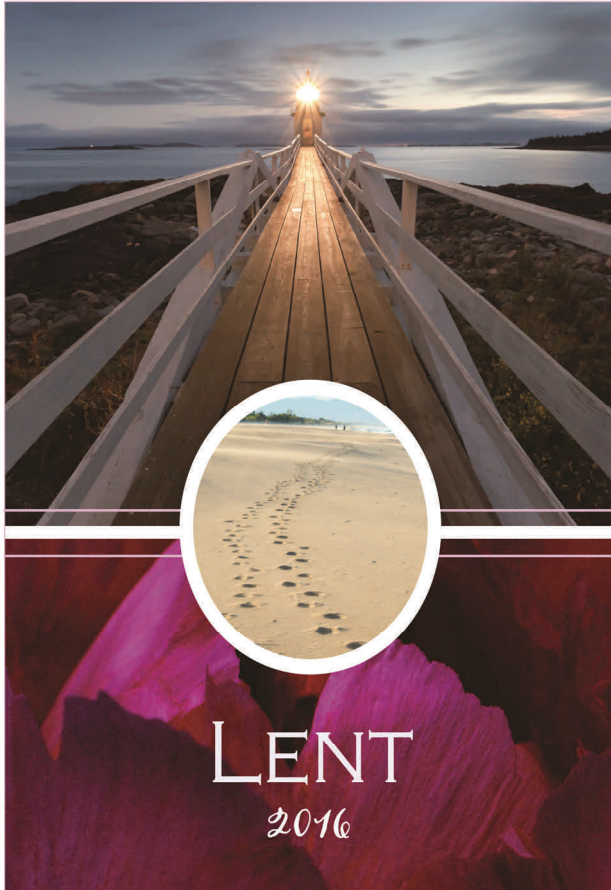


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St. Michael Parish Mission Statement

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
School Fax.....304.214.6578
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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/>

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Hours: 8am-4pm Monday-Friday

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St. Michael Parish Contact Information

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Our Parish Office is across the street from the church.
Website: www.stmikesparish.org
Email: stmikes@stmikesparish.org

February 7, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Jamie Hannig



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 6th

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

Sunday, February 7th

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

Monday, February 8th

7:30am † Dorothy Schellhase
5:30pm † Fred Kirchner (A)

Tuesday, February 9th

7:30am † Dick Hohman

Wednesday, February 10th

7:30am Celebrant's Intention
8:45am Celebrant's Intention
12:00pm Commemorative Mass Association
7:00pm People of the Parish

Thursday, February 11th

7:30am † Barbara Rempe McFadden
5:30pm † Cindy Murphy

Friday, February 12th

7:30am † C. Joseph Krall

Saturday, February 13th

7:30am Shaney Faini & Gretchen Wilson
4:30pm (Vigil) † Jamie Hannig (A)

Sunday, February 14th

7:30am † Sharon O'Leary
9am † Adam Durante & Sylvia Santavicca
11:30am † People of the Parish

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 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scout Sunday

Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; Chinese New Year 4714

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving

Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick; National Shut-in Visitation Day

Friday: Lincoln's Birthday; Abstinence



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Today is **Holy Name Membership** weekend with envelopes in the pews. Next Friday, February 14th is our meeting after the 7:30 mass. Please join us for Mass and our meeting.

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. Please be sure to arrange your own substitute if you are unable to serve. Thanks for your participation and cooperation!

February 13th 4:30pm

Sacristan: Carole Kliner

Lector: S. Hockenberry

Altar Servers: Joey and Alex Carter, Ryan Linder

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Paul Litvak, Charlene Kirkpatrick, Lucille Otte, Marianne Blair, Bill Wilson, Galey Wilson, Jen Carter

February 14th 7:30am

Sacristan: Mary Kay Wensyel

Lector: Amy Miesel

Altar Servers: Lillian Bischof, Andrew and Thomas Komorowski

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Peek Gutman, Joe Roxby, Mark Sengewalt

February 14th 9:00am

Sacristan: Maureen McNabb

Lector: Maddie Tiu

Altar Servers: Andrew Tiu, Margaret and Andrew Hartzell

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Rob Krall, Jennifer Decker, Becky Bower, Maureen McNabb, Lucy Hartzell

February 14th 11:30am

Sacristan: Edie Fuller

Lector: Joe Gabis

Altar Servers: Aaron Mazur, Danielle Agcaoili, Faith Zende

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Jack O'Leary, Aric Varlas, Barb Varlas, Hannah Boord, Eric Halicki, Edie Fuller, Janet Roskocivh

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Total attendance: 1210

1st collection: \$10133.01 (Weekly Church Support)

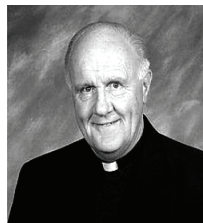
2nd collection: \$1900.37 (Maintenance)

3rd collection: \$1250.00 (Church in Latin America)

Misc. Collections: \$2119.75

Total Collections: \$15403.13

PASTOR'S PEN

**May Our Days Together Bear Fruit**

As Pope Francis prepared to leave the United States and fly back to Rome, he reminded Americans of their mission in his final remarks on U.S. soil:

"I thank the Lord that I was able to witness the faith of God's people as manifested in our moments of prayer together and evidenced in so many works of charity. Jesus says in the Scriptures, " Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me." Your care for me and your generous welcome are a sign of your love for Jesus and your faithfulness to him. So, too, is your care for the poor, the sick, the homeless and the immigrant, your defense of life at every stage and your concern for family life. In all of this, you recognize that Jesus is your midst and that your care for one another is care for Jesus himself. As I leave, I ask all of you ... do not let your enthusiasm for Jesus, His Church, our families and the broader family of society run dry. May our days together bear fruit that will last, generosity and care for others that will endure. Just as we have received so much from God— gifts freely given us, and not of our own making—so let us freely give to others in return. Dear friends, I embrace all of you in the Lord, and I entrust you to the maternal care of Mary Immaculate, patroness of the United States. I will pray for you and your families, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. God bless you all. God bless America!"

-Selection from the Russel Shaw OSV article.

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**

**Season of Lent**

The passion, death and resurrection of Jesus mark the climax of His salvific acts. The seven weeks between Ash Wednesday and the feast of Easter are set apart for prayer, fasting, abstinence and reparation. The basis of this Lenten season is the forty days' fast of Jesus.

In India, we call this period 50 days' fasting. Probably, because St. Thomas Christians in India fasted and abstained from 'Ash Wednesday' to Easter Sunday. The period 50 days' fasting' means 'looking back', 'reconciliation' etc. Lent is a season set apart mainly for repentance and reconciliation.

We who became God's children and new creation in baptism drifted away from God by committing sin. During this season we meditate upon man's sin and its consequences, the need for repentance and conversion, the infinite love and mercy of God towards repentant sinners and the passion, death and burial of Jesus Christ. Lenten season calls our attention in a special way to the need for reconciliation with God and fellow beings. Therefore, in this period, the Church persuades the faithful to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

The Church reminds us to spend the Lenten period in fervent prayers, sincere fasting and generous almsgiving and to eradicate our evil desires. Like Jesus who conquered death and entered into life, let us also die to sin and enter into eternal life.

Fr. Sebastian Embrayil

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

YOUTH GROUP

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

Sun. Feb. 7th: Grades 5/6 will meet from 3-4:30 p.m.

(Note the time change!)

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

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

Make your prayer life richer by learning about the Book of Psalms. Using *The Spirituality of the Psalms* by Margaret Ralph Nutting, discover the living words of the psalms through prayer, personal reflection, and group discussion. Meetings in the Parish Office will begin on Wed., Feb. 17th from 1:00 p.m. 2:15 p.m.. Please call Janell Knorr at 304-242-0020 for information.

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

Register Now for 2016-2017 School Year

Open Registration for the 2016-2017 school begins this Monday, February 8. If you would like more information about St. Michael Parish School or would like to schedule a Shadow Day experience for your child, please contact the school office at 304-242-3966. Just a reminder that our Early Childhood programs tend to fill up quickly, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible to secure your spot.

Scholastic Book Fair This Week

SMPS's 2016 Scholastic Book Fair is happening this week, Feb. 7-10. The Book Fair Committee has transformed the Angelus Center meeting rooms in conjunction with this year's Book Fair theme "Feel Groovy Book Fair: Peace, Love, Books." Hundreds of books are available for sale, not to mention bookmarks, posters, pencils, and other fun items. Tomorrow, February 8, the Book Fair will be open in the Angelus Center from 3:00-6:00 p.m. for any parents or parishioners who might want to browse the selection of available items. All sales made throughout the week help us to earn Book Fair rewards dollars that are used to purchase educational resources and books for the SMPS library and classrooms.

Donation Acknowledgements

We gratefully acknowledge the following people who made recent gifts to St. Michael Parish School in memory of †Dorothy Schellhase:

The Sisters of St. Joseph
Manley, Spangler, Smith Architects
Mildred Nixon

Eternal rest grant unto Dorothy, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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. Tables of 6-8 people are needed to fill the gym for this AWESOME evening as you try to recall song lyrics, movie titles, historical facts, and much more. The cost is \$10 per participant and cash prizes will be awarded to the top winners. Please contact Advancement Director Mary Beth Criniti for more information or to RSVP (304-242-3966 ext. 7 or mrs criniti@smpswv.org).

The **Carol Ladies** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Edgington Lane at Poplar Avenue. Brian Gordon from the Knights of Columbus will be the speaker. Women from parishes throughout the area are welcome to attend and learn more about the Carol Ladies.



**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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Bulletin Announcements

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

Troop 5 Pancake Breakfast Please support Troop 5 Boy Scouts at their annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, 7 February after the 7:30 a.m. mass till 11:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Thank you for your support of the Boy Scouts.

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.

St. Patrick Day — Irish Evening at the Angelus Center
Saturday, March 12 2016, food will be available at 5:30 p.m. entertainment starts at 7 p.m. — Tickets available at the parish office. Be there!

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Homemade Soup and Hoagie Sale At the Cedar Hall of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling. Orders and payments are due Monday, February 8th (Take Out Only) and pick up orders will be Feb. 17th 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Feb 18th 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.. — For information on this event please contact Charolette at 304-639-1372, or the church at 304-233-1688. This event is sponsored by the Women's Society of Our Lady of Lebanon Church.

Wheeling Central Catholic Boosters

32nd Annual Reverse Raffle

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.
Location: Wheeling Park White Palace Ballroom
Cost: \$50 per raffle ticket and \$25PP - Dinner & Cocktails. Grand Prize \$5000 - every 25th ticket pulled wins a prize! All non-winners will be entered to win \$500 cash!! Basket Raffles, 50/50, and chances to "Win your way back in". We are giving away MORE cash and prizes than EVER before with more ways to win!

For tickets and more information call Dawn Zelewicz at 304-312-8153 or email dawnrenee@comcast.net, Michelle Kelly at 304-312-8153 or email kellymich@comcast.net, or CCHS at 304-233-1660. See you there!!!!

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. Previous years have sold out, so get your reservation in as soon as possible. Thank you.

**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 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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

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 noon-5 p.m. — 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.

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.

Ignite the Flame!

Confirmation Retreat and Middle School
Youth Rally
Special guest: Paul J. Kim and Mark Guiney
February 21, 2016

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

St. Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling

Please RSVP at hbise@dwc.org by February 15th

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.

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.

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

