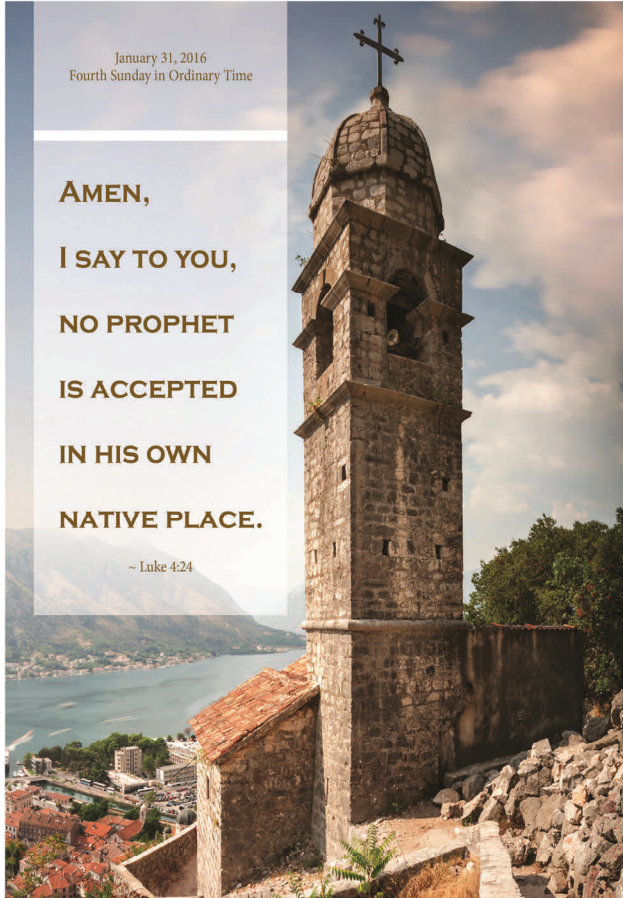


# ST. MICHAEL PARISH

1225 NATIONAL ROAD WHEELING, WV 26003 [WWW.STMIKESPARISH.ORG](http://WWW.STMIKESPARISH.ORG)



January 31, 2016  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**AMEN,  
I SAY TO YOU,  
NO PROPHET  
IS ACCEPTED  
IN HIS OWN  
NATIVE PLACE.**

~ Luke 4:24

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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 School Contact Information**

School Office.....304.242.3966  
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Clergy Residence: 304.243.5454  
*Our Parish Office is across the street from the church.*  
**Website:** [www.stmikesparish.org](http://www.stmikesparish.org)  
**Email:** [stmikes@stmikesparish.org](mailto:stmikes@stmikesparish.org)

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

**Rosemary E. Miller**



**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, January 30

7:30am † Sydney Payne (A)  
4:30pm (Vigil) † Paul T. Schubert

### Sunday, January 31

7:30am People of the Parish  
9am † Luke Zien  
11:30am † Alfonso M. Zambito

### Monday, February 1

7:30am † Al Molnar  
5:30pm † Edward G. Smith

### Tuesday, February 2

7:30am † Cornelio Lauron

### Wednesday, February 3

8:30am † Frank Luddy  
5:30pm † Margaret Ann Lane Snider

### Thursday, February 4

7:30am † Francis & Susan Mansuetto

### Friday, February 5

7:30am † Commemorative Mass Association

### Saturday, February 6

7:30am † Kenneth DeMuth  
4:30pm (Vigil) † Frank Grella (A)

### Sunday, February 7

7:30am † John Kovalchie Jr.  
9am People of the Parish  
11:30am † James Reisinger (A)

### 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

### The Adoration Chapel Schedule is as follows:

Mon. - 8am-5pm, 6pm-10pm;  
Tues., Thurs., Fri. - 8am-5pm.  
Wed. - 10am-5pm; Sat. - 8am-noon  
All are welcome to come in and  
pray during these hours.

Gretchen Wilson (304-280-1451) or  
Shaney Faini (304-639-4523).

**\*Follows Ohio County winter school closing schedule**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11



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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day

Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats

Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday

Saturday: St. Paul Miki and Companions; First Saturday



**Holy Name Society Membership Sunday** is on February 7th, envelopes will be placed in the pews. There will be a meeting Sunday February 14th after the 7:30 mass.

**Landings** is an eight-week program that offers “a safe place to land,” a place for listening and for being heard, a place for reconnecting with the faith as an adult. We begin our first session on Feb. 15th. If you are interested, please contact Mary T. Niggemyer at 304-242-5929. If you are a Catholic who has been away, we invite you to be an active part of us again. To recommend someone for Landings please fill out the slips located in the pews and place them in the white box located in the narthex.

## 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!*

### **February 6th 4:30pm**

**Sacristan:** Karen Kelly

**Lector:** Rose Frasnelli

**Altar Servers:** Joey and Alex Carter, Max Schmidt

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Jen Carter, Karen Kelly, Jim Kelly, Kelly Saines, Rebecca Petrosino, Tiffany Boury, Dawn Ann Dean

### **February 7th 7:30am**

**Sacristan:** Mike Rempe

**Lector:** Denny Wilson

**Altar Servers:** Dorothy and Spencer Romanek

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

### **February 7th 9:00am**

**Sacristan:** Boy Scouts

**Lector:** Boy Scouts

**Altar Servers:** Boy Scouts

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Boy Scouts Leadership

### **February 7th 11:30am**

**Sacristan:** Kristy Riedel

**Lector:** Sean Decker

**Altar Servers:** Maddie, Kelly, and Abie Riedel

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Lynne Petchar, Kristy Riedel, Tom Conti, Nancy Conti, Adrienne Michaud, Ron DiLorenzo, Robbie DiLorenzo

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

January 23rd—January 24th

1st Collection: \$7399.25

2nd Collection: \$1697.50

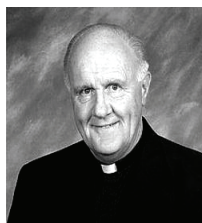
Total Attendance: 661

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit <https://stmikesparish.weshareonline.org>. For more information please call Stephanie Hockenberry, our Finance Director, at the parish office at 304.242.1560 ext. 8 or email [shockenberry@stmikesparish.org](mailto:shockenberry@stmikesparish.org)

# PASTOR'S PEN

**“Lord, I am a sinner. Come with your mercy. This is a beautiful prayer, and it’s easy to say every day.”**

Pope Francis, during his general audience on Dec. 9, 2015.



“We constantly need to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it.” Pope Francis could not have chosen more fitting words to express the value of mercy in the Church’s life and the lives of all believers. To contemplate mercy means to see it imprinted on the very face of Christ, who lives and is really present in the mystery of the holy Eucharist. Every time the Church celebrates the sacraments, She does nothing but bring the Father’s mercy alive, making it present as He acts through His Son and coverts hearts steeped in violence, transforming sacramental matter into a source of efficient grace for our salvation. It is the work of the Holy Spirit and the transforming power of His action that strengthens anything that is weak within us.”

My Jesus Mercy, Mary Help.

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## Pro-life Holy Hour

I would like to appreciate the unfailing commitment of our pro-life members for arranging a wonderful Pro-life Holy Hour in our Parish from last Thursday evening to Saturday evening and asking the intercession of Blessed Mother Mary of Guadalupe. I thank them for organizing a Holy Hour in our parish for the unborn child and for the cause of life.



Nothing is more powerful than prayer. Pope Francis praised America’s Roman Catholic church for its “constant commitment” to the pro-life cause when he visited our country this year. He said “It was no mistake that God came into the world as a baby, an innocent child. It was all part of His divine plan. God did not want to come into the world other than through a family. God did not want to draw near to humanity other than through a home”.

In accepting a child, every mother and father accepts Jesus. Mary said yes. Joseph said yes. We should strive to be like them. It will bring great joy to the world and to ourselves.

Jesus told us this Himself in the Gospels, “Anyone who welcomes one little child like this in my name welcomes me.” And those couples who cooperate with God’s purposes will strive to raise children who will give glory to God and by fulfilling his loving purposes on Earth and then enjoying an eternity in heaven.

This is a beautiful time of hope! Holy Father Pope Francis called for the celebration of a Jubilee Year of Mercy inaugurated on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. God will always find a way to deliver his children. God’s mercy never fails, if asked for. Therefore, what is needed during this time of grace and mercy is to ask for his mercy and forgiveness. Throughout this Jubilee Year of Mercy, may each of us find the hope and the consolation we need in the mystery of God’s mercy.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the events surrounding the pro-life prayer vigil and visitation of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe a big success! Thank you to all who attended the candlelight service and spent time in adoration. Thanks to Anita Smith for the countless phone calls encouraging people to attend. It was wonderful to see such a nice response.

Shaney Faini and Gretchen Wilson



St. Michael Parish would like to welcome:

**Amelia Rae Hanson**

to our Christian community through the waters of Baptism. You have put on Christ – In Him you have been baptized. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**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

**Trivia Night Set for March 5**

SMPS Trivia Night is a making a return! Mark your calendars now for this fun event taking place Saturday, March 5 in the Angelus Center. Participants will enjoy an AWESOME evening with friends trying to recall song lyrics, movie titles, historical facts, and much more. Information about pricing and registration will be made available soon but for now, start asking around among your family members and friends to see who might be interested. It's a guaranteed good time!

**Scholastic Book Fair Coming Soon**

St. Michael Parish School will host our annual Scholastic Book Fair from Feb. 7-11 in the Angelus Center. The theme for the week is "Feeling Groovy Book Fair: Peace, Love, Books." On Monday, Feb. 8, the Book Fair will be open from 3-6 p.m. for any parents or parishioners who might like to browse the selection or purchase a few books. We hope you can stop in for a quick visit!! The Scholastic Rewards Dollars we earn from the fair will be used to purchase books for our classroom and school libraries as well as for the WV Birth to Three Program. We are excited for another successful Scholastic Book Fair as we do our part to promote literacy and a love for reading among our children.

**Donation Acknowledgements**

We gratefully acknowledge the following people who made recent gifts to St. Michael Parish School.

- ◆ Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Joseph in memory of :  
✝ Suzanne Saseen
- ◆ John Koziel and Kelly Koziel in memory of:  
✝ Rose Ann Hough

**Career Fair Presenters Needed**

Plans for the 10th annual St. Michael Parish School Career Education Week (April 25-29) are underway and we are currently looking for individuals interested in being part of this great event. Presenters are needed for the Career Fair on Tuesday, April 26, as well as for in-class presentations conducted throughout the week in Grades TK-3. If you are interested in sharing your career with students as part of Career Education Week, please contact Advancement Director Mary Beth Criniti at 304.242.3966 ext. 7.

**CONGRATULATIONS !****MR. & MRS. JEFF KELLY**

May God unite your hearts  
in peace and love,  
bless your home  
with joy and laughter,  
and fill your lives  
with hope and happiness.

St. Michael Parish would like to welcome the following **NEW PARISHONERS**: Doupaty Family, Cooney Family, Dante Lawrence, Petrosino Family, Taylor Family, Hrubes Family, Maurice & Nedra Ackermann, Keane Family, Andrews Family, Figaretti Family, Peter Philip, Ruth Miller, Christie and Anna Contraguero, Michael and Nikki Anderson, Joseph and Patty Donzellla, Christopher and Julie Prezioso, Beth and Steve Grasser, Schmitt Family, Murrin Family, and Darnell Fisher.

The **House of Hagar**, a Catholic Worker home in East Wheeling, is doing God's work in caring for homeless people in our community. The people who gather at House of Hagar are in desperate need of some of life's basic necessities. If you can help, please place any of the following items in one of the blue bins at the back of the church and we'll get them to the people in need. Our Stewardship Council will collect these items throughout January. *If you'd like to learn more about the House of Hagar and how to get involved, visit their website:*

<http://www.houseofhagarcw.com/about> or email [houseofhagarcatholicworker@gmail.com](mailto:houseofhagarcatholicworker@gmail.com).

- Women's bras and underpants – stretchy sports-type bras are great because they are easy to fit.
- Men's underpants
- Toilet paper/ Feminine hygiene products
- Chap stick or other lip balm
- Cough drops
- Liquid body wash
- Art supplies/ Playing cards
- Hand warmers
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Laundry soap

This will be the last week for collections.

## 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 9am Monday morning.** We will do everything we can to share your announcement.

**Don't Miss Out on Youth Group!**

Please note the following dates and times for the Youth Group schedule:

Sun. Jan 31st: Grades 7/8 will meet from 6-7:30pm

Sun. Feb. 7th: Grades 5/6 will meet from 3-4:30pm (Note the time change!)

Sun. Feb. 14th: Grades 7/8 will meet from 6-7:30pm

Sun. Feb. 21st: High School will meet from 6-7:30pm

**Confraternity of Christian Mothers/  
Christian Women**

Please be aware our next business meeting will be held February 3rd at 6:30pm in the Angelus Center.

**Ignite the Flame!**

Confirmation Retreat and Middle School Youth Rally

Special guest: Paul J. Kim and Mark Guiney  
February 21, 2016

9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling

Please RSVP at [hbise@dwc.org](mailto:hbise@dwc.org) by February 15<sup>th</sup>

Join us in a **"Married Couples" Retreat**

@Priestfield, WV on the weekends of:

March 18,19,20th—Fr. Charles Canterna

April 1,2,3rd—Fr. Jim Van Dorn

May 13,14,15th—Fr. Paul Schenck

Contact: Elaine Galeone at (410)252-5355

The Catholic Charities West Virginia

**'Impressions of Hope' Gala**

will be Saturday, February 27, 2016, at the White Palace Ballroom in Wheeling. Proceeds will provide vital support for agency programs that alleviate, prevent and reduce poverty in West Virginia. Attire is elegant cocktail. Tickets are \$75 per person and include reception, open bar, dinner, and dancing with live music.

For more information call 304-905-9860, visit Catholic-CharitiesWV.org, or email [cpyle@ccwva.org](mailto:cpyle@ccwva.org).

**Our Lady of Seven Dolors**

**Catholic Church Fish Fry**

Location: Chapel Hill Road Behind Triadelphia Community Center Building

Time: Fridays During Lent Beginning February 12– March 18 2016 ; 11AM-5:30PM

You May Call Ahead To Place Your Order For The Dining Room Or Carry-Out (304)-547-5342

**The Holy Name Society of Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Catholic Church**

4136 Jacob Street, Wheeling, West Virginia, will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016. The time will be from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Menu will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread & butter, dessert, and coffee or tea. The cost will be \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.50 for children. It will be held in the Church Hall which is handicapped accessible. Carry out available. Telephone 304-232-1777.

Everyone is welcome!

**Valentine Dinner Dance, Feb.12th**

Reservations are now being taken for the 2016 Valentine Dinner Dance - Love is Sweet, hosted by Our Lady of Peace School. The event will be held on Friday, February 12th at Wheeling Park White Palace. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Dancing will be held from 8-11 p.m. with music by NiteLife. Cost is \$100 per couple or \$50 single. Cost includes social, dinner, dessert, beer, wine, and set ups for the entire evening. Complimentary pictures will be taken during the social hour. To make your reservation call the school at 304-242-1383 or email Joyce Bibey at [jbibey@olpschool.org](mailto:jbibey@olpschool.org). Previous years have sold out, so get your reservation in as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Free Tax Help** The Ohio County Public Library will be offering Volunteer Income Tax Assistance January 20– April 15, 2016. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30am-3:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm. Closed Tuesday. Friday 10:00am-3:00PM, and Saturday by appointment only. Last client sign-ups 1/2 hour before closing time. Please call 304-232-8985 to schedule or for more information.

**Knights of Columbus** The Knights of Columbus Council 504 of Wheeling will be holding an Admission Ceremony on February 9th. If you are interested in joining, we must receive your application by February 5th so that we have time to process the application. Please call Brian Gordon at (304) 243-5677 to obtain an application or for more information. Thank you.

**K of C Spaghetti Dinner** The Carroll Council 504 of the Knights of Columbus will hold a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at their home at 118 Edgington Lane on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016. The cost will be \$7.50/person. There will be 50/50 raffle and other prize opportunities at the dinner. Come join us for food, fun and fellowship as we raise money for our Council to continue our charitable projects. Please call 304.242.0594 to reserve a table for this event.

**Youth Ministry Night** On February 22 (St. Vincent) and February 23 (Corpus Christi) from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and the missionaries from the Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center will be offering a program entitled Pursuit. This evening is an inspiring, fun and faith filled night for families and will include praise and worship music, prayer and content based on the Year of Mercy. It will be a great opportunity for parents and teenagers (7th – 12th grade) to have a fun and spiritually enriching evening together. These regional gatherings were designed to supplement youth ministry in parishes which already have active youth ministry and to serve for those who do not. This event is FREE.

