

# St. Michael Parish

1225 National Road Wheeling, WV 26003 [www.stmikesparish.org](http://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.

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

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## **St. Michael Parish Staff**

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

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**Website:** [www.stmikesparish.org](http://www.stmikesparish.org)  
**Email:** [stmikes@stmikesparish.org](mailto:stmikes@stmikesparish.org)



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

**James Reddy**



**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 20th

7:30am Special Intention  
4:30pm People of the Parish

### Sunday, February 21st

7:30am † Recently Deceased  
9:00am † Charles Flaherty (A)  
11:30pm † Susie Saseen

### Monday, February 22nd

7:30am Bishop Michael J. Bransfield  
5:30pm † Edward Abraham (A)

### Tuesday, February 23rd

7:30am † John G. Sisson  
5:30pm † Dr. Paul Schnupp

### Wednesday, February 24th

8:30am † Barbara Tomczyk  
5:30pm † Rocco Lefte

### Thursday, February 25th

7:30am † Leona Lucey (A)  
5:30pm † James Reddy (A)

### Friday, February 26th

7:30am † Deceased Clergy of the  
Diocese of Wheeling–Charleston

### Saturday, February 27th

7:30am † William Breyer  
4:30pm (Vigil) † Salome Jayasekera

### Sunday, February 28th

7:30am † Undo Sparachane  
9am People of the Parish  
11:30am † Margaret McSweeney

### 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

**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;  
Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;  
Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;  
Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



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### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Second Sunday of Lent

**Monday:** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;  
Washington's Birthday

**Tuesday:** St. Polycarp

**Friday:** Abstinence

## NEXT WEEK COLLECTIONS

Next week we will have a special second collection to support the Priests Health and Retirement Association, a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of our Diocese. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection. Our third collection will be for our Easter Flowers.

## 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 27th 4:30pm**

**Sacristan:** Carole Kliner

**Lector:** Brann Altmeyer

**Altar Servers:** Max Schmidt, Trent Werner, J. Blake-Livingston

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Dawn Ann Dean, Paul Litvak, Charlene Kirkpatrick, Lucille Otte, Marianne Blair, Bill Wilson, Galey Wilson

**February 28th 7:30am**

**Sacristan:** Mary Kay Wensyel

**Lector:** Amanda Castle

**Altar Servers:** Isaac Smith, Nathan Stryker, Jacob Rine  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Gretchen Wilson, Mary Kay Wensyel, Kathy Ulevich

**February 28th 9:00am**

**Sacristan:** Phil Emmerth

**Lector:** Gail Kahle

**Altar Servers:** Elizabeth Wolf, Josephine Kulpa, Aaron Mazur

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Phil Emmerth, Marybeth Emmerth, April Stolfer, Denny Snyder, Kerry Przybysz

**February 28th 11:30am**

**Sacristan:** Kristy Riedel

**Lector:** Jason Rine

**Altar Servers:** Maddie Riedel, Matteo Gattesco, David Benson

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Tom Conti, Nancy Conti, Adrienne Michaud, Ron DiLorenzo, Robbie DiLorenzo, Kristy Riedel, Jack O'Leary

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

February 14th—15th

1st Collection: \$8763.00

2nd Collection: \$3000.00

3rd Collection: \$1245.00

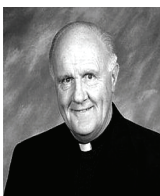
Misc. Collection: \$596.00

Total: \$13,604.00

## PASTOR'S PEN

"God speaks in the silence of the heart.  
Listening is the beginning of prayer"

- Mother Teresa



On Sunday morning I attended a meeting with the members of the Holy Name Society. Part of the event was given over to the planning of the Annual Saint Patrick's Day dinner which will be held on Saturday, March 12 from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Angelus Center. Ham and Irish soda bread will be served — good food, music, and fun. The ladies who belong to Christian Mothers and other help will supply delicious, mouth watering, desserts. This Irish evening is a grand time to raise the "cockles of our hearts", with good home grown entertainment of song, honor and dance. Mark your calendar for this happy event and plan on being there.

This is the seventh year that the Irish Evening is being put on by the Holy Name Society and the ladies of our parish. It is a wonderful event and a builder of community in our fine parish. Come and bring a friend or two, to the Irish "Hooley in the gym".

*"The first word that I wish to say to you is joy!*

*Do not be sad people.*

*A Christian can never be sad!*

*Never give way to discouragement!*

*Ours is a joy not born*

*from having many possessions,*

*but from having encountered*

*in our midst a Person:*

*Jesus who never leaves us alone*

*in difficult moments,*

*and is all the more present*

*when problems seem unbearable*

*and obstacles insurmountable."*

- Pope Francis

**Active Participation 1**

What does "active participation" at Sunday Mass mean for Catholics. The Council teaches that active participation is not only our right but also our obligation by reason of our baptism.

We Come Together. The first action required of us is being present. Your presence makes a difference. Your presence is needed if the picture is to be complete. This witness, strengthens the faith of those who see it. Being present on time and ahead of time and being friendly to say hello, to greet others, not just our friends but especially visitors and people we do not know, to offer a handshake of welcome and a friendly smile— these acts are an essential part of our participation. We, the assembly, must be the sign and sacrament of God's hospitality. We must not let our hello wait until the Sign of Peace.

Be a singing believer. Singing gives witness to our faith. At most Sunday Masses one of the first things we hear is the invitation to join in the singing. Picking up the book is a witness in itself. We should not put our attention on how we sound but upon the meaning of the text we are singing. We can make the thoughts and feelings of the hymn our own.

Hearing the Word of God is an essential part of "doing" Eucharist. When God speaks we have an obligation to receive his message. Receive the Word of God respectfully and silently.

Then we should see ourselves as being actively involved in the preparation of the gifts: Identifying ourselves with the bread and wine. When we see these gifts being brought from the assembly to the altar, we see our food and drink—our very lives—being placed on the altar to be offered to God. (Will continue on next week)

## LOOKING FOR A FISH FRY?

### 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 ; 11 am-5:30 pm  
You May Call Ahead To Place Your Order For The Dining  
Room Or Carry-Out 304-547-5342

### St. Jude Fish Fry

Location: St. Jude Catholic Church Glendale, WV  
Time: Fridays 11am-6pm  
Eat in or takeout if available, please contact 304-845-  
2646. Delivery is available, please place order Friday  
from 8:30am-10:30am.

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### 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

### Join Us for 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 mrs criniti@smpswv.org with any questions or to reserve your table for the evening. We hope you can join us!

### SMPS Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to eighth grader Eja Bowman and seventh grader Halea McCabe on their first and second place finishes, respectively, at the 2016 SMPS Spelling Bee. Both ladies will represent St. Michael Parish School at the Catholic Spirit Spelling Bee on March 9 at Wheeling Jesuit University. We wish them all the best at the next level of competition.

### Annual Penny Drop a Huge Success

The change has been counted and the results are in! The SMPS annual Penny Drop Fundraiser, held during Catholic Schools Week, raised \$2,000 for our school--a tremendous effort by our students and families! The money raised will be directed toward the purchase of new reading textbooks for students. We thank the CSW committee, Parent Association President Stacy Parker, and the folks at Wesbanco (downtown) for their help in making this event another big success for our school!

### Register Now for 2016-17 School Year

Open registration for the 2016-17 school year is happening now. We continue to welcome parent inquiries and shadow opportunities for prospective students. Please contact the school office at 304.242.3966 with any questions, to schedule a school tour, or to arrange a shadow day for a student.

## LIVING LENT

UPCOMING MEETING  
REMINDERS

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

**March 5th-8th**

Father Ben St. Croix will be the  
guest homilist at the Masses

**St. Michael Parish Mission**

"Merciful like the Father"  
with Father Ben St. Croix, CC  
March 6th, 7th, 8th from 7pm-9pm

**Tentative Parish Mission Calendar of Events****Sunday, March 6**

6:15pm-7pm Confessions  
7pm – Opening Welcome by Pastor  
7:05pm- 2/3 Songs  
7:20pm- Talk  
8:05pm- Transition Song  
8:10pm- Exposition  
8:45pm- Benediction  
8:55pm- Closing

**Monday, March 7**

6:15pm-7pm Confessions  
7pm – Opening Welcome by Pastor  
7:05pm- 2/3 Songs  
7:30pm- Talk  
8:05pm- Transition Song  
8:10pm- Exposition  
8:45pm- Benediction  
8:55pm- Closing

**Tuesday, March 8th**

6:15pm-7pm Confessions  
7:00pm- Opening Welcome by Pastor  
7:05pm- 2/3 Songs  
7:20pm- Talk  
8:00pm- Evaluations  
8:10pm- Collection for "Companions of the Cross"  
8:20pm- Testimonies  
8:40pm- Reception

There will be no fish fry this Lenten season.

**Mindfulness– Based Stress Reduction  
Informational Meeting  
Wheeling Hospital  
Tuesday, February 23rd 2016  
6:30pm-7:30pm**

There is no charge to attend this meeting; however, in order to have sufficient handouts it is requested that you register by calling the Wheeling Hospital Educational Outreach Office at 304-243-3339. Please leave your name and number in case a cancellation is necessary due to weather.

**God Has A Special Plan and Purpose for Woman**

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 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.!

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](mailto:secretary@stmikesparish.org). **The weekly deadline is 9 a.m. Monday morning.** We will do everything we can to share your announcement.

### **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.

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 [CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://CatholicCharitiesWV.org), or email [cpyle@ccwva.org](mailto:cpyle@ccwva.org).

### **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.

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

### **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.shutterfly.com/flowers>. Orders due by 7 March 2016 and pickup on 23 March 2016. Thank you for your support of the Boy Scouts.

### **Grandma's Homemade Gnocchi Sale**

The ladies of St. Mary's, Martins Ferry, Ohio are again making and selling Grandma's Homemade Gnocchi. Gnocchi is \$5 a pound. Orders can be placed by calling Kathy Kimble at 740-633-3877. Orders due by March 5th, money due by March 12th, pickup will be March 19th 10am-Noon in St. Mary's School Auditorium (24 North 4th Street Martins Ferry, Ohio). Profits from this sale will go directly to the church projects.



### **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 for St. Michael Parish Buildings & Grounds. Don't miss the free entertainment from 7:00pm-9:00pm, which will include: Jacob Coughlan ; Hannah Dieffenbaugher ; Caroline, Ben, and Nate Foster, Audrey Blast ; Noah and Nathan Blair.

Tickets are available NOW at the Parish Office.

### **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 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. —Closed Tuesday. Friday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 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.

