Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream.

Jeremiah 17:7-8
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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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Presidents’ Day
Thursday: St. Peter Damian
Friday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington’s Birthday
Saturday: St. Polycarp

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is held 3pm-4pm on Saturday, 8am on First Saturday, or by appointment.
Eucharistic Adoration is held Monday 8am-5pm, 6pm-10pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am-5pm Wednesday 10am-5pm; Saturday 8am-noon.

Please contact Cindy Barone at the Parish Office if you are interested in Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Christian Initiation of Adults, joining the parish, bulletin announcements, a pastoral visit for homebound or hospitalized parishioners, or Weddings (six months prior to the desired wedding date).

Our Parish Office is open 8am until 4pm Monday -Thursday and 8am until noon each Friday.

Collection & Attendance Data: February 9/10, 2019
4:30pm — 289  7:30am —  110
9:00am —  205  11:30am — 167

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 771
1st Collection: $8,107.72
2nd Collection: $2,331.00
Miscellaneous: $735.00
Online: $626.50

TOTAL: $11,800.22
Our Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 16th
7:30am  Barbra Frances Klug
4:30pm  William A. Widmer Sr.

Sunday, February 17th
7:30am  Phillip Diab
9:00am  People of the Parish
11:30am Daniel J. Boyle

Monday, February 18th
7:30am  Armella and Thomas Brunner
5:30pm  Paul A. Schuber

Tuesday, February 19th
7:30am  Barbara B. Little

Wednesday, February 20th
8:30am  Barbara F. Klug
5:30pm  The Dolliver Family

Thursday, February 21st
7:30am  Charles Flaherty

Friday, February 22nd
7:30am  Father Rick Shoda

Saturday, February 23rd
7:30am  Dr. Fernando Giustini
4:30pm  Raymond O’Donnell

Sunday, February 24th
7:30am  Barbara F. Klug
9:00am  Ed “Ooga” Covey
11:30am People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (February 17—February 23, 2019) in memory of PATRICK WERNER

Lenten Lecture Series

This Lent, the Department of Formation & Mission is partnering with Wheeling Jesuit University’s Department of Theology to offer a free, public Lenten lecture series, “Saints & Heroes.”

During the season when we renew our commitment to spiritual and moral growth, we will look to the lives of saints and heroes as a source of insight and inspiration. These three lectures will take place on March 12, March 26, and April 9 from 7-8:30pm in the CET Recital Hall at WJU. All are welcome to attend in person, and we’re looking to offer a live video stream as well.

For more details on the lectures, visit www.dwc.org/lenten-lecture-series.

Greeters Needed! March 6th, 2019

The beginning of Lent, marked by Ash Wednesday is right around the corner! We are looking for individuals to act as greeters for the Ash Wednesday Masses. The parish will be giving out a Lenten reflection book that will need to be passed out at all of the Ash Wednesday Masses.

If you are interested in being a greeter, please contact Kathleen in the Parish Office.

Our Ash Wednesday Mass schedule is as follows:

7:30am
8:45am (SMPS)
12:00pm
7:00pm

St. Michael Parish offers its deepest condolences to the families and friends of Dr. Fernando Giustini

May he rest in peace oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him
LITURGICAL MINISTERS

*Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mikes’ webpage.  **Weekday 7:30—February 18—22, 2019
Altar Server:  Levi Rine

Saturday, February 23, 4:30pm
Sacristan:  Carole Kliner
Lectors:  Rose Frasnelli and David Agcaoili
Altar Servers:  Sarina Dieffenbaugher, Thomas Komorowski, Laken and Ryan Costanzo
EMOHCS:  Jenn and Chad Byrum, Audrey Dieffenbaugher, Andrew Komorowski, Paul Litvak

Sunday, February 24, 7:30am
Sacristan:  Gretchen Wilson
Lectors:  Amy Miesel and Nathan Stryker
Altar Servers:  Isaac Smith and Daniel Goodson
EMOHCS:  Gretchen Wilson, Tony Miesel, Kathy Galinski, Joe Roxby and Bob Fanning

Sunday, February 24, 9:00am
Sacristan:  Maureen McNabb
Lectors:  Marian Mullin and Camille Basinger
Altar Servers:  Mason and Matthew Griffin, Olen Ames, Ava Hanson
EMOHCS:  Maureen McNabb, April Stolfer, Denny Snyder, Kerry Przybysz, Rob Krall

Sunday, February 24, 11:30am
Sacristan:  NEEDED
Lectors:  Margaret Erickson and Bob Miller
Altar Servers:  The Blatt Family
EMOHCS:  John Moore, Ava and Alaina Zende, Adrienne Michaud, Robbie DiLorenzo

Office of Safe Environment:

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

On our Obligation to Worship the True and Living God

Everything that we have, we have received from God (1 Cor. 4:7) and we naturally sense that He is to be worshiped. There is not a single culture in all of history which failed to recognize and attempt to fulfill this obligation. The difficulty is that God is transcendent – that is, He is the God of creation and outside of creation. Because God is infinitely greater than us, we cannot actually give anything to Him that is in any proportion to what He is owed on a natural level. But, Jesus Christ came to this earth and won for us the grace to render right worship to God. Grace raises us and our acts, so that those acts are actually in some way proportionate to God because they come from a supernatural source.

Because of God’s transcendence – His complete “otherness” – He also has to reveal the manner in which we are to give Him His due. Jesus Christ came to earth and won for us the grace to render right worship to God and revealed to us how this is to be done when He instituted Holy Mass at the Last Supper. This means that, technically speaking, the Catholic Church is the only place where this obligation is fulfilled perfectly because we have the integrity of revelation and we worship God in a way that is proportionate to Him.

As a part of the power of the keys (Matthew 16:10), the Church has been given the authority to determine, among other things, when we are to worship God. The Church says that we are to attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation. To skip Mass on any one of these days is to fail to give to God that which we owe Him. Therefore, to skip Mass on these days is to take from God what we owe Him (that is, it is an injustice), and that is why it is gravely sinful.

At times we are legitimately impeded from attending Mass (hence we are not skipping), for example when we are sick or taking care of a sick relative or when there is grave difficulty or danger in getting to Mass. During such times, since we are not “skipping” Mass, there is no sin at all.

—Fr. Martin Smay

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

is held each Sunday during 9am Mass. All 3 year olds through 1st graders are welcome to attend.

The presider will call the children up to the front of the church after the opening prayer and before the First Reading.
Faith, Hope & Love
Conference 2019: Creating Connections for Healing

Interested in learning more about how people of faith can respond to the opioid epidemic? This year’s annual Parish Social Ministries conference, a collaborative effort between Catholic Charities, the Diocese, and the West Virginia Council of Churches, will address this topic on March 9th at the St. Joseph Retreat Center in Wheeling. This day of presentations, workshops, and discussions runs from 9:00am-4:00pm and includes lunch. There is no cost to attend, but please register so that the organizers can plan accordingly. For registration and additional details, visit: https://catholiccharitieswv.org/blog/7th-annual-social-ministries-conference/

For some people, a social concern may be sitting down to dinner and wondering which fork is for salad and which fork is for dessert. Or, perhaps there is a social concern that the conversation may turn political and your view may be drastically different from another guest. Attire can cause social concerns. My husband and I were recently puzzled by an invitation which described the dress code as “rustic casual”.

Social Concerns is something completely different when you see it on the envelope for a second collection at our church. Social Concerns is our outreach to our parishioners and neighbors in need. The primary recipient of our Social Concerns account is Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center. In 2018, we donated over $7000 to the Neighborhood Center. The majority of that money was raised through the Rummage Sale. All proceeds from the sale, totaling over $6000, were deposited into the Social Concerns account.

All churches in the Diocese support Catholic Charites West Virginia with the second collection on Christmas Day. In 2017 our Christmas collection for CCWV was $7479, and in 2018 your generosity was amazing, with a collection of over $8000! In our Diocese, we had the second highest amount collected for CCWV!

We have also used available Social Concerns resources to help our neighbors who have come upon tough times. We recently purchased a bus pass for a man who needed help with transportation to work, gave groceries to a man who was homeless and donated to a collection to support the employees of Zigenfelder who were affected by the fire. All of these moments of charitable giving are possible because of YOU and your kindness!

Our munificent parishioners are always quick to respond to a collection for warm coats, toiletries, the Angel Tree, Social Concerns and any other request to help others! Thank you for your incredible generosity!

“Whatever you did for these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”
Matthew 25:40

—Wendy Hinerman
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy.

Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.

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35th Annual CCHS Reverse Raffle

Here is YOUR chance to win $5,000!

Please join us on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at Wheeling Park White Palace.

Cocktails 5:30
Dinner 6:30
Beer and Wine provided

$ 50.00 ticket only
$ 100.00 ticket and 1 dinner
$ 150.00 ticket and 2 dinner

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Melissa Mansuetto - 740-310-9031 Mansuetto7@comcast.net

Thank you for supporting Central Catholic High School!!

PRAYER FOR HEALING WITHIN THE CHURCH

St. Peter, pray for the church that it may be rebuilt, healed, and made holy.
St. Monica, pray for the abused, survivors, and for justice.
St. Catherine of Siena, pray for reform and restoration of the clergy.
St. John Vianney, pray for the holiness of priests and bishops.
St. Benedict, pray that all evil be cast out of the church.
St. Anthony, pray for us to find a way forward.
St. Paul, pray for the bishops that they may be fearless in confronting other bishops.
St. Augustine, pray for true repentance and transparency.
Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death, amen.

NONSENSE

A little nonsense, now and then, is relished by the wisest among us.

—Anonymous
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Youth Group
Angelus Center Meetings
February 17th, 6 to 8:00pm, 7th & 8th grade and High School

Do you remember what a BLAST the PURSUIT event was last year?? Well, it is returning for more fun this year!!

PURSUIT YOUTH MINISTRY TOUR 2019
Feb. 23rd, 2019
Kick-off Dinner at 5:30 pm in the Angelus Center

This event is open to all 5th through 12th graders WITH YOUR PARENT(S)!

This is a great opportunity for students and parents to experience a fun and faith-filled evening together!

The evening will be facilitated by the Diocesan Youth Office Staff and will focus on "Saying YES to God!"

But wait...there's more! If you are a student in grades 8th through 12th, and you attend PURSUIT, you are invited to stay for an overnight LOCK-IN at the Angelus Center! Students will be well-chaperoned for a night of continuing faith-filled fun!

IMPORTANT: Please RSVP to Mrs. Imer by Feb. 20th so that she can plan for the number of people to feed! 304-280-0853.

Lenten Prayer Seminar

Join folks from parishes in the Wheeling area for a seminar on prayer this Lent! The seminar will meet 5 consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning March 13 at Corpus Christi Parish in Warwood from 6:00-7:30pm. The seminar is an in-person adaptation of a University of Dayton online seminar that explores the qualities, forms, and expressions of prayer that help form and sustain our lives as Catholics. The seminar is open to anyone!

Participants will be asked to read a selection on prayer throughout their week and then gather each Wednesday for discussions, which will be facilitated by Shirley Carter. Course fee is $25 which includes the book. Contact Nick Mayrand at nmayrand@dwc.org to register or receive additional information!

SAY yes to God

We can't wait for this event! Please join us!
EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS
Submitted by Shandi Nodurft

♦ **February 18th:** No school in observance of President’s Day
♦ **February 20th:** 5th grade school Mass
♦ **February 21st:** 3rd grade leads the Rosary
♦ **February 22nd:** Bake Sale
♦ **February 23rd:** Pursuit -5th through 12th grades Youth Group

Social Studies & Science Fair 2019

The 5th-8th grade students all put in a great deal of hard work on their projects and are commended for their efforts! Congratulations to the following students on receiving a Superior rating. They will move on to their respective diocesan fair. The Social Studies Fair was held at Wheeling Central on February 13th and the Science Fair will be held at Wheeling Central on March 7th.

8th Grade - Treston Nemeth, Abie Riedel, Abbey Jones, and Ryan Costanzo


6th Grade - Nathaniel Barack, Ryan Blair, Abigail Howard, Taylor Nemeth, Tyler Dean, Ava Hanson, Mason Schmitt, and Luke Tiu

5th Grade - Matthew Bench, Hollynd Bowman, Isabella Contraguerro, Will Medovic, Alyssa Parker, Liam Shinn, Michael Steiniger, Sara Zende, and Bridget Zoeckler

Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee was a “stinger”! After 18 rounds of intensive spelling we would like to congratulate all of the participants who competed in this year’s Spelling Bee, but most especially, Aly Ward our runner-up, and our winner Luke Tiu! We wish both students the best of luck when they attend the Diocesan Spelling Bee in March!

With Gratitude!

On behalf of the students and staff of St. Michael Parish School, we wish to extend our deepest gratitude for the generous gift given by Kathryn Gohn in honor of her mother, **Suzanne Elizabeth Saseen**, to the scholarship in Mrs. Saseen’s memory.

Also, a very special thank you to Sandy and Doug Pell for their donation in memory of Mrs. Barbara Klug.

Mrs. Burge and the Early Childhood Team wish to thank all of the families that came to our Early Childhood Open House. It was a great success! As of February 8th, we have 4 spots left in PK 3, 2 spots left in PK 4, and a few in Lil’ Cherubs. Remember that our Expanded Day Program offers an all day option for our 3 and 4 year olds!

If you are interested in joining our SMPS family please call the school office at 304-242-3966 for more information.
2019 Viennese Winter Ball Cotillion

The 2019 Viennese Winter Ball Cotillion was held on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. The Cotillion is comprised of 20 seniors from local schools who volunteer their time to the Wheeling Symphony. These students are asked to help with the Patron Party, the Viennese Winter Ball, the 4th of July concert, symphony office needs, as well as various Auxiliary events throughout the year. We wish to congratulate past St. Michael Parish School students who were chosen to participate in this year’s Viennese Winter Ball Cotillion: Miss Audrey Blust, Miss Paige Futey, Miss Maria Mosman, Miss Madelyn Tiu, Miss Kenadee Wayt, Miss Ireland Wayt, Mr. David Agcaoili, Mr. Angelo Gentile, Mr. Charles Ghaphery, and Mr. Mark Ashton Kepple.

A special thank you to Donna Clark for running the Enjoy Book Fundraiser from beginning to end! Also, thank you to our parishioners and school families that participated in this fundraiser. SMPS sold 108 books which totaled $1,080 in profit, $480 of which was shared with our families who purchased or sold a book(s). SMPS generously shares half the profit they receive from this fundraiser with families, when requested, in the form of a hot lunch credit. The hot lunch credit for any family who earned it through this fundraiser has been added to your account. The $600.00 raised will be used for curriculum needs.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Mrs. Patterson in the Parish Office. Now, “go in peace and enjoy” your Enjoy Book coupons.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our SMPS alumni Kaylee Reinbeau on reaching 1,000 career points with the CCHS girls basketball team! We are proud of you!

Kids Heart Challenge

St. Michael Parish School and Parish wish to announce the dates for the 2019 LENTEN FISH FRY! We will begin Wednesday, March 6, 2019. Fish will be served from 4-7 pm. The Fish Fry will be every Friday during the Lenten Season excluding Good Friday.

We ask for volunteers from each grade at the assigned date below. Look for an email from the Fish Fry Committee to volunteer your time for this fun night of giving and fellowship through the signup.com app!

Fish Fry:
March 6th: Ash Wednesday
March 8th: PK 3 & PK 4
March 15th: TK & K
March 22nd: 1st & 2nd
March 29th: 3rd & 4th
April 5th: 5th & 6th
April 12th: 7th & 8th

Fish Fry Committee:
Kathleen and Isaac Dieffenbaugher email: kathleen@stmikesparish.org
Shandi and EJ Nodurft email: mrsnodurft@smpswv.org
BLESSED
When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . . ”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the Beati, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

Father Higgs Leads Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy
Fr. Donald Higgs, Pastor at the Co-Cathedral in Charleston, WV, will be the Spiritual Director for a 12-Day Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from October 7-18, 2019. The itinerary includes 3 nights in Florence, 2 nights each in Venice and Assisi, and 3 nights in Rome. Side trips to Milan, Siena, and Padua are planned. The cost is $4300 each. Deposit is $450 each with final payment by July 7, 2019. An Early Booking Discount is available. The package includes air from most East coast and Midwest cities, daily breakfast and dinners, Superior Tourist Class hotels, and English speaking guides. For additional information and brochures, call John Tagnesi, 1-888-544-4461 or email: jtag1964@verizon.net.

Please come and join us for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday in the main body of St. Michael Church from 8:30am-5:00pm. We will be praying for life issues; especially for the conversion of hearts and minds of those who work in the abortion industry and those who support them. We will also be lifting up those women who are anticipating an abortion as well as those who have had an abortion.

We pray that God will touch and change hearts and minds so that these precious little ones may be given a chance to be a blessing.
Looking to deepen your faith? Join us for the Magnificat Chapter of Morgantown Inspirational Prayer Breakfast, March 2, 2019 at Lakeview Resort. Our inspirational speaker is Magnificat Music Team Leader Carla Comer. Carla will share her story as a fallen away Catholic who fought depression, and returned to the faith after God revealed to her the missing piece in her life was a relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Magnificat is a ministry to Catholic women aimed at strengthening and sharing our faith.

WHAT: Morgantown Magnificat Inspirational Prayer Breakfast
WHEN: Saturday, March 2, 2019, 9 am to noon (doors open at 8:15am)
WHERE: Lakeview Resort, 1 Lakeview Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508
GUEST SPEAKER: Magnificat Music Team Leader Carla Comer
RESERVATIONS: Cost $20. Must register by February 23, 2019. Register online at magnificatmorgantown.org or call Pat at 304-296-8950. No tickets sold at the door.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring “Coats for Kids” now through Ash Wednesday. Please drop off your new or used coats at the back of the church in the bins provided. These coats go to YSS of Wheeling and Catholic Charities.

On Ash Wednesday, the Knights will begin the “40 Cans for Lent” Program. Please drop off any non-perishable items in the back of the church in the bins provided. All proceeds benefit the Catholic Charities 18th Street Neighborhood Center.

During these cold winter months, Youth Services Systems (YSS) opens it’s doors to the local homeless to have a meal and to sleep overnight. The Winter Freeze Shelter provides an evening meal and a warm place to sleep for approximately 40 people every day from the beginning of December through March 15th.

Recently, I sent an email to our Pastoral Council and Stewardship Council, asking if we could provide (2) meals for the shelter. The response was tremendous! Within 24 hours I had people offering to donate everything from food and water to paper products and supplies. As a result, we will be delivering 2 meals to the shelter to cover their needs for this weekend!

I am always impressed and grateful for the generosity of the people of our parish! There has never been a time that our parishioners have not stepped up to donate or assist those in our community that need our help. Thank you to all of you that responded to my requests!

If anyone has any interest in helping to provide food for the YSS Winter Freeze Shelter between now and March 15th, you can contact me in the Parish Office OR you can call Holly Fox from YSS at 304-218-2847.

—Kathleen Dieffenbaugher, Stewardship Director
GRANDMA’S HOMEMADE GNOCCHI SALE!
The ladies of St. Mary’s, Martin’s Ferry Ohio, are once again selling Homemade Gnocchi! The Gnocchi is $5.00 a pound. Orders can be placed by calling Kathy Kimble at 740.633.3877 by March 13, 2019. Money is due by March 27th to St. Mary’s Rectory, 20 North Fourth Street, Martins Ferry, Ohio, 43935. Pick-up is April 13 from 10am to noon at St. Mary’s School Auditorium, 24 North 4th Street, Martins Ferry, Ohio. All proceeds benefit church projects.

Thank you!

The CCHS French Department is presenting its French Follies on Sunday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall, CCHS. Admission is $3.00 for adults and $2.00 for students. Come and join us for a fun-filled evening of French skits, dances and songs!

Please pray for these men and women serving our country in the military, and for their families:

- Petty Officer First 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
- Specialist Matthew Graney, 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 First Class Cody Patterson, US Navy
- Specialist Seth Sleime, US Army
- Warrant Officer 1 (W01) Christopher Snyder
- Sergeant Major 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
- PVT Jacob Ulevich, US Army

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! God bless our military and their friends and families!

Pro-Live Corner
West Virginia’s Non-Discrimination in Involuntary Denial of Treatment Act

West Virginia’s medical providers are increasingly withholding care when they consider the patient’s “quality of life” too poor due to disability or age. This legislation prevents the denial of treatment, food, and fluids due to discriminatory criteria, such as disability, medical condition or age. Many patients are currently at risk of being starved and dehydrated to death. Please contact the senators and delegates from your county who serve on the House Health Committee and the Senate Health Committee to ask them to support SB 307 & HB 2227.

The Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Acts

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GRANDMA’S HOMEMADE GNOCCHI SALE!
The ladies of St. Mary’s, Martin’s Ferry Ohio, are once again selling Homemade Gnocchi! The Gnocchi is $5.00 a pound. Orders can be placed by calling Kathy Kimble at 740.633.3877 by March 13, 2019. Money is due by March 27th to St. Mary’s Rectory, 20 North Fourth Street, Martins Ferry, Ohio, 43935. Pick-up is April 13 from 10am to noon at St. Mary’s School Auditorium, 24 North 4th Street, Martins Ferry, Ohio. All proceeds benefit church projects.

Thank you!

The CCHS French Department is presenting its French Follies on Sunday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall, CCHS. Admission is $3.00 for adults and $2.00 for students. Come and join us for a fun-filled evening of French skits, dances and songs!

Please pray for these men and women serving our country in the military, and for their families:

- Petty Officer First Class Eric J Auber, US Navy
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- Sergeant Anthony DiBias, US Army
- Chief Warrant Officer 4 John DiBias, US Army
- Technical Sergeant Andrew G. Futey, US Air Force
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- Capt. Michael Neuman, US Army
- Major Christopher Nodurft, US Marine Corps
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- Specialist Seth Sleime, US Army
- Warrant Officer 1 (W01) Christopher Snyder
- Sergeant Major Stephen Spohn, US Army
- Sergeant First Class Wendy Spohn, US Army
- Lieutenant Colonel Aaron P Tillman, US Air Force
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- Airman First Class Taylor Wilkinson, US Air Force
- Airman First Class Sierra E. McKenna, US Air Force
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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! God bless our military and their friends and families!

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