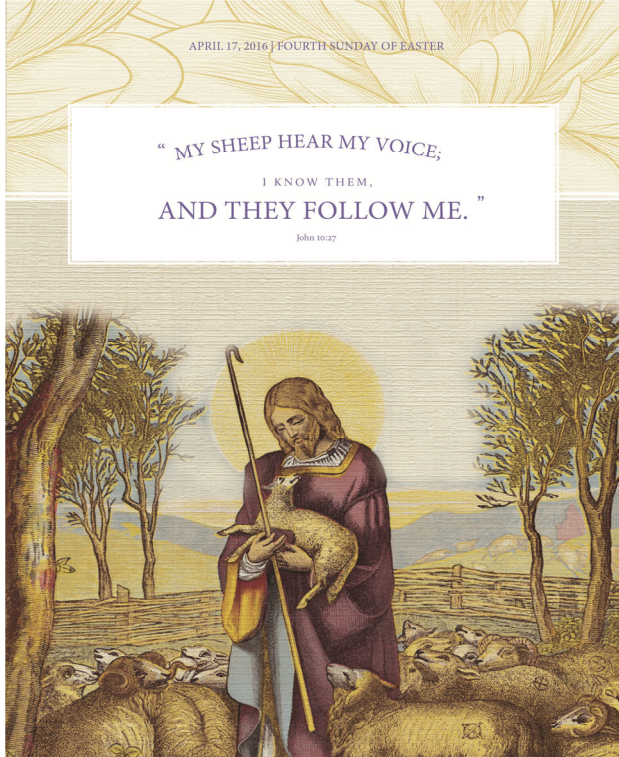


# St. Michael Parish

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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 Councils & Committees**

Pastoral Council - Marty Medovic, President  
Stewardship Council - Louis Volpe, President  
Buildings & Grounds - Denny Wilson, Chairperson

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**Email:** [stmikes@stmikesparish.org](mailto:stmikes@stmikesparish.org)

April 17, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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

## Kenneth DeMuth



**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 Dieffenbaugher 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, April 16

7:30am †Susie Saseen  
4:30pm †Frank & Virginia Grella

### Sunday, April 17

7:30am Faini Family  
9:00am People of the Parish  
11:30am †Mary Maruca

### Monday, April 18

7:30am †Fernando Almario  
5:30pm †Patricia Johnston

### Tuesday, April 19

7:30am †Kurt Comack

### Wednesday, April 20

8:30am †Susan Mansuetto  
5:30pm †Martha Polanski (A)

### Thursday, April 21

7:30am †Kathleen Marie Fortunato

### Friday, April 22

7:30am †Bailey Dieffenbaugher

### Saturday, April 23

7:30am †Mary Drosieko  
4:30pm †Recently Deceased

### Sunday, April 24

7:30am †Charles Delbrugge  
9:00am †Terry Brown  
11:30am People of the Parish

Our confessionals have been modified to have two lights above the door. In the two-color system, a green light above the priest's location shows that he is in the confessional and he is available for confession, whereas a red light above the penitents area shows that it is already occupied and that penitents should not enter. It is requested that penitents show courtesy by keeping a distance from the confessional while it is occupied.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;  
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;  
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;  
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a;  
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Thursday: St. Anselm

Friday: Earth Day; Passover begins

Saturday: St. George; St. Adalbert

WEEKLY COLLECTIONApril 10th, 2016

1st Collection (Weekly) - \$9,581.01  
2nd Collection (School Support) - \$2,656.75  
3rd Collection (Misc.) - \$1,524.24  
Total- \$13,763.00

Attendance- 901 Total

Give Your Gifts Online

Visit [www.stmikesparish.org](http://www.stmikesparish.org) to start giving your donations online. You can donate today using your debit, credit card, checking, or savings account. Just select your donation amount, frequency, enter your account and payment information. Any questions contact Stephanie Hockenberry at the Parish Office.

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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!

Saturday, April 23 4:30pm

**Sacristan:** Karen Kelly

**Lector:** AJ Bucon

**Altar Servers:** Joey and Alex Carter, Janessa Blake-Livingston

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Paul Litvak, Charlene Kirkpatrick, Lucille Otte, Jen Carter, Marianne Blair, Bill Wilson, Galey Wilson

Sunday, April 24 7:30am

**Sacristan:** Mary Kay Wensyel

**Lector:** Denny Wilson

**Altar Servers:** Dorothy and Spencer Romanek

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ed Bowie, Sally Bowie, Mark Sen-gewalt

Sunday, April 24 9:00am

**Sacristan:** Phil Emmerth

**Lector:** Jacob Dailer

**Altar Servers:** John Emmerth, Leah Coleman, Alex Tarr

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kerry Przybysz, John Moore, Rob Krall, Jennifer Decker, Becky Bower

Sunday, April 24 11:30am

**Sacristan:** Mike Hughes

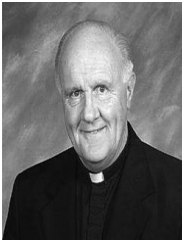
**Lector:** Lynne Petchar

**Altar Servers:** Danielle Agcaoili, Timmy and Grant McCabe

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Adrienne Michaud, Ron DiLorenzo, Robbie DiLorenzo, Aric Varlas, Barb Varlas, Hannah Boord, Edie Fuller

*Yesterday's history.  
Tomorrow is a mystery.  
All we have is TODAY  
and it's called the present  
because it is a precious gift.*

-Anonymous



Some time ago I asked my sister, Siobhan O'Loughlin, who is her favorite Saint? She said, "I don't have one, I go straight to the man Himself". She receives a little magazine monthly that the Irish Jesuit's put out, it is called *The Irish Catholic Messenger of the Sacred Heart*, the following **Praying Badly** is from that publication, enjoy.

Some time ago I was reading an article on prayer. What impressed me most was the way it began: "The first thing I have to admit when asked how I pray is that I am not good at it". I was impressed by the obvious sincerity of a writer who could begin an article like that. But then I began to realize that the same could probably be said of anyone who attempts to pray. We're not good at it. I began to think back over the years of giving retreats. I have listened to people of all ages, men and women from various backgrounds, speak about their prayer. Not one of them, as far as I can recall, ever felt successful at prayer. Most people will say that they try to pray, but that they don't manage very well. "I really feel lost when I go to pray", is a common enough complaint." And I don't seem to be getting any better as the years go on", people frequently add.

And when I look at my own attempts to pray, I am forced to admit that I, too, am not very adept at it. Occasionally prayer takes off and I feel good, but for the most part it is a struggle. Sometimes it is a struggle just to settle down: to be quiet and focused. Sometimes my mind simply wanders on its merry way, and refuses to come back to where I want it to be. At other times the Scripture I have chosen firmly refuses to yield up the treasure I know it contains. And occasionally drowsiness takes over, and I wake up to find my time of prayer is over!

At times like that I find St. Therese of Lisieux a great help. "It's a terrible thing to admit," she writes in her autobiography, "but saying the rosary takes it out of me more than any hair-shirt would; I say it so badly! Try as I will to force myself, I can't meditate on the mysteries of the rosary; I just can't fix my mind on them." She then goes on to say, "For a long time I was in despair about it. Now I don't distress myself so much; it seems to me that the Queen of Heaven, being my mother, must be aware of my good intentions, and that's enough for her." In the last sentence, I think St. Therese has put her finger on what is really important about prayer. It doesn't matter all that much how well we succeed in having fine thoughts and nice feelings. It's not what happens in prayer that is important, but the good intention with which we come to pray. After all, the real work of prayer is much more God's doing than ours.

-Patrick Carberry, S.J.

*There are only two ways to live your life.  
One is as though nothing is a miracle.  
The other is as though everything is a miracle.*

-Albert Einstein

**In Living Color... Father Bill Matheny will be back at St. Michael Parish for an evening of wit and wisdom regarding the "Year of Mercy."**



Please join us as we offer a warm welcome back to Father Matheny. The Christian Life Fellowship welcomes Father Matheny to address a general assembly on Friday, April 22, at 6:30pm in the Angelus Center. The evening will open with a music and prayer session from 6:30-7:00pm. Father Matheny will begin promptly at 7:00pm. The theme of the night will be "**Back to the Future**." Father Matheny will revisit the gospels of Lent that help us move forward through the Easter Season into Ordinary Time. The emphasis will be on the "**Year of Mercy**."

The evening will conclude with fellowship and light refreshments. The event will be open to all, but an RSVP is greatly appreciated by April 18, at 724-484-7536 or launa\_post@yahoo.com



Keeping **YOU** informed  
By Mary Beth Criniti  
Advancement Director

### **2016 Amazing Raise Update**

SMPS is getting geared up for the 2016 Amazing Raise Ohio Valley and would love your support and participation once again this year. Sponsored by the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley, the event will take place on Tuesday, May 3. On this day, non-profit organizations in our region will work to raise funds in a fun, competitive fashion. For every donation of \$10 or more that SMPS receives, the Community Foundation, along with local sponsors, will contribute a little something extra to help increase our earnings. In addition, there will be incentive prizes offered throughout the day to help to make the event extra fun! How can you participate? Simply make a pledge to SMPS on May 3, which can be done in one of two ways. You can make an online pledge on May 3 by visiting our SMPS Amazing Raise website at [www.giveov.org](http://www.giveov.org). If you'd prefer to make a donation by check, you may do that as well. Just make sure the check is made out to CFOV, is dated May 3, and is dropped off at school any time between now and the close of the school day on May 3. We truly have the best parishioners and thank you for the countless ways you continue to bless our school with your steadfast support!

### **8th Grade Graduation**

Our eighth graders will graduate from St. Michael's on Wednesday evening, May 25. Keeping with our established tradition, we will hold a special pinning ceremony as part of the graduation ceremony where each graduate will receive an SMPS alumni pin marking his/her transition from student to alumna/alumnus of the school. We are excited to welcome back many SMPS graduates who will take part in the pinning ceremony. Please join us in praying for our eighth graders as they begin preparing for graduation.

### **Kroger Plus Card Re-enrollment Time**

It's time to re-enroll for the new year of Kroger Community Rewards. Over the past year, SMPS has received over \$5,600 in rewards, thanks to the help of our St. Michael Parish school and church community members who enrolled their Kroger Plus Cards.

We kindly ask for your help again this year. Please take the time this week to re-enroll and help us earn these valuable dollars. You can register online ([www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards)) or by phone (1-800-576-4377). When re-enrolling, you will need our St. Mike's Group ID # (80331) so please keep it nearby. Also, please note that there is no year-to-year carry over on enrollment. It is necessary to re-enroll once per year in order for SMPS to continue to benefit from the dollars you spend at Kroger. Thank you for your participation!



St. Michael Parish would like to welcome:

**Emerson McKinley Terchila**

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.

The **Stewardship Office** wants to find a place for you in our parish! We have ongoing opportunities for you to give of your time and talents! Please take a look at a list of current opportunities for you to give back to your church community!

**Environment Committee:** This group would be responsible for light cleaning of the church and assisting with church decorating for special occasions and holidays.

**Liturgical Ministers:** Sacristans, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are needed. Trainings will be scheduled SOON!

**Pastoral Council:** If you are interested in being part of this advisory board to the pastor, nominations are being accepted for review.

**Reception Committee:** This is the “go-to” group of party planners whenever our parish has a reception. (And we seem to have lots of those!!)

If any of these ministries tickle your fancy, please contact Kathleen in the Parish Office!  
kathleen@stmikesparish.org OR 304.242.1560 Ext. 9

SAVE THE DATES

- May 31 Father McSweeney Appreciation Dinner
- June 4 Deacon Cody’s Ordination
- June 5 Father Cody’s first Mass, 11:30  
Picnic Reception following Mass
- June 11/12 Father McSweeney and Father Sebastian Farewell Receptions
- June 18/19 Monsignor Peterson and new Associate welcoming reception
- July 7/8/9 Parish Festival

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

**St. Michael Parish would like to thank following people for the generous donations:**

Jack and Nancy Hermann in memory of Linda Kasun.

Paul and Catherine Schneider in memory of Rosalia A. Bradac .

The medical staff at Belmont Community Hospital in memory of Rosalia A. Bradac.

Donna Haney Rohde in memory of Garth James Haney.

Edward and Frances Schneider in memory of Rosalia A. Bradac.

SEMI ANNUAL KIDS CLOTHING SALE

St. Michael Christian Mothers and Christian Women will be having their semi annual gently used kids clothes sale on May 21 from 8:00am-noon. Donations of gently used clothes can be brought to the Angelus Center on May 19 & 20 from 4:00pm-7:00pm. Proceeds from the sale will help with tuition assistance. Anyone wanting to help with the sale, please come to the Angelus Center during the listed times.

WHEELING CENTRAL NEWS

We are now scheduling shadows and registering for incoming freshmen and transfer students please call 304-905-6228 to schedule - The last day to shadow is April 29th.

We want your CCHS School Uniforms (Outgrown uniform or graduated) please drop off your clean, good conditioned, laundered uniforms to the main office.

Call the school if you have a class reunion coming up. We can assist you with the planning.

CCHS Class of 2016 graduation will be held on May 28th.

Check out our website at [www.cchsknights.org](http://www.cchsknights.org) for up to date sports and activities .

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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.

### **“Let The Little Children Come to Me”**

#### **Adoration With Children**

April 18th

May 2nd, 16th

Join us the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 9am-10am for Adoration with children. For questions, please contact April Veltri 304-914-1894, Amanda Voellinger 304-780-7096, or Sarah Brogan 304-242-1813.

**Baptism Classes** for parents are held the second Thursday of the month in the Angelus Center. To sign up for the class or for more information on how to get your child baptized please contact Courtney at the parish office.

Our **Youth Group** is seeking donations of gently used living room furniture for the Chambers Youth Room. Please call Kathleen in the parish office at 304-242-1560 extension 9 if you have anything available. We thank you.

### **Wheeling Jesuit’s 6th Annual Celebrate Appalachia**

Monday, April 18th, 6pm, CET Erickson Alumni Center: THE TELLING TAKES US HOME--A guided community discussion on the 2015 People’s Pastoral Letter with the Catholic Committee of Appalachia.

Wednesday, April 20th, 4:45pm-7pm, Swint Hall Benedum Room: COMMUNITY DINNER AND BLUEGRASS CONCERT with Cabin Fever String Band--join us for Appalachian food, music, crafts, and wine! \$5 for the general public/Munch Money and meal plans accepted.

### **20th Annual Spaghetti Dinner**

Date: Sunday, April 24, 2016

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center  
125 18th Street, Wheeling

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Take-out meals will be available. The event will also feature a raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets. Raffle prizes include:

- \*Dinner for eight by Chef Rocco Basil prepared in your home
- \*Oglebay package including a two-night stay, breakfast and a gift card
- \*32" LG HD TV compliments of Duvall TV and Appliance, \*and many more!

Proceeds from this event support the vital services Catholic Charities West Virginia provides to reduce poverty in our community. Join us for great food supporting a great cause!

### **Calling All Bakers!**

As stated above this year’s Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Catholic Neighborhood Center at 18th Street will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2015. We are in need of lots of desserts so if you would be able to help with the baking, please call us. You may drop off your dessert at the 18th St. Center by Saturday, April 23rd or contact us if you need to make other arrangements for pick up/delivery. Any questions, please contact: Kathleen Frank at 304-232-2196.

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