The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

~ John 6:51
The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is held 3pm-4pm on Saturday, 8am on First Saturday, or by appointment. Please contact the secretary, Cindy Barone at the Parish Office if you are interested in any of the following: Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Christian Initiation of Adults, joining the parish, bulletin ads or Weddings (six months prior to the desired wedding date).

To arrange a pastoral visit for Homebound Parishioners please contact Kathleen Dieffenbaugher at the Parish Office, Ext 9.

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

Eucharistic Adoration is held Monday 8am-5pm, 6pm-10pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am-5pm;

ANGER’S OFFSPRING
As long as anger lives, she continues to be the fruitful mother of many unhappy children.
—St. John Climacus

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Finance Council - Tom Galinski, Chairperson

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Danielle Doerr - President
MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 11
7:30am  Father Edwin Cupp
4:30pm  Jane Sneddon

Sunday, August 12
7:30am  Suzanne Walter
9:00am  People of the Parish
11:30am Butch Hershberger

Monday, August 13
7:30am  Renee Y. Banal Bonomo
5:30pm  John Paul Ryan

Tuesday, August 14
7:30am  Margaret Bosold
5:30pm  People of the Parish

Wednesday, August 15
7:30am  Deceased Members of CM/CW
7:00pm  Commemorative Mass Association

Thursday, August 16
7:30am  Bishop Schmitt (A)

Friday, August 17
7:30am  Bill Grubler

Saturday, August 18
7:30am  Lucille Rapp
4:30pm  Paul Schubert

Sunday, August 19
7:30am  Mary Muroski
9:00am  William Thulman
11:30am People of the Parish

LECTOR AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING

We will conduct training sessions for parishioners who want to participate as a lector or an extraordinary minister. Please contact Kathleen Dieffenbaugher at the Parish Office - 304.242.1560 if you will be attending on Monday, August 13th at 6pm in the Church.

On August 22, 2018, the Wednesday morning Mass time will change from 7:30am to 8:30am.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

The parish will continue classes in September for any adults who want to join the Catholic Church. At the ends of the pews there are cards on which you may submit a name(s) of anyone you’d like us to invite to join the Church. Classes will be held on Sunday mornings between the 9:00 - 11:30 AM Masses.

Would you like to help with the RCIA team? There are several ways to do so: dessert baker, discussion leader, clerical support, presenter, etc. Please contact Fr. Bill, wmatheny@dwc.org or 304-242-1560 ext 7, for more information.

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (August 13th - August 17th) in memory of Rosemary Kelly

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, August 15th, 2018 for a Staff Retreat. We will re-open on Thursday, August 16th at 8am for business as usual! Thank you.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 12, 2018

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

— John 6:51
LITURGICAL MINISTERS

*Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mikes’ webpage. **Weekday 7:30am Altar Server: Aug 13 - 17, 2018 - Still Needed!

Saturday, August 18, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Karen Kelly
Lector: AJ Bucon
Altar Servers: Olen Ames, Lillian Bischof, Laken and Ryan Costanzo
EMOHCS: Karen and Jim Kelly, Staci Spry, Linda McCabe, Andrew Komorowski

Sunday, August 19, 7:30am
Sacristan: Kathy Ulevich
Lector: Shaunnna Hershberger
Altar Servers: Benjamin Halicki, Noah Blair
EMOHCS: Mary Kay Wensyel, Kathy Ulevich, Joe Roxby, Bob Fanning, Jeep Naum

Sunday, August 19, 9:00am
Sacristan: Maureen McNabb
Lector: Marian Mullin
Altar Servers: Tyler Dean, Luca Swartz, Grant McCabe, Jack Adams
EMOHCS: Maureen McNabb, Dee Dean, Mollie Tolbert, Cameron McCabe, Isaac Smith

Sunday, August 19, 11:30am
Sacristan: Kristy Riedel
Lector: Jason Rine
Altar Servers: Madie, Kelly, and Abie Riedel, Levi Rine
EMOHCS: Kristy Riedel, Adrienne Michaud, Robbie DiLorenzo, Barb Varlas, Lynne Robb

Journey of the Chalice:
8/12: Parish Office
8/19: To be determined

The purpose of the Journey of the Chalice program is to encourage families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations.

We are in need of more people to participate in the Journey of the Chalice -- please contact the Parish Office.

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.

FORMED.ORG

FORMED.ORG. Parish Code: 4WPV3E
Registration is easy and free to all parishioners (and your friends). Simply type in the parish code and you will have access to a variety of Catholic resources to keep you close to our faith.

Your contact information is important to us!
Have you moved? Do you have a new cell phone number? Have you changed your email address? Help us improve our parish communications by emailing stmikes@stmikesparish.org with your new contact information, or call Cindy at 304.242.1560, EXT 0.

Have you checked out our NEW and IMPROVED Online Giving?
If you manage your bills online, why not give to your church online? It’s safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. So if you forgot your envelope last week, you can go online and make a gift to our regular offertory. Go to: www.stmikesparish.org; click on VIEW DONOR PORTAL to get set up.
MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE
The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will host a one-day marriage preparation course on Saturday, November 3, 2018. It will take place at the Angelus Center at St. Michael Parish in Wheeling. There are 9 spaces available. To register please go to the following website: https://wvmarriage.org/ engaged.
If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne McKeets, 304-233-0880, ext. 374.
We are also looking for married couples who would like to present topics such as marriage and faith, communications, sexuality, and stewardship/finances. Maybe you have done marriage prep in your own parish. If you would like to be involved in our November 3 session, please contact Fr. Bill Matheny, 304-242-1560 ext 7 or email Fr. Bill at wmatheny@dwc.org.

Group Sharing Encounter
If you or someone you know has lost a loved one and would like to participate, at your comfort level, or just listen to other people who are also grieving, then please come and join us at 6pm at Saint Alphonsus Church in Wheeling. Everything is kept confidential. Our gathering times for the remainder of the year are July 30th, August 27th, September 24th, October 29th, November 26th and December 17th.

Grace & Peace, Deacon Doug Breiding

The Simple Care of a Hopeful Heart: Resilience, Compassion, Personal Well-Being and Prayer
One of the greatest gifts we can share with others is a sense of our own peace. However, we can’t share what we don’t have. By discussing psychological and classic spiritual approaches to maintaining perspective and inner strength in challenging times, Dr. Wicks, an expert on the prevention of secondary stress (the pressures experienced in reaching out to others) and the author of several books, offers insights into how we can live in peace and, in turn, extend our warmth to others without losing our own inner fire in the process. Topics will include: maintaining a healthy sense of perspective; avoiding dangers that lead to unnecessary stress; developing your own self-care program; knowing the four “voices” we need in our circle of friends to have balance and courage in life; improving self-awareness; facing inner darkness; and developing a richer rule of prayer. Practical, illustrative, and lively, these rich presentations will provide essential information on resilience, compassion, personal well-being, and prayer.
Facilitator: Dr. Robert Wicks
Date: Saturday, September 29
Time: Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
Program: 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Mount St. Joseph Chapel
Cost: $25.00
Reservations are required by September 17, 2018. 304-232-8160 x112 - Call to RESERVE your spot!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Careful readers of the “Treasures” will have noticed that the two columns about the oldest monastic communities in the United States refer to the colonial states. The Louisiana Purchase gained a great treasure for our nation, the Ursuline monastery of New Orleans. Among the greatest pioneers of that city were nuns who came from France on a perilous voyage in 1727, pestered by pirates and tossed by fearsome storms. These were genteel, well-educated Ursulines, yet their first task was to roll up their sleeves and open a hospital to care for the pestilence-ridden colony. Next, they opened a school for girls and launched a plan to educate the women being shipped over from France to marry settlers. In this way, they had enormous influence in molding patterns of family and domestic life.

At Christmastime in 1814, the threat of a British assault on the city was growing. On the terrifying night of January 7, 1815, the women of New Orleans gathered in the monastery chapel to pray that the city be spared from destruction in battle. The mother superior made a vow to have a Mass of Thanksgiving on that date every year should the Americans win. That night, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, to whom the nuns had great devotion, became the protector and patron of this great city. The convent in the French Quarter is the oldest standing building in the Mississippi valley, and the only surviving building of the French colonial period. The nuns relocated in 1824, but their old monastery is preserved as a museum and archives for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The school the nuns began, Ursuline Academy, is the oldest continuously operating Catholic school, and school for women, in the United States.
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

DWC Summer Ministry Summit
Are you involved with youth ministry, campus ministry, adult faith formation, RCIA, or children’s religious education? Join us at our Summer Minister Summit at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston on August 25-26 for an opportunity to learn, pray, and network. National speaker and author Joe Paprocki, M.Div., leads our team of presenters and workshop facilitators. For a detailed schedule and more information on workshop topics, visit our registration page at dwc.org/summit. Registration and meals are free; the only cost is a $25/night fee if you choose to stay overnight at the Pastoral Center.

Questions? Contact the Department of Formation & Mission at 304-233-0880, ext. 374.
“Goodbye Molly. Goodbye Debbie. Goodbye Janie”. The little voice sitting behind me was bidding adieux. She continued to list names as our plane rose into the sky and the farewells were nonstop as we traveled above the clouds. Eventually she was mentioning Shadow and Goldie, who I can only assume are a four legged friend and a fish. She ended the litany with a loud “I’ll see you next week!”

Life is filled with so many hellos and goodbyes. I’d like to take this opportunity to remind you to say hello and welcome to Father Martin Smay. Father Martin arrived at our Parish just a few weeks after his ordination. His assignment to our parish is temporary, as he will return to Rome in mid-September to continue his theological studies for Licentiate degree at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome.

Father Martin jumped right into our parish family. Before he was completely unpacked, he was working at the parish festival. Kudos to Steve and Erica Przybysz for recruiting him for all three days of the festival (there is a slight chance that Steve called in a cousin favor). Father Martin was also a huge help with the back-to-back Saturday playground project. (Interesting facts: 8-10 tons of mulch were shoveled off of the playground and 40 tons of pea gravel were spread on the surface).

To help you get to know Father Martin, I did my best Barbara Walters impression and asked a few questions…

Favorite color? Green
Favorite food? Pici pasta with a ragù sauce or homemade pierogi.
Hobbies? Letter writing, reading, and off and on I have done research on my family tree; my earliest ancestor in the Americas was here before the 1740s. I like bowling but haven’t been able to roll in a while – sometimes when everything is going wrong with the day, it’s good to just throw your hands up in the air and say “let’s go bowling.”
Football? The Mountaineers and Steelers, but I’m more of a baseball fan, the Pittsburgh Pirates of course.
What do you love? St. Alphonsus Liguori, St. Michael Parish, our beautiful Cathedral, my family, and abiding.
What makes you crazy? Finger nails on chalk boards, lights left on in empty rooms, knick-knacks and dust collectors.
Trivia: I have 3 older brothers, 1 older sister, and one little brother. I was a member of the Boy Scout Troop that is here at St. Mike’s and received my Eagle Scout in ’06.

Please be sure to say hello to Father Martin because he’ll be saying goodbye before you know it and we’ll be saying arrivederci.

--Wendy Hinerman
COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION:

*We remember in love those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith…*

The CMA is a special program which allows our parishioners and friends to remember their loved ones in a beautiful way. A total of 18 Masses will be celebrated for the repose of the souls of those inscribed in the Parish Commemorative Mass Association throughout the year of enrollment. The cost to enroll is $50. The bulletin will regularly list the names of those enrolled in the CMA.

At the time of enrollment, you will receive a beautiful leatherette-type folder describing the Commemorative Mass Association. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or to enroll someone in the CMA.

*—Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them and All the Souls of the Faithfully Departed.*
The upcoming 2018-2019 school year finds several school families in need of tuition assistance. We are asking those parishioners who are willing and financially able, to consider sponsoring a child for the upcoming school year.

Tuition for one child is $3490; for two children $6300; and for three or more children $8515. If you are able to provide assistance or have questions regarding this program, please call Shandi Nodurft for further information at 304.242.3966.

If your child has benefited from a quality Catholic education at St. Michael Parish School, perhaps you would consider offering that gift to another child. Many families are struggling in our present economy and could truly use some help. Thank you for your consideration!
New Expanded Day Hours!

7:45 AM-5:45 PM

- This program is offered to children enrolled in the St. Michael Parish School Preschool 3 and Preschool 4 classes.

- This program was created to provide a safe, supportive, and caring environment to our students whose families need an extended school day. Our curriculum was created to meet the needs of each child. A variety of preschool activities including outdoor recreation, arts & crafts, quiet rest time, circle time, games, and music, are just a few examples of the fun and interactive things offered at Expanded Day.

- Children will have the opportunity to eat breakfast and/or lunch and a snack at school.

- Students may attend 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 days a week.

- All children must be potty trained.

If you wish to register for the Expanded Day Program, please contact Mrs. Kovalski or Mrs. Nodurft at 304-242-3966. Registration for the first session is currently open to all registered St. Michael Parish School preschool families.

Mrs. Koval, our school’s hot lunch coordinator, is looking for volunteers to help serve hot lunch this year. Hot lunch will be offered 5 days a week. Please consider volunteering! We welcome grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins or even a retired neighbor that may want to volunteer for a couple of hours a week.

This volunteer opportunity is as follows:

- Small kitchen preparations
- Serving lunch
- Assisting with our recycling program
- Clean and organize kitchen for the next day

All volunteers must complete a background check as well as VIRTUS training. The forms for the background check are in the school office and on our webpage. You may complete the one-time VIRTUS training at https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/. Once training is complete, give the certificate of completion to the school office. A copy will be held in school records. Ohio County also requires food handler’s training. Details will be provided at a later date. Please contact Mrs. Koval in the school office at 304-242-3966 ext. 2 to reserve your spot for the fall hot lunch volunteer schedule. Thank you so much for helping! We couldn’t do it without your help!
COME AND JOIN US!

An Invitation to Learn about the Catholic Faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) Program

Are You...

An unbaptized adult wishing to learn about the Catholic Faith?
A baptized Christian of another denomination interested in learning about the Catholic Faith?
A baptized Catholic who has never been confirmed?
A Catholic wanting to more deeply investigate and participate in the faith?

Please come to our information and welcoming session in our Parish Office at 7pm on Thursday evening, September 6th, 2018

You are welcome to attend with no obligation to pursue the program.

Invite a friend to come with you!

For further information contact Fr. Bill Matheny - 304-242-1560 or Louis Volpe - 304-277-5211

St. Michael Parish School would like to thank Frank and Sally Scenna for the generous donation in memory of Rosalie Dailer Young

THANK YOU

Help your family member get the care they need in their home. Catholic Charities HomeCare provides temporary or long-term living assistance services for $15/hour. Learn more at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/HomeCare or by calling (304) 905-9869.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Updates from Nick Mayrand

Parents of our PSR students are invited to a parent meeting on August 19th following the 9am Mass. We’ll gather in the school cafeteria for coffee, donuts, and an overview of the upcoming year of PSR. Registration forms will be available for those who have not yet registered.

Looking for a way to serve the next generation of St. Michael parishioners? Consider joining our team of catechists for the upcoming year of PSR! Contact Nick Mayrand at nmayrand@dwc.org to set up a chat about the various ways you can get involved with PSR.

Volunteer needs for the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center:

⇒ Meal delivery drivers are needed for Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Pick up meals between 10:30am and 11:30am. Routes can take anywhere from 30 minutes to 1.5 hours depending on volunteer’s availability.

⇒ Meal line (traying up meals for meal delivery) on Thursdays from 9:30am to 11am.

⇒ Food pantry assistance on Thursdays 11am to 1pm.

If you can help, please call Grant Coleman at 304.232.7157 EXT 7, or email him.
Have you experienced divorce and would like to know more about the annulment process? Are you divorced and remarried outside the Catholic Church? Would you like to know how to make your marriage valid in the Church so you can receive the Sacraments again? Please contact Fr. Bill: 304-242-1560, x7 or wmatheny@dwc.org about the annulment process. Unfortunately, a lot of people have erroneous ideas about the process. It is doable and Father Bill will help you throughout the process.

As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.
Psalms 55:16-23. KJV

Opportunities don't happen. You create them!

At Central Catholic High School we help you schedule the classes that will challenge you, discover the clubs that will bring out your inner talents, participate in the sports that will make you feel like you are part of a team...and experience the importance of faith that will introduce you to the presence of God in your life!

Create an opportunity this summer that will last a lifetime...contact John Yelenic, Director of Enrollment and Retention today! Call (304) 650-6298 or email jyelenic@cchsknights.org
Financial assistance available at all grade levels.

Remember...It's always a GREAT DAY when you are a KNIGHT!

Get Ready for the Fall Book and Bake Sale Saturday, September 29th, 8am-12 noon at the Angelus Center
If you have any books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, Cassettes, and/or VHS tapes that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Parish Office during business hours, or call Gretchen Wilson at 304-280-1451 with any questions or if you have items which need to be picked-up.

CCHS Football Discount Cards are back! $10 per card with great discounts at restaurants and businesses. Call the school or contact Coach Young to get yours!

Parents and students can view the CCHS Booklist for the 2018/2019 school year by following this link: http://cchsknights.org/knight-life/student-life/announcements-2018-19/ Please contact the school office with any questions.
WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

THE MIDDLE AGES  Martin Luther posted his “95 Theses” on the Castle Church door of this German city:

A. Cologne  
B. Heidelberg  
C. Wittenberg  
D. Worms  

Last week’s answer: The fifth commandment is do not kill

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Important Contact Numbers
Pregnant and Need Help?
Northern Panhandle Gabriel Project: 304-639-5039
Birthright International: Help line: 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

Thank you to Ms. Sharon Goudy, from the Office of Safe Environment in our Diocese for hosting the VIRTUS training course in the Angelus Center on August 6th. We sincerely appreciate your diligence to duty to ensure the safety of our children and the awareness and certification of the VIRTUS Program for all of our volunteers!

Wheeling Farmers’ Market Bringing Our Best to YOU!
May 19th thru October 2018
St. Michael Parish Angelus Center Parking Lot
Saturdays from 8am to 12pm
AND
July 11th thru October 2018 - Edgewood Lutheran Church (just across the street and to the right from the Angelus Center) 1154 National Road - Wednesdays: 4pm - 6pm Come for take out dinner! (Pictured are Deb Michaels magic parish garden veggies)