Easter Sunday
April 21, 2019

WHY DO YOU SEEK
THE LIVING ONE AMONG THE DEAD?

HE IS NOT HERE, BUT HE HAS BEEN RAISED.

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ST. MICHAEL PARISH COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

Pastoral Council - Leslie Kosanovic, Chairperson
Stewardship Council - Janet Boyle, Chairperson
Buildings & Grounds - Denny Wilson, Chairperson
Finance Council - Tom Galinski, Chairperson
Personnel Council - John Moore, Chairperson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter; Administrative Professionals Day
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday; Arbor Day
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is held
3pm-4pm on Saturday, 8am on First Saturday, or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration is held Monday 8am-5pm, 6pm-10pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am-5pm
Wednesday 10am-5pm; Saturday 8am-noon.
Please contact Cindy Barone at the Parish Office if you are interested in Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Christian Initiation of Adults, joining the parish, bulletin announcements, a pastoral visit for homebound or hospitalized parishioners, or Weddings (six months prior to the desired wedding date).

Our Parish Office is open 8am until 4pm Monday-Thursday and 8am until noon each Friday.

Calendar of Events April 2019

April 22—Easter Monday Mass, 9am
April 22—Parish Office Closed
April 24—Pastoral Council Meeting, 7pm
April 25—Finance Council Meeting, 4pm
April 25—Youth Group Mexican Fiesta Dinner 4pm until 7pm
April 27—Confirmation, 4:30pm Mass

Collection & Attendance Data: 6/7 April, 2019

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Total: $17,111.70
Saturday, April 20th
7:30am No Mass/No Confessions
8:00pm Great Easter Vigil—All Members of the Church

Easter Sunday, April 21st
7:30am CMA
9:00am People of the Parish
11:30am Deceased Members of the Parish

Easter Monday, April 22nd
9:00am Kirchner-Coleman-Nau Families

Tuesday, April 23rd
7:30am Terry Brown

Wednesday, April 24th
8:30am Peter Chiavaroli
5:30pm Margaret Ann Lane & The Snider Family

Thursday, April 25th
7:30pm Lutz, Hook & Fink Families

Friday, April 26th
7:30am Steve Carter

Saturday, April 27th
7:30am Mr. & Mrs. Harry Flading
4:30pm Intention of the Confirmandi
   We are celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation at this Mass.

Sunday, April 28th
7:30am The Wilson-Beckett Christianson Families
9:00am Bill Grubler
11:30am People of the Parish

- For the repose of souls

St. Michael Parish offers its sincere condolences to the friends and family of

Elizabeth Nelson

May Elizabeth rest in peace oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

St. Michael Parish offers sincere thanks to

Betsy Young & Bennett Werner, MD, and Michelle Uhl, MD
for their memorial contributions
in memory of

Dr. Fernando Guistini

May he rest in peace oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

St. Michael Parish gratefully acknowledges a generous gift to the Church Renovation Fund from Maureen McNabb in memory of her sister

Rosemary Waseman

May Rosemary rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

HAPPY EASTER!

Happy Easter! Or as most other languages prefer: Blessed Pasch—Passover! Pasqua, Pascua, Páscoa, Pâques! Israel’s Passover through the Red Sea to the Promised Land! Jesus’ Passover through the Cross to resurrection! Our catechumens’ Passover last night, and ours once upon a time, through Baptism’s waters to our family’s Eucharist!

Welcome, everybody! As someone once said of the Catholic Church, “Here comes everybody!” So in this Jubilee of Mercy, we make our own Saint John Chrysostom’s Easter welcome from fourteen hundred years ago: “Let everyone enjoy this radiant feast! You who fasted from Lent’s beginning, and you who didn’t fast at all, rejoice! The table’s richly set! Come, take from it, everybody, no worries, no embarrassment!

All of you, taste the banquet of faith! Enjoy the feast of forgiveness! Let no one grieve for having sinned again and again: pardon has risen from the tomb!” Happy Easter! Blessed Pasch!
Welcome, everybody!

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

*Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mikes' webpage. **Weekday 7:30am, April 22 through 26, 2019
Altar Servers: STILL NEEDED*

**Saturday, May 4th, 4:30pm**
Sacristan: Joe Bourgo
Lectors: AJ Bucon and Brann Altmeyer
Altar Servers: Sarina Dieffenbaugher, Thomas Komorowski, Isaac Smith,
EMOHCS: Joe Bourgo, Audrey Dieffenbaugher, Andrew Komorowski, Jenn and Chad Byrum

**Sunday, May 5th, 7:30am**
Sacristan: Gretchen Wilson
Lectors: Benjamin Beckett and Jeep Naum
Altar Servers: Alex Tarr and Danielle Agcaoili
EMOHCS: Gretchen Wilson, Kathy Galinski, Joe Roxby, Bob Fanning, Carrie Beckett

**Sunday, May 5th, 9:00am**
Sacristan: Adriana Wolf
Lectors: Marcy Hartzell and Jacob Dailer
Altar Servers: Lucan Galbraith, Luca Benson, Andrew Hartzell, Adam Wolf
EMOHCS: Adriana and Elizabeth Wolf, Margaret Hartzell, Jackie and Stan Kaniecki

**Sunday, May 5th, 11:30am**
Sacristan: Needed
Lectors: Doug Blanco and Nathan Schmidt
Altar Servers: Mason, Isaac and Kendall Schmitt, Liam White
EMOHCS: John Moore, Kristy and Madie Riedel, Margaret and Ted Erickson

**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 the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**
This year, the USCCB has listed links to all of its resources at your disposal on the following page:


The Parish would like to say a special THANK YOU to the parishioners that graciously served at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center on Sundays during the winter months. An average of 40 breakfasts and 35 lunches were served every Sunday and the people of St. Michael Parish were very faithful. A special thank you to Nancy and Dave Barnett who came every week, and to all the other wonderful volunteers that helped: Mark Bennett, Cindy and Jim Gilligan, Avery and Alana Kaniecki, Eric and Lauren Kaniecki, Jennifer Decker and Charlotte Carothers, Marcy, Andrew and Margaret Hartzell, Jim Kelly and Madie and Kelly Riedel, Jalen Creighton, Chris Machel, David and Joan Anthony, Audrey and Sarina Dieffenbaugher, Martha Tiu, Phil, Marybeth and Johnny Emmerth.

Thank you for giving your time and talent to a wonderful service.

~ Jacqueline Kaniecki

**23rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner for the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center!**
Join us for great food for a great cause! The 23rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner for the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center will be held on April 28th from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tickets are $8 each (kids 5 and under are free).
To make a donation or purchase dinner tickets, visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org, call (304) 232-7157, or stop by the Neighborhood Center at 125 18th Street in Wheeling.

**Youth Group Mexican Fiesta Dinner!**
April 25th, 2019 - We need volunteer help! Please contact Jen Imer.
April 28th—5th and 6th grades 6pm—7:30pm meeting at the Angelus Center

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word**
is held each Sunday during 9am Mass. All 3 year olds through 1st graders are welcome to attend. The presider will call the children up to the front of the church after the opening prayer, before the First Reading.
St. Michael Parish Youth Group

Mexican Fiesta Dinner
Thursday, April 25th
4:00-7:00pm
Angelus Center

Delicious Mexican menu cooked by Charlie Schlegel from the Alpha!

Menu includes:
- Burritos (Vegetable, chicken and shrimp)
- Soft tacos
- Rice and beans
- Chips and salsa
- Guacamole
- Strawberry and pineapple quesadillas

This event also includes basket raffles and a 50/50 raffle

Take-out meals available! Call ahead to order: 304-242-5236

This is a fundraiser for our Youth Group programming. Money raised will send our students to Camp Zion and the National Catholic Youth Conference!

The Parish Pastoral Council wants to bring your attention to the “Welcome Bulletin Board” in the narthex of our church. As our council is given the names of new parish members, they are highlighted on the bulletin board and recognized at all Masses on the third Sunday of every month. We are all so blessed that they have chosen St. Michael Parish.

The Pastoral Council is sending care packages to our college students for the end of the spring semester. The deadline is April 24th, which is the day we will package the goodies. We need name, physical address, final exam start date, and any food allergies. Please email Amanda at amandacastle09@gmail.com to submit your student.

Finally, we wish to thank all who attended the Sunday Social on Sunday, April 7th following the 9am Mass.

Remember “Donut” worry about anything, yet pray about everything!

A special thanks to Amanda Voellinger and Nicole White (and all their lovely family helpers) for such a wonderful event.

Stay tuned for more Sunday Social opportunities.

St Michael’s Rectory cook, Debbie Michaels, will have knee replacement surgery. She is scheduled to return to duty on or about mid-July, 2019. Please keep Debbie in your prayers.

During her absence, St Michael Rectory is seeking a temporary cook. Duties will include purchasing, preparation, execution of dinner meals and clean up for Monsignor Peterson and Father Smay. This is a paid position.

Experience necessary. If you feel confident and your vittles have been the envy of your family, please call Wendy Hinerman at the Parish Office at 304.242.1560, Ext 4 for more details.
Dear Parishioners,

As we begin the Easter season, it is once again appropriate to recognize some of the folks who help to make things happen.

It’s not easy pulling off decorating the church, getting the bulletin put together, organizing the many services and liturgies in Holy Week and Easter Sunday. You, the parishioners of St. Michael, are so generous with your time and talent, it is impossible to list everyone.

The people in particular who are crucial to organizing all this are: Mrs. Wendy Hinerman, Mrs. Kathleen Dieffenbaugher, Ms. Cindy Barone, Mrs. Jen Imer, Mr. Nick Mayrand, Mr. Chad Carter, Mrs. Kim Burge, Mrs. Shandi Nodurft, and Mrs. Michelle Patterson. In addition, thank you to our hard working maintenance and custodial team: Mr. Joe Bourgo, Mr. Rudy Conti, Ms. Peri Powell, and Mr. Damion Saunders. We are also grateful for our volunteer leadership: Mr. Denis Wilson, Mrs. Leslie Kosanovic, Mr. Tom Galinski, Mrs. Janet Boyle, Mr. Lou Volpe, Mr. John Moore, and Mrs. Danielle Doerr. To all of you, named and unnamed who have helped us – THANK YOU!

We would like to wish each of you a Happy Easter and we pray that the peace and joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and your lives!

Msgr. Joseph L. Peterson, Pastor

Fr. Martin J. Smay, Associate Pastor

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**Become a part of the St. Michael Parish Angelus Center......... Forever!**

Have you walked along the beautiful "Commemorative Walkway" at the Angelus Center? Don't miss this opportunity to add your engraved brick to our "Walkway". Your special laser engraved brick can be customized with a personal message and permanently installed in the walkway for generations to enjoy. All are invited to reserve a brick to commemorate your family, a special person, a treasured memory, a graduation, a First Communion, thank you to a special teacher, or just because you love St. Michael Parish.

Each engraved brick costs $100 and measures 4"x 8". A miniature brick (1 ½" X 3") can be purchased for $15 and can be used as a paperweight, or given to a loved one for a keepsake.

Please complete the order form on the following page with your information printed correctly and legibly and return this form with your check to the Parish Office by May 15th, 2019.

There are 3 lines of engraving per brick with 20 characters per line including spaces between names and punctuation. You can use lower and/or upper case letters.

Bricks will be added to the walkway in the summertime.

For additional information, contact the Parish Office at 304.242.1560.
St. Michael Commemorative Brick Order Form

Purchaser’s Information:

NAME_____________________________________________
ADDRESS__________________________________________
PHONE____________________________________________
EMAIL____________________________________________

Please fill in the blocks above with your brick information.

____ Enclosed is my payment of $100.00 for one 4x8 engraved brick.  $ 100.00

____ I would like one miniature keepsake replica for $15.00.                $ ______
(Cannot be purchased without larger brick)

Total Payment      $_____

Checks may be made payable to

St. Michael Parish
1225 National Road
Wheeling, WV  26003
Edward J. Abraham  
Mary Hindson Albanese  
Pauline Allison  
David Altmeyer  
Jack & Evelyn Altmeyer  
Lisa Bryson Ames  
Anderson & Luddy Families  
John A. & Cecelia Antlake  
Baker & Frank Families  
Melvin C. Baker  
Joe & Eleanor Bechtel  
Gertrude & Russel Becker  
Bonnie Bihler  
Bill Bishop and Family  
Elmer & Virginia Blust  
Bowman & Gaudet Families  
Knute & Dot Boyle  
Brahler & Hand Family  
Jeffrey T. Bryson  
June Bryson  
Bucon, Otte & Wilhelm Families  
Matt & Rosella Bugaj  
Kathy Oliver Burgoyne  
Burkhart & Valput Families  
Vicki Lynn Burns & Ted Hawkins  
Roy & Sara Burris  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard V. Burke & Family  
CCHS-SJA Classmates of 1946  
Helen Emmerth Cahoon  
Lee & Helen Campbell  
Dr. Frank L. Carenbauer  
John W. Carenbauer  
Steve Carter  
Frances L. Cerrone  
Living & Deceased  
Members of Christian Mothers  
Albert Cinque  
The John & Donna Clark Family and Minitta “Liz” Schafer  
Virginia & Maurice Cogan  
Fern Coleman  
Nancy V. & John “Jack” Coleman  
Comer & Engler Families  
Conti & Messner Families  
Mr. & Mrs. Luigi Conti  
Mary M. Conti  
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Contraguerro  
Corbett & Grell Families  
Louis & Marjorie Costanzo  
Edward “Ooga-Ooga” Covey  
Cindy Coyne  
Edward M. Culley Family  
Gloria Dawes  
Donato & Adele Deltoro  
Shirley Dietz  
Diane Diss  
Michalene, Andrew & Breezie Diss  
Dr. Robert U. Drinkard  
Joseph & Connie Duffin  
Durante & Dellefratte Families  
Josephine Eikleberry  
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Agnes and Robert Emmert, Sr.  
Madge and Robert Emmert, Jr.  
Tom and Sharon Emmert  
Eleanor Lane Engelmeier  
Mary & Steve Evanko  
Fahy and Flading Families  
Mr. & Mrs. Bert C. Fields  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul N. Fields  
Mary & Charles Flaherty  
Mary Alice Florio  
Robert Foose  
Bill Freeman  
Catherine Grubler Freimuth  
Ray & Helen Gantzer  
Dominick F. Gaudio  
Nicholas Jr. & Nimnoon Ghaphery  
Kerri Gilligan  
Dr. Fernando G. Giustini  
The Goble Sisters and Family  
Patricia Gompers  
Ann and Howard Gompers  
The Gompers Family  
Paul Gossert  
John Paul Gossert  
Domenic & Josephine Granata  
Thomas J. & Rita J. Greene Family  
Christopher Michael Gribben  
Grob & Muth Families  
Bill and Dorothy Grubler  
Regina and Bernard J. Grubler, Sr.  
Gundling & Marker Families  
Hagedorn Family  
Mary Hamm  
The Hannig Family  
Jamie Marie Hannig  
Dr. Roy C. Harmon, Jr.  
Jim Hartzell  
Terry Hawkins  
Mary Jane Hess  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hess  
Hetzl, Grammar & Nixon Families  
Roger A. High  
Frank Holler & Gantzer Families  
George Holt Family  
Adelaide Hoose  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward L. Hoose  
John Howley Family  
Thomas Hoyt Sr.  
Russell James  
Nick Jasko  
Ashley Jayasekera & Family  
Salome Jayasekera & Family  
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Mr. William F. Johnston  
Patricia Wilhelm Johnston  
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Edward F. and Rosemary Kelly  
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Arthur E. “Art” Kerns  
Robert B. Klemm, Sr.  
Robert B. Klemm, Jr.  
William and Kathy Klettner  
Dorothy Knorr  
Joseph Knorr  
Dr. Thomas Knorr  
Frances Kovalchie and  
John Kovalchie Jr.  
Sam & Mary Lamalfa  
Jim & Betty Letzelter  
Litvak & Tabis Families  
Lucey Family  
Patricia Lynch  
Lynskey & Merckle Families  
John & Marge Madigan  
Madl & Wagner Families  
Helen Mahlke  
Francis & Susan Mansuetto  
Charles Marazita  
Nick Marazita & Marazita Family  
Maroon, Diotti & Pogue Families  
Kay, Lee, Joe & Dr. Mike Maroon  
Ruth & Barbara Marti  
Matella & Edelen Families  
Theresa McCartney  
McCarthy and Bowman Families  
Francis X. & Thelma C. McCulloch  
Jacqueline McElroy  
John McFadden Family  
Rosemary McGee  
Bernard A. McGee, Sr.  
Mac and Amy McGinley  
Jack McNabb  
William Medovic  
Mike & Theresa Mehota  
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Margie Michitti  
Leona Ann Miller  
The Minear Family  
Millie Mulhern  
Cindy Murphy  
Alfred & Mary Mustacciulo  
Myslinsky/Wisniewski Family  
Richard L. Nau
COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION: APRIL 2019
We remember in love those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith...

Joan S. Naum
Alfonso & Mafalda Nazzaro
Nelson & Schlag Families
Novotney & Wynkoop Families
Mary “Susie” O’Donnell
John P. & Rita Andrews O’Leary
John T. “Jack” O’Leary
Members of the Nesbitt Families
Betty Mae & Ray O’Donnell
Mary “Susie” O’Donnell
John P. & Rita Andrews O’Leary
John T. “Jack” O’Leary
Sara G. O’Leary
Winnie & Joe Palkovich
and Julie & Peter Littner
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Charles Petri
Angela Phillips
Ronald & Barbara Pickens
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John J. Prezkop
Alma Przybysz
Tom Przybysz
Angela & Vincent Purpura
Herman Radish
Marian Ratcliff & Eleanor Black Families
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Charles E. Regele, Sr. Family
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Susie Saseen
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Nancy Termin
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Thalman & Weigand Families
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John & Florence Thalman Kammer
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John and Ann Wolodkin
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Dr. Benjamin Ybanez
Rosalie Dailer Young
Luke Zien
George & Mary Ellen Zoeckler Family

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them and All the Souls of the Faithfully Departed.
Sponsor-A-Student

Please consider offering a gift of tuition assistance by sponsoring a student at St. Michael Parish School.

Many families are struggling to make ends meet and could truly use some help. Offering a child the opportunity at a Catholic education gives them a chance to use their God-given talents to live out their faith by serving God and others while receiving a top-notch education.

Maybe you wish to GIVE BACK! If you or your child has benefited from the gift of sponsorship and received a quality Catholic education at St. Michael Parish School, perhaps you would consider offering that gift to another child. Thank you for your consideration!

Please contact Shandi Nodurft for further information or questions at 304.242.3966 ext. 4.

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Submitted by Shandi Nodurft

♦ April 21st: Easter Sunday
♦ April 23rd: School resumes; Class Group Pictures, 8th & K Graduation Pictures
♦ April 24th: SMPS hosts Forensics Tournament
♦ April 25th: Youth Group Mexican Dinner

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Kaufman for their SPONSOR-A-STUDENT DONATION! You have made an incredible impact on a child’s life by providing a year of Catholic education for a blessed young person! If you also wish to sponsor a student please read the ad below!

2019 DAY OF GIVING ONE MISSION

ONE DAY...CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 7 as the Catholic Schools of the Upper Ohio Valley come together to raise funds to continue our mission to elevate the performance levels of all students. Challenging them spiritually, academically, socially, and emotionally prepares students to be responsible members of society in the 21st century. St. Michael Parish School calls all members to use their God-given talents to live out their faith through stewardship by serving God and others. Please consider being generous and supporting our school. #1mission1day

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**Preschool 3 & 4** made prayer rocks for the 2nd & 8th graders as they prepare for their retreats and Sacraments.

**4th Grade** held a Rosary Rally for vocations. Students also lead the following prayers in a special ceremony: Immaculate Mary, Angelus, Holy Rosary and Fatima prayers, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Prayer of the Total Consecration, The Divine Praises, and the O Sanctissima.

**5th Grade** students made poster-sized Stained Glass Stations of the Cross for the school stairwells. These served as a reminder for students and faculty that we were in the Lenten Season.

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**6th grade** worked hand-in-hand with Kindergarten teaching and praying the Stations of the Cross in a way that they could understand.

**1st Grade** was on a Kindness Journey: 40 Deeds in 40 Days. Students journeyed through Lent with a focus on kindness toward others. Each day, they did a specific kind deed, prayed for someone in particular or participated in activities that help others carry their crosses. With each deed, prayer or activity, students color in a footprint on a poster of their Lenten path to record and reflect on their own journey through these 40 days.

**2nd Grade** was doing a similar project called 40 Crosses. Students showed their love for Jesus by doing something for Him each day. Students said a prayer for someone, helped someone, did something good for someone that was hard to do, or did what they are supposed to do without being told. To show what they have done, students colored a cross each day to match their good deed of the day.

**3rd Grade** students prayed a Hail Mary for someone living at Elmhurst. Students wrote cards to let them know prayers were being said for them.

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**Important Dates For The 2018-2019 School Year**

- May 5th: First Communion
- May 7th: One Day of Giving
- May 9th: Talent Show
- May 12th: May Crowning
- May 21st: PK 3 Program 9 AM & 1 PM
- May 22nd: PK 4 Program 9 AM & 1 PM
- May 23rd: Kindergarten Luau
- May 24th: Kindergarten Graduation
- May 27th: No School
- May 29th: 8th Grade Graduation
- May 31st: Last Day of School/Picnic
As we close out our PSR year, we want to take a moment to thank our wonderful team of volunteer catechists for all of their hard work this year. If you see the following individuals around the parish, thank them for their service to our young people who are the future of our parish: Dee and Jimmy Dean, Meagan Kirchner, Diane Coleman, Welna Laugeyaro, Elizabeth and Adriana Wolf, Isaac Smith, Maddie Davin, and Colleen Ryan Mayrand. All of these folks devoted every Sunday morning for the past eight months to sharing their faith with the youth of our parish! Just a quick refresher for families who may be unfamiliar with how PSR works... If your children do not attend St. Mike’s Parish School, we’d love to have them join us for PSR when we resume in the fall! PSR meets each Sunday from 10:15-11:15am for religious education courses for K-8th graders. If you have any questions, contact our parish DRE, Nick Mayrand, at nmayrand@dwc.org or 304-280-3225.

Christian Mothers/Christian Women

Our next movie will be on Monday, April 22.

Please call Mary Jo McGinley @ 304.243.1558 to request babysitting services.

Please pray for these men and women serving our country in the military, and for their families:

- Petty Officer First Class Eric J Auber, US Navy
- Staff Sergeant Robert Michael Baker, US Marine Corps
- Sergeant Anthony DiBias, US Army
- Technical Sergeant Andrew G. Futey, US Air Force
- Specialist Matthew Graney, US Army
- Lieutenant Andrew Klug, US Navy
- Captain Zach Lehman, US Marine Corps
- Capt. Michael Neuman, US Army
- Major Christopher Nodurft, US Marine Corps
- Seaman First Class Cody Patterson, US Navy
- Specialist Seth Sleime, US Army
- Warrant Officer 1 (W01) Christopher Snyder
- Sergeant Major Stephen Spohn, US Army
- Sergeant First Class Wendy Spohn, US Army
- Lieutenant Colonel Aaron P Tillman, US Air Force
- Chief Master Sergeant Patrick Van Vranken, US Air Force
- Airman First Class Taylor Wilkinson, US Air Force
- Airman First Class Sierra E. McKenna, US Air Force
- PVT Jacob Ulevich, US Army

God Bless Our Military!

Pro Life Corner

A pro-lifer in Worcester, Massachusetts couldn’t stay for an entire hour. But when she found herself with 15 minutes in between work meetings, she met her friend at the 40 Days for Life vigil to pray. While there, she spoke to an abortion-bound couple, encouraging the new parents to visit the pregnancy center across the street. And they did! “They met with a counselor, had an ultrasound, got help with some of the issues that were driving them to consider abortion, and left smiling,” said Lee in Worcester. As they left, they told volunteers, “God bless you people!” Lee said the story illustrates the power of peaceful prayer. “Where else can you spend 15 minutes in prayer and save a life?”

SO FAR (April 9)...
374 babies spared from abortion because you answered the call to pray at your local 40 Days for Life vigil!

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS:
Northern Panhandle Gabriel Project: 304-639-5039
Birthright International: Helpline: 1.800.550.4900
Aim Women’s Center (Steubenville, OH): (740) 283-3636
Wellspring Pregnancy Center (Moundsville, WV): (304) 810-0292
Post Abortion Support
Rachel’s Vineyard: 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)
Silent No More: 888-735-3448

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture’s favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature’s perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring’s rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ’s tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ “Easter in us.”

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