any questions, please contact: Gretchen Wilson at 304-280-1451.

Annual St. Michael Parish Rummage Sale
DATE and TIME: Saturday, June 17th from 8 am - 1 pm
Donation Drop Off: Sunday June 11 after each mass and then again Monday June 12 thru Thursday June 15 from 6 - 9 PM.
Volunteers Needed: This is a fun way to interact and get to know other parishioners. It is also a great way to get volunteer hours for Confirmation.
Please contact Janet Nolan at 304-281-6895 to volunteer or to schedule a pick-up.

Collection Totals - May 1, 2017
1st Collection (Weekly) - $7,888.55
2nd Collection (Utility Fund) - $2,129.00
Misc. Collections - $422.00
Total - $10,439.55 Attendance - 755 Total
(John 21) To whom does Jesus ask the question three times, “Do you love me?”
A. Andrew
B. James
C. John
D. Peter
Last week’s answer: Anna Jarvis founded Mothers’ Day in the town of Grafton

POSITION VACANCY – DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES
The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has an opening for the Diocesan Director of Music Ministries and Organist. This position is responsible for all music associated with worship, religious education, social ministry, and evangelization at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph--principal organist, selecting music repertoire, building and working with choir and cantors, and promoting a singing assembly. The director will collaborate with the Diocesan Office of Worship and Sacraments in the planning of Diocesan (Episcopal) liturgies and executing music for these events. These include liturgies where the Diocesan Bishop is the celebrant or the Diocese is responsible for the planning. These include but are not limited to: Rite of Election, Chrism Mass, Diaconate and Priesthood Ordinations, Triduum, Christmas, Red Mass and Diocesan Pilgrimages to the Basilica of the National Shrine on a biennial basis. The Director will also assist with on-going formation for pastoral musicians throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

REQUIREMENTS
Master’s Degree in Music preferred. Applicants must have at least 5 years working as a pastoral musician, be proficient in organ and piano, and have experience in choral conducting. Applicants must also have a spirit of collaboration and the ability to work well with others, possess a knowledge and understanding of the liturgy and have experience in planning liturgical celebration, have strong organizational skills, embody the spirit of the Second Vatican Council and work to promote “full, active, conscious participation in the liturgy,” respect the broad tradition in Catholic liturgical music which incorporates classical, traditional, and contemporary sacred music, have a working knowledge of Sing to the Lord document, approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; the Roman Missal, third edition, and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults as it relates to ritual and music. Résumé submissions should be directed to Mr. Bryan Minor in the Human Resources Office, bminor@dwc.org. A full job description is available upon request. The deadline to apply is July 7, 2017.

POSITION VACANCY – DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION
There is currently an opening in the Diocese for a Director of Faith Formation. This is a full-time position with the office located in Wheeling, West Virginia. The director provides leadership and direction for the ongoing development and support of programs/services for Parish Religious Education and Faith Formation Programs. This person will collaborate with the Catholic Schools Department regarding the teaching of Religion. The director will provide services/programs for Directors of Religious Education and Catechetical leaders in parishes. The director also oversees programs/services in RCIA, family life and marriage preparation.
Qualified individuals will have a Master’s Degree in Religious Education, Theology or related field of study. Person should have at least 5 years of demonstrated experience in Catechetical Formation at the parish or diocesan level. The individual must have a deep faith and personal commitment to the life of the church and adherence to the teachings and traditions of the church. Ability to work evenings, some weekends and flexible hours is essential.
Interested individuals should contact Bryan Minor, Executive Director of the Human Resources Office (bminor@dwc.org) for an application and a complete job description of the position.

ANNULMENTS—Please contact Father Bill if you want information about acquiring an annulment. I will help you throughout the process. Even if a divorced Catholic was married in a non-Catholic ceremony (Protestant church or Justice of the Peace), he / she still needs an annulment if they plan to remarry.

SUMMER MASS ATTENDANCE
With the availability of internet access, there is no reason why summer travelers cannot participate in Eucharist on weekends. You can contact mastimes.org or google catholic churches (city/state) to find a church. Please don’t take a vacation from Our Lord during the summer.

We’d like to extend our sincere appreciation to Kathy Galinski for her many years of service to the parish as the teacher of our Baptism Preparation classes. Your warm smile and gentle spirit will be missed in this role! We welcome aboard Mrs. Marcy Hartzell who will be taking over the reins from Mrs. Galinski. Thank you ladies, for your stewardship to our parish!
FESTIVAL NEWS!!!

Many thanks to all those who have already donated towards the festival. We have had an outpouring of support in prize room & tip board donations & are beginning to receive sponsorship donations. Truly amazing!

We are now looking for a new tip board chairperson. This is a really fun opportunity! We are looking for an outgoing person who can gather donations & "work the crowd", selling tips at the festival. The addition of live MC's will help this booth get the word out.

We are also looking for a chairperson to organize the corn hole tournament.

We are still looking for teen prizes:
- wireless speaker - approx $20-$40
- Marquee cinema, Highland’s restaurant, Mooey’s or iTunes gift card

Tip Board Items:
If you have access to complimentary local tickets, these are popular items in the tip board booth. We’d really appreciate the donation.
- 4 Kennywood, Sandcastle or Idlewild tickets & local concert tickets

Festival infrastructure & Games:
- Amazon, Lou Nau Hardware or Lowe's gift cards

“Adopt-a-booth:”
If you cannot donate your time, there are opportunities to donate items for children's games needing replenished each year.
- Dinosaur Dig - 50 lb bag play sand, 500 plastic dinosaurs & 10 sand toys - total cost = $150
- Lucky Lollipop - 500 dumb dumb lollipops & 500 small-medium prizes (oriental trading or Amazon) - total cost = $125
- Face & Hair Paint - 15 multi-colored face paint (non-toxic, resealable in tubes) & 20 colored hairspray - total cost = $125
- Duck & Fish Pond - 500 small-medium prizes (oriental trading or Amazon) & 500 small pieces candy - total cost = $150
- We are now looking for festival sponsors. If you own a small business, this is an excellent opportunity to advertise. You may also sponsor as an individual or family. Please contact Jeremy Lowe (jlowe@forthenvycapital.com) or Jacob Manning (jamanning710@gmail.com) for more information.

If you haven’t gotten involved with the festival before, we hope you will join us this year. It’s a fun, safe way to serve your parish and a great way to show Wheeling who we are as a faith-filled community.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Lowe at amandalowe@hky.com or Missy Tiu at melissajtiu@gmail.com or 304-312-8050. Thank you!

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.

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
- Airman First Class Sierra E. McKenna, 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!
State of the School Address 2017

As the last weeks of May approach it is hard to believe that another school year has gone by and the close of the 2016-2017 school year is only days away. I want to take this time to thank every parent for giving me the opportunity to be a part of your child’s education. I have enjoyed watching the students grow throughout the year.

One of my favorite things to do during the school day is to go into the cafeteria and sit with the students and ask them how their day has been going, and to listen to their stories of what happened the previous weekend or evening or to hear what exciting events they have ahead of them.

I have been asked by many people how do you manage to learn all the students names in such a short amount of time? For my past 16 years in the education field, that has always been one of my goals. This summer I sat and memorized the student’s pictures in the yearbook. Then during school masses, while serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, I use every students name and if I find myself forgetting someone I make it a point to go to their classroom that day and talk with the students. This creates a memory so I don’t forget their name again.

This year there have been a lot of “new” events, ideas and even people at St. Michael Parish School. In June, Monsignor Peterson, Father Cody and I all began our St. Michael Parish journey together. After only three months Father Cody left and Father Bill returned to Wheeling to join our school and parish family. In August we began work on the implementation of our new Reading series in grades K-5. This series is very rigorous and both our teachers and students have risen above the standards and they have implemented this program with confidence and ease. I am looking forward to building on these skills and I am confident that we will continue to score above the county, state and national averages on all standardized tests.

This year we had another successful Angel Walk lead by Mrs. Shandi Nodurft. As we entered the winter Mrs. Nodurft took on even more responsibilities by becoming our part time Marketing and Fundraising Coordinator while still leading and teaching our Preschool 4 program. In addition Mrs. Nodurft brought back the SMPS Fish Fry during the Lenten season. This was a new adventure for both of us. Mrs. Nodurft did an amazing job and I personally worked the Fish Fry every week. I loved chatting with all the parents, students and parishioners. All in attendance seemed to enjoy this event.

The beginning of May brought on the challenge of the Amazing Raise. Our goal was to raise the funds to put computer workstations in all of our Kindergarten – 4th classrooms and 25 Chromebooks for the 5th grade. This will enable students to access the technology portion of the new reading series that will build on the textbook skills along with reinforcing the standards in each lesson. I am happy to say that we have just about met that goal and I am excited for everyone to see the new classroom additions next fall.

As the days of May flew by we starting preparing for end of year programs, graduations, class trips, and finally the 8th grade overnight trip. This week we will say good bye to our 28 eighth grade students who will become members of the prestigious St. Michael Parish School Alumni community. I want to wish all of them the best as they move on to their high school years and I am confident that they will all succeed in whatever paths they choose.

In the upcoming summer months, I will be working with many of the staff members as we organize and prepare for the 2017-2018 school year. This summer we will be purchasing a new Math and Religion series for next school year. By implementing the new Math series students and parents will see the shift to more application and high level thinking approaches with in the Math curriculum. Our new Religion series is more child friendly and incorporates individual saints with each chapter in every book. One final school wide initiative that I will be working on all summer is the incorporation of a Nationally Accredited Anti Bullying Program. This program will provide teachers with trainings at the beginning of the year so that we will all be ready to launch this program in our school for the students return in August. On August 14th I hope to see all of you for our Back to School Mass and Open House. I hope everyone has a wonderful and relaxing summer creating memories with your children and enjoying the long hours of sunlight. Please at any time this summer, if you have any questions or concerns you can either call the school office or simply e-mail me. I will be available to help you and our students.

St. Michael Parish School Principal
Jamie Kovalski - State of the School Address 2017