Second Sunday of Easter
(Or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
April 19, 2020

Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29
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.

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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 one of the Bishop’s designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263, Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
St. Anselm; Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day; Earth Day
Thursday: St. George; St. Adalbert
Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen; National Arbor Day

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If you wish to receive email from St. Michael Church, please email Cindy at secretary@stmikesparish.org.

CANDLE OF PEACE

This candle burns in spirit with everyone whose trust was betrayed by the Church that we love. We pray for the grace to forgive and to act with justice. Grant that all who have been harmed may find peace.
### Mass Intentions for the Week

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- For the repose of souls

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### Other Notifications

**Please continue to pray for our RCIA candidates this year:**

- Jon-Erik Gilot
- Joseph Laughman
- Buddy Young
- Cindy Young
- Amy McKenna
- Scott Millard

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St. Michael Parish extends sincere condolences to the friends and families of

- Raymond Lewicki
- Barbara Deakin
- and
- Andrew Kocak

May they rest in peace Lord, and may Eternal Light shine upon them and all of the faithfully departed.

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St. Michael Parish extends sincere appreciation for the donation in memory of

- Frank Scenna
  from
- Frank Joanou

May he rest in peace Lord, and may Eternal Light shine upon him.

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A special thank you from St. Michael Parish School to Sandy and Doug Pell, John and Cynthia Bailey, and Cindy Gilligan for their donations in loving memory of Mr. Frank Scenna.

And to Doug and Sandy Pell for their donation in loving memory of Mr. Tom Gornik.

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Catholic Charities is in need of meal drivers. If you are able to help in any way or want more information please call Mark Phillips at 304-905-9860 OR 304-830-0290.

Please share with others you know that may be able to help.

Thank you!

Kathleen

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The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week

**in memory of**

Paul and Eileen Schubert

May they rest in peace Lord, and may eternal light shine upon them.
GET REAL!

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty.

I’ve received a number of emails and calls to ask why we aren’t streaming daily Mass? My answer is, “we are!” The Diocese is streaming daily Mass, Monday through Friday, at 12:05 p.m. from the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Mass is also live-streaming weekend Mass at 6 p.m. on Saturday, where it remains online through Sunday. The link is here https://dwc.org/home/mass/

— Tim Bishop
Director of Marketing and Communications for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Father Martin Smay has created a "channel" on YouTube. This gives you an opportunity to see the Sunday Gospel Reading and his homily. We have been posting the link on Facebook, but if you do not have a Facebook account, you can still watch the videos.

On your computer, go to YouTube.com. In the search, type

Fr. Martin Smay.

It will go to his channel and from there, you are able to see his videos.

Nothing can replace being together in the church, but this helps!

Weekend Data Update

Collection Data:

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If you wish to continue to contribute to our weekly collections, please mail your contribution to:

St. Michael Church
1225 National Road
Wheeling, WV 26003

At the risk of sounding crass, we are concerned about the financial hit that will be concurrent with the cancellation of Mass. It is possible to support the church and school without a basket being passed through the pews. If you mail your envelope to the church, thank you. Our address is 1225 National Road (I’ve always thought it’s pretty cool that our street number is the same as Christmas ... 12/25). Another option is Online Giving. It’s fairly easy. If you go to our Parish Website: www.stmikesparish.org , you’ll see a box that says "My Online Donation". The prompts will allow you to set up a one-time donation or a recurring offering. If you have any trouble setting it up, please send an email to me and I'll happily lend a hand. - Wendy F. Hinerman
Catholic Charities West Virginia Adapts Services during Pandemic

Last updated on April 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) continues its work providing essential services across the state of West Virginia during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

“Working with Catholic Charities across the country on COVID-19 efforts, we continue to make service modifications and anticipate need,” said Zarate. “Catholic Charities exists for times such as this; our challenge is to know God is with us.”

For CCWVa, that means adapting service models across the state.

Food pantries now provide pre-packed boxes of food distributed at the door; on-site meals have transitioned to “to-go” boxed meals; and the Mobile Food Pantry now uses a drive-through model with pre-packed bags.

CCWVa HomeCare services continue to operate with in-home caregivers wearing personal protection equipment. Throughout all sites, CCWVa is diligent in meeting the Centers for Disease Control’s (CDC) standards.

“Uncertainty and change are incredibly hard to cope with, and we all struggle daily to make sense of it all,” said Zarate. “Together we will get through this.”

Many other programs and services continue to be offered remotely. A full list of program changes is available at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

“I am incredibly proud of the bravery across our entire CCWVa network in reaching deep to adapt to the ongoing changes required to serve our clients and each other,” said Zarate.

CCWVa has received a number of questions about how to help. Donations are most helpful to meet critical and changing needs. Donations can be made by making a check payable to Catholic Charities West Virginia and mailing it to CCWVa, 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003; or by making a donation online at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

Media

Media sources can inquire by contacting: John Catone, Chief Advancement Officer, Catholic Charities West Virginia at jcatone@ccwva.org.

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The Knights of Columbus, Carroll Council No. 504, have rescheduled the Baby Bottle return date to Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 10th. Please bring back your bottles for this very important fund raiser for the Gabriel Project of West Virginia.

Thank you very much!

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Rob’s Blog, The Tree-Stand

When my daughter Sarah was younger (8 or 9), she presented me with an odd request. She wanted a tree-stand. The kind hunters use to sit high up in a tree to spot their prey. Yet Sarah was not a hunter.

She told herself a story about sitting high in the tree reading a book, sipping a beverage, and enjoying nature in quiet solitude. Of course, I said no.

A few weeks went by with continued requests and a presentation of the perfect stand picked out on Amazon.

So one day, I walked with her out to the tree she had in mind, placed a small step-ladder against the trunk so she could reach the lowest branch, and I asked her to climb up and show me where the stand would go.

She made it all the way to the top – of the ladder.

The stories we tell ourselves drive our motivations. But there is peace in knowing our limitations.
PRESCHOOL 3
Mrs. Mary Murphy read the story “The Night Before Easter” through Google Meet to her PK 3 class. Ms. Didi then instructed the children to make shapes to create their own bunny. What precious little bunnies we have!

#MAKEKINDNESSLOUD!

Our amazing principal Mrs. Kim Burge has been spreading kindness to our students in so many ways during this pandemic. She continues to stay connected with our students and their families through video messages, written chalk messages on sidewalks outside of their houses, and for our 8th graders she made and delivered signs and paper hugs. Her love, compassion, and dedication to our school community is such a bright light in this difficult time!

To Know Him, To Love Him, To Serve Him
Before the pandemic, SMPS teachers and staff were going to attend the NCEA in Baltimore, MD. The conference organizers asked each school attending to submit artwork on a window screen. The plan was to line the street windows with these screens as a way to welcome their guests to the conference.

St. Michael Parish School’s awesome art teacher, Mrs. Megan Caruos along with a few students, created the above work-of-art using the theme that our school has followed all year. **To Know Him, To Love Him, and To Serve Him.** Only by knowing God can we know his will for us in our daily lives. Only by loving God can we truly know love and by serving others we are serving Him. He has given us reason to truly rejoice this Easter Season. (The cross was created with oil pastels on a beautiful day.)

ONE MISSION, ONE DAY OF GIVING!

On **Tuesday, May 5th** St. Michael Parish School will participate in the second annual One Mission One Day of Giving, a long-standing one-day of giving, previously known as the Amazing Raise. Last year was very successful for our school as we came in first place against all of the competing schools in the Northern Panhandle and raised over $15,000.00 in just 24 hours. This year all Catholic schools in the state of West Virginia are joining in on the fun. Our original goal was to raise $17,000.00 but due to the cancellation of the Fish Fry, pre-paying for Sarris Candy, cancellation of Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, and Trivia Night (currently postponed) we are at a fundraising deficit for the month of March more than $30,000.00. **WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!**

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To give, go to: www.OneMissionOneDay.org
Holy Week 2020
An Act of Spiritual Communion

This is a simple and loving act of Spiritual Communion we are called to make in these times, while we are unable to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist:

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now
as if you were already there
and I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me
to be separated from you.
Amen.

@catholicbishops