THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE TWO DISCIPLES RECOUNTED WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE ON THE WAY AND HOW JESUS WAS MADE KNOWN TO THEM IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD.

Luke 24:35
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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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel;
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort
Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena
Thursday: St. Pius V
Friday: St. Joseph the Worker; First Friday
Saturday: St. Athanasius; First Saturday

Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020
You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.
— Acts 2:28

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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**ALL MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING CELEBRATED IN PRIVATE**
**BY FATHER CARLOS AND FATHER SMAY.**

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**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

*Della Nazzaro*  
*and*  
*Clark Morton*

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

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**STAY WITH US, LORD**

Walk with us, Lord,  
along the road of resurrection!  
Explain for us, so slow to believe,  
the things that Scripture says of you.  
Break the bread of the Eucharist with us  
whenever we share our lives  
with our brothers and sisters.  
Stay with us  
each time night approaches  
and the daylight fades in our hearts!

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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
Please pray for these men and women currently serving and also those who have served our country (not listed), and for their families:

- Petty Officer First Class Eric J Auber, US Navy
- Staff Sergeant Robert Michael Baker, US Marine Corps
- Major Jeremy Deguzman, US Air Force
- 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
- Airman First Class Taylor Wilkinson, US Air Force
- Senior Airman Sierra E. McKenna, US Air Force
- PFC Jacob Ulevich, US Army

Weekend Data Update

Collection Data:

- April 12th, 2020
  - Easter: $6,473.00
  - 2nd Collection Weekly: $5,738.00
  - Additional Monthly: $2,308.00
  - Misc: $1,468.00
  - Online: $1,781.50
  - Total: $17,768.50

- April 19th, 2020
  - Weekly: $4,198.00
  - School Support: $663.00
  - Monthly: $2,525.00
  - Online: $2,101.50
  - Misc: $2,330.00
  - Total: $11,817.50

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

GOD’S PLAN

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God’s plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today’s Gospel tells the story of Jesus’ walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don’t recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God’s plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.
Live From Wheeling – it’s St. Michael Parish!

During the current crisis which we all face, it has given us the opportunity to find new and innovative (for us) ways to reach out to our dear parishioners.

From the church perspective, our Facebook Livestreaming experience had been limited to snippets from a John Angotti performance and some coverage of the annual festival. However, we are improving our skills! Kudos to Father Carlos and Father Martin who worked diligently to prepare the church for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. They have continued to broadcast Mass as Facebook Live events and all broadcasts are saved on our Facebook page at St Michael Parish Wheeling, Almost Heaven West Virginia.

For our parishioners who do not have a Facebook account, the broadcasts are also available on the parish YouTube channel. Anyone with a computer and internet service can take a look at our channel. Simply type “St. Michael Parish Wheeling West Virginia” in the search bar at YouTube. Please note, there is a bit of a delay between the live-stream broadcast and posting the video to the YouTube channel https://m.youtube.com St Michael Parish.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HOSTS A RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, APRIL 29TH.  On Wednesday April 29th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a blood drive at the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Marist Centre, 2244 Marshall Ave. Wheeling WV. Please schedule your appointment online https://www.redcrossblood.org/ Donors are asked to wear facemasks.
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Mary Hindson Albanese
Pauline Allison
David Altmeyer
Jack & Evelyn Altmeyer
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Nora Marie Antlake
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Joe & Eleanor Bechtel
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Ann and Howard Gompers
The Gompers Family
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John Paul Gossett
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Like us on Facebook:

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SMPS SOCIAL MEDIA IS AMAZING!

TURN-BACK TUESDAY!

Fact #1: I was trained as a classical dancer for 16 years.
Fact #2: I have traveled to 19 US states.
Fact #3: I hiked one of Colorado’s famous “14ers”, Long Peak.
Fact #4: I worked at the Good Zoo.
Fact #5: My favorite singer is Lady Gaga.

Who Am I?

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

A special thank you to an anonymous donor for their generous contribution to purchase paint for some sprucing-up projects in the school!

WACKY WEDNESDAY WORKOUTS!

Every Wednesday @ 8:30 PM
Walk outside your home and shine your flashlight or lift your candle to heaven
Say the Lord’s Prayer
Let us pray for all of the essential workers in our community!
#wearestmikeshwv

Earth Day!
Happy Earth Day everyone!
Isn’t the springtime glorious? Our West Virginia hills are transitioning from the gray and brown shades of wintertime to the light haze of green as the leaves start to bud. If you happen to go for a stroll or a Sunday drive, your eyes can feast on the beauty of springtime flowers, magnificent magnolia trees, lovely azaleas and petite purple violets which are scattered about like sprinkles on a birthday cake. The lilacs are about to bloom and I am looking forward to placing a bouquet on our living room mantle and smelling their heavenly scent.

I always associate lilacs with First Holy Communion. It appears that the lilacs are following the original schedule and we’ll look forward to a rescheduled First Holy Communion for our second graders at St. Michael Parish School and the Parish School of Religion.

I think it’s clear, I am binge watching the beauty of God’s creation, our beautiful planet Earth!

In addition to the springtime flowers and butterflies, there has been another sighting. Green thumbs have returned to our National Road location! Many thanks to our dedicated crew of gardeners who have been pulling weeds, clipping dead branches and preparing our grounds for the growing season.

If you would like to help these green thumb garden warriors, and are willing to pull weeds and help maintain our landscaping (of course following health safety protocols) please contact Sandy Pell 304.281-9459 or Gretchen Wilson 304.280-1451. They’re planning to buy mulch, a dozen Bird’s Nest Norway spruce shrubs to fill in several bare spots, a tree to replace one which has died at the Angelus Center, and a few additional plants to brighten our campus.

Thank you to everyone who helps to make St. Michael Parish and St. Michael Parish School beautiful in every way!

PS. Another wonderful sign of spring… the snow plow has been removed from the parish truck!

—Wendy F. Hinerman ♥

For many months our Pastoral Council has been planning a Steak Fry to benefit our St. Michael Parish School teachers. The Steak Fry, scheduled for April 18th, had to be postponed. When asked about the event, Rich Emmerth, Steak Fry Chairperson and budding poet said “The beer is on ice. The steaks are on hold. The potatoes are still in their skin and the salads will not be sold. The shelter is still on hold. I hope we all get together when it's not so cold. The steak fry is still a go - will let you know. God bless all and be safe.”

While we are disappointed to have the food, fun and friendship delayed, please say of prayer of thanksgiving and support for our teachers - and all teachers - who are creatively, lovingly, and joyfully finding new approaches to educating students!
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.