Jesus endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. John Eudes
Tuesday: St. Bernard
Wednesday: St. Pius X
Thursday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Rose of Lima
Saturday: St. Bartholomew

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2019
[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.
— Hebrews 12:2

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.

Collection & Attendance Data: 10/11 AUG 2019
4:30pm — 219  7:30am — 144
9:00am — 188  11:30am — 210

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 761

1st Collection: $8,154.00
2nd Collection: $2,913.25
Miscellaneous: $873.00
Online:$341.50
Total: $12,281.75

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.
## Mass Intentions

**FOR THE WEEK**

### Saturday, August 17th
- **7:30am**  
  Bill Grubler  
- **4:30pm**  
  Paul A. Schubert

### Sunday, August 18th
- **7:30am**  
  Ralph Sengewalt  
- **9:00am**  
  People of the Parish  
- **11:30am**  
  Brian Foose

### Monday, August 19th
- **7:30am**  
  Joseph Boutaugh  
- **5:30pm**  
  Cecelia Ciripompa

### Tuesday, August 20th
- **7:30am**  
  John Gessler

### Wednesday, August 21st
- **7:30am**  
  Ron DiLorenzo  
- **8:45am**  
  Lisa Gruber  
- **5:30pm**  
  Dorothy Grubler

### Thursday, August 22nd
- **7:30am**  
  Carole Sacco

### Friday, August 23rd
- **7:30am**  
  William Wilson

### Saturday, August 24th
- **7:30am**  
  Christi Chanowski  
- **4:30pm**  
  Ray Schmitt (A)

### Sunday, August 25th
- **7:30am**  
  John Kovalchie Jr. (A)  
- **9:00am**  
  Lisa Bryson Ames  
- **11:30am**  
  People of the Parish

- **For the repose of souls**

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

*Steve and Alice Rovnak*

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I hope that you had a chance to meet Nick Mayrand during his two-year employment at St. Michael Parish. Nick coordinated our Parish School of Religion and oversaw the sacraments of First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation. Nick brought a wonderful energy and deep devotion to our program. He quickly identified some weak areas in the program and developed a strategy to improve the educational experience for the students. He researched and added numerous resources to supplement the existing program and added a service element to our Parish School of Religion curriculum.

Nick and his wife Colleen made arrangements for the students to help with local charitable organizations. He coordinated, chaperoned and worked side-by-side the students at the service projects. His commitment to the community and to serving one another provided a valuable life lesson for the students.

Nick brought fresh and new ideas to our “we’ve always done it this way” mentalities. He is also the culprit who added the tradition of making personalized pew banners at the First Communion retreat. To his credit, it was a great idea, but the first run of the project was a doozy! The second year, the banner project went smoothly and the Second Graders had a wonderful keepsake from their special day.

Nick was also an *extremely* good sport and rose to the occasion when he was asked to play the role of St. Nicholas at our Annual St. Nick @Nite Stewardship Appreciation Dinner.

Nick and his lovely wife Colleen relocated to Cincinnati in late June and they’re sadly missed in our Wheeling community. Fortunately for St. Michael Parish, Nick was helpful in identifying two recruits for the catechism coordinator position. I am pleased to announce that Mark and Amy Phillips have accepted the position. Affectionately known as “Team Phillips”, Mark and Amy are eager to meet our PSR families and continue to offer a faith based Sunday morning religion class for students who do not attend the parish school. Keep your eyes on the bulletin for PSR registration information.

Please join me in welcoming Team Phillips!

Hmm…I wonder how Mark would look with a miter and crosier?

—Wendy Hinerman
Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mike’s webpage. 
Weekday Mass 7:30am, August 19-23, 2019
Altar Server: Liam White

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.

Saturday, August 24th, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Joe Bourgo
Lectors: David Post and Rose Frasnelli
Altar Servers: Ryan and Laken Costanzo, Ashlyn Combs, Ava Hanson
EMOHCS: Joe Bourgo, Charlene Kirkpatrick, Lucille Otte, Marianne Blair, Donna Clark

Sunday, August 25th, 7:30am
Sacristan: Kathy Ulevich
Lectors: Nathan Stryker and Amanda Castle
Altar Servers: Grady and Owen Mullin
EMOHCS: Kathy Ulevich, Ed and Sally Bowie, Pat Plunkett, Rudy Conti

Sunday, August 25th, 9:00am
Sacristan: Adriana Wolf
Lectors: Andrew Tiu and Anita Smith
Altar Servers: Adam Wolf, Kate Tiu, Grant McCabe, Lucan Galbraith
EMOHCS: Adriana Wolf, Camille Basinger, Mollie Tolbert, Cameron McCabe, Jessica Galbraith

Sunday, August 25th, 11:30am
Sacristan: NEEDED
Lectors: Margaret Erickson and Melissa Michael
Altar Servers: Jaelyn Vunderink, Paige Wurtzbacher, Parker Jasko, Alex Tarr
EMOHCS: Barb Varlas, Ted Erickson, Jay McLaughlin, Tom Conti, John Moore

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.

The Rosary is said every weekday after morning Mass at St. Michael Church.
This week’s Rosary leader is Gretchen Wilson
All are welcome to join us!

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.
We invite you to join us for an Installation Watch Party on August 22nd at 2:00pm in the Angelus Center! We will be live-streaming the installation of our new Bishop Brennan and hope that you can join us to witness this hope filled event!

The installation Mass of Bishop Mark E. Brennan as the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will take place on August 22, 2019 at 2 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. Although open to the public, each parish in the diocese received two tickets for the installation, which does not include the pastor. Because of the size of the Cathedral—which seats 500—seating is limited. Even ticket holders are not assured a seat at the Cathedral. Arrangements have been made for additional seating at WesBanco Arena, located at 2-14th Street, Wheeling, where the Installation Mass will be televised on a large screen, with a cantor present. The Eucharist will be distributed at WesBanco Arena.

Those who are unable to attend the Episcopal Installation Mass will be able to view the Mass live via the internet.

The Mass will be live streamed on the diocese’s website at dwc.org at 2 p.m. from the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. Through the sponsorship of the Welty Home and Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Wheeling, the Mass will also be televised live on WTRFDT2/MYOV in the Wheeling area.

In addition, the Mass will broadcast live on the radio on WKKX 1600 AM and 98.1 FM. EWTN will air the installation Mass nationally at 3 p.m. that day. Catholic Television Network will also air the Mass at a time yet to be determined.

CCHS Booster Association Steak Fry
Sat. August 24th
6-11pm
Wheeling Park Ice Rink

Tickets are $25 each and include choice of steak or chicken, sides, soda and beer. This event will also include raffles and baskets. Please contact Jenny Imer 304.280.0853 or Melissa Mansuetto 740.310.9031 for tickets.

The 2020 St. Michael Mass Book will open on August 20 at 8:00am. Please come to the Parish Office that day to ensure your loved one has a Mass offered in their name for 2020.

You may call the Parish Office at 304.242.1560 with your Mass intentions anytime after August 20th if you cannot visit us in person that day.

We ask 10 dollars for a weekday Mass, and 20 dollars for a weekend Mass. We allow up to four Masses per year for your loved one. Thank you and God Bless.
LARCUM Conference of West Virginia
(Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic, United Methodist)

September 9-11, 2019

“Christianity and Civil Government: History, Theology, and Implications (for Citizens, Pastors and Institutions)”

The 6th Annual LARCUM Conference is scheduled for Monday, September 9 through Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. on Monday and the conference will end after lunch on Wednesday. The only cost for participants for the entire conference is $105.00 per person for registration/double room occupancy (roommate must be listed), $125.00 for registration/single room occupancy or $25.00 registration fee for commuter. The LARCUM conference will be held at the Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center (100 Hodges Road, Charleston, WV).

For more information and schedule details, please go to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston’s website at https://dwc.org scroll down on the home page to the EVENTS section and click on the LARCUM Conference icon.

You may register directly online at http://www.dwc.org/larcum. For more information call Christy Ramsey at (304) 380-0155 or email at cramsey@dwc.org.

The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents – One-Day Retreat

This retreat is designed for grieving parents whose precious children of any age (from conception to old age) have died by any cause (miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, illness, accident, suicide, murder, overdose, etc.), no matter how long ago.

The retreat agenda includes prayer services, spiritual reflections, breakout sessions, Emmaus Walk, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and time for reflection. Find compassion, rest, and peace…at least for a time.

Saturday, October 19, 2019, at St. Mary Church, 3334B University Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26505

Suggested donation: $25/individual; $40/couple. Donation includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, and all retreat materials. Scholarship are available.

For more information call Diane or Charley, parents of Paul, at 800-919-9332 or 617-542-8057, or register at https://www.emfgp.org/10-19-19-morgantown/.
Important Financial Announcement

St. Michael Parish is grateful to the many people who financially support our church. In 2018, almost 80% of the church income was through weekly collections, the annual “My Christmas Gift to the Church” campaign and one time gifts of treasure to the church. The sacrificial giving is a blessing for which we are extremely thankful.

As you may know, the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) is an annual diocesan appeal which provides funds to a variety of ministries, services and programs throughout our diocese. The Diocese sets a Catholic Sharing Appeal goal for each parish. The first half of the goal is the Diocesan share. Everything over the 50% goal is returned to the parish. All of the returned money is exempt from diocesan assessment. That means that all money is returned to the parish and NO part of the money is kept by the Diocese.

Our goal for the 2019 appeal is $71,660. One half of our goal is $35,830. As of August 5, 2019 our parishioners had donated $16,162. At the July Finance Council meeting, the Catholic Sharing Appeal was reviewed. Following a lengthy discussion, Father Carlos and the Finance Council made the decision that St. Michael Parish would contribute the money necessary to achieve the 50% mark of the 2019 Catholic Sharing Appeal. A check for $19,668 was issued to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston CSA. The diocesan share has been fulfilled.

Now that we have achieved 50% of our goal ALL MONEY DONATED TO THE CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL WILL BE RETURNED TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH. Your money will be returned to our parish and no money will be retained by the Diocese.

Moving forward, if you would like to give money to your church, and be assured that all money will be used ONLY for parish expenses (utilities, salaries, maintenance, etc.) please consider a donation to the 2019 CSA. This is easily accomplished by sending your check to the diocese: Diocese of Wheeling –Charleston, Catholic Sharing Appeal, P.O. Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003. If you’d prefer, you can drop it off at the Parish Office or place your donation in the Sunday collection. Please write “CSA, St. Michael Parish” in the check memo.

In the next several months, you will notice that we will be using the CSA as the destination for funds from our fundraising efforts and any development campaigns. Our intent is to guarantee our parishioners that 100% of their contributions will be used for our church.

It is important to note that we were able to satisfy the 50% goal through the kindness of a bequest. In early 2019 we were notified that a parishioner, Adelaide Hoose, left her estate to our church. We have sold the house, the contents of the house and the automobile. The revenue from the sales provided us with the available resources to make the payment of $19,668.

Any questions will be directed to Wendy Hinerman at the Parish Office at 304.242.1560 x4 or whinerman@stmikesparish.org.

Thank you for your generosity!
ACT: A Church Together to Renew, Rebuild, and Reclaim our Faith

Feeling hurt, angry, or demoralized about the sexual abuse crisis plaguing the Catholic Church? Our parish wants to help, and that’s why we have distributed the book titled *Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis* by Bishop Robert Barron. Now that you have had an opportunity to read it, we would like to offer some small group discussions to allow for sharing and discussing this book.

Each group will be limited to 15 participants and will include a facilitator to assist with the conversation. Please consider joining us on Thursday, Aug. 22nd at 6:00pm or Sunday, Aug. 25th at 10:00am in the Angelus Center meeting rooms. If necessary, additional dates will be added.

Please contact Kathleen in the Parish Office to reserve a space! 304-242-1560 x9 OR kathleen@stmikesparish.org

Any new or returning students to West Virginia University in Morgantown be sure to come check us out at St. John University Parish. Every Thursday we have Mountaineer Catholic nights, which begin with mass at 6:00pm followed by Dinner for a Dollar, a home-cooked meal that is better than the dining hall food and followed at 7:30pm with a speaker or community night. Feel free to stay the whole night or just for part of it. For more information our website is mountaineercatholic.com or on Facebook ‘Mountaineer Catholic.’

The Stewardship Council is sponsoring a canned goods collection for the patrons of the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center. We have been alerted that the pantry shelves are nearly bare and the Center needs our help!

Please donate canned food or other non-perishable food items by leaving them in the bins in the back of the church or dropping them off to the Parish Office Monday through Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm.

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!
Parents of SMPS,

I would like to meet and greet you in a fun event playing volleyball at our Angelus Center, Aug 24th, and 31st. We start with Mass at 7:30am and have our exercise in a friendly game of volleyball. Some of you might be volleyball enthusiasts like me, others good cheerleaders, referees or organizers of this fun family get-together. Let us spend some time together before our school year begins!

I am looking forward to seeing you! Please sign up and coordinate with our energetic interim principal Mrs. Kim Burge. I am hoping to hear from her that we have a large number of parents who would like to play volleyball with me on these volleyball fun Saturdays!

God bless,
Fr. Carlos

—Kim Burge can be reached at mrsburge@smpswv.org

Are you interested in participating in the Mass?

We are looking for volunteers to be trained as sacristans, lectors or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. A training session will be held on Monday, Sept. 9th at 6:00pm in the church. Please consider giving of your time as a Liturgical Minister!

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARE: A ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR CAREGIVERS

Caregivers provide care for loved ones, often handling every aspect of their care. For all the care that we provide, what do we most often miss? Taking care of ourselves!

MC Wellness Coaching and Altenheim Resource and Referral Services invite you to join us for a day of self-care for the caregiver! We will have information on stress, stress management techniques, and how to take care of yourself. There will be activities and time for sharing.

Marty Cornett, RN, BSN, NBC-HWC and Ann Koegler, M.A., L.S.W. will lead the retreat with help from Mary Uraco, Wholesome Halo Wellness Coaching.

Date: September 6, 2019
Time: 10am—4pm
Fee: $40.00 which includes lunch and program materials.

Location: Mt. St. Joseph Retreat Center, Mt. St. Joseph Road, Wheeling

To register, contact Mt. St. Joseph at 304 232-8160
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. Smay: 304-242-1560, x5 or msmay@stmikesparish.org about the annulment process. Unfortunately, a lot of people have erroneous ideas about the process. It is doable and Father Smay will help you throughout the process.

Please pray for these men and women serving and those who have served 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
- 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!

Stewardship Council sponsored
Community Shred & E-Cycling
Saturday, Sept. 7th
9am – 1pm
Angelus Center Parking Lot

Accepted electronics for E-Cycle:
Answering Machines
Calculators
Camcorders
Car Batteries
Cardboard
CD Players/Burners
Cell Phones
Circuit Boards
Clocks
Computers
Fax Machines
Game Systems
Ink & Toner Cartridges
IT Equipment
Keyboards/Mouse
Laptops
Microwaves—Remove Glass
Modems
Monitors—Flat Screen Only
MP3 Players
Printers
Radios
Remote Controls
Servers
Shredders
Speakers
Telecom Equipment
Toner Cartridges
UPS Units
VCRs
**NO TV’S

FORMED.ORG
Our parish renewed its subscription to FORMED.ORG. Our Parish Code is 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.
St. Michael Parish has an opening for the position of Rectory Housekeeper.

Duties include:
- Dusting and polishing furniture and fixtures.
- Cleaning and sanitization of bathrooms.
- Making beds and changing linens.
- Vacuuming and cleaning carpets and rugs.
- Laundry and ironing.

The candidate must be reliable, trustworthy and respectful of confidentiality.
The position is part-time, approximately 8-12 hours per week.

If you are interested, please contact Wendy Hinerman whinerman@stmikesparish.org

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center needs people to deliver meals to shut-ins. There are three different ways you could help.

- Drivers are needed on Thursdays for a route that includes three downtown high rise apartment complexes for elderly people, and three private homes.
- Drivers are needed one or two Saturdays a month to deliver the Pike route, which includes three senior citizen apartment complexes near St. Michael – Brookpark, Petroplus Tower and Welty Apartments - and six private homes.
- Backup drivers are always needed. If you are flexible and willing to be called at the last minute if the regular driver can’t make it, please let Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center know.

Your family could do this, or you and a few neighbors could share a route. If you found four families, each family would only have to drive one route per month. Easy peasy!

Volunteers pick up meals at the Neighborhood Center between 10:30am and 11:30am. The routes should take about an hour to complete.

This is a wonderful way to thank God for all the blessings in our lives. If you can help, please call Keith Miller, the new Neighborhood Center volunteer coordinator, at 304.650.9608.

We would like to extend special congratulations to Charlie Schlegel for receiving the Good Samaritan Award from Youth Services System.

Mr. Schlegel is deserving of this award for all of his generosity within the community. St. Michael Parish is grateful for all that Charlie gives in time, talent and treasure in support of our church and school.

Congratulations Charlie!
Pray for Vocations

O Mary, who raised your Divine Son with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, intercede for all young people, especially those clouded by doubt about their vocations. May the light of grace pierce their hearts so they may answer your Son’s call, especially those whom He is inviting to the priesthood and consecrated life. Amen.

A few tips for safety in this summer heat!
1. Don’t do strenuous exercise outside. If you want to do sports, find an indoor location.
2. Wear loose, light clothing. Go for light colors and natural fabrics like cotton and linen.
3. Drink lots of water. You’ll get dehydrated extremely fast so take a few bottles of water with you when you go outside.
4. Stay inside at noon.
5. Bring your pets inside.
6. Your vehicle becomes a hot oven on summer days. Children and pets cannot be left in your car, even for minutes.
7. Don’t forget to check on your neighbors.

POWERFUL PRAYER EVENT!

Gethsemane Hour

This Eucharistic Devotion in honor of the Precious Blood at St. Michael Church began on July 18th and continues on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 11pm until 3am in our Eucharistic chapel. You may only enter through the Eucharistic chapel door.

Please join us at this powerful devotion! Bring your family and friends, all are welcome.

PRO-LIFE

Fr. Carlos, Fr. Martin and the Pro-Life committee are going to ask you to do something very simple, yet very powerful, on August 31st and September 1st.

We are asking you to promise to pray for a baby who might not otherwise make it to birth. This was the idea of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen and it is called Spiritual Adoption. Last year we did this in conjunction with the school but this year we are going to ask families to pray a special prayer together for 9 months.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to protect each baby in its mother’s womb.

Please give the parents of these children the help they need to keep their babies strong and healthy.
—Amen.

Many parents experience the sad loss of a child before birth, due to miscarriage or even to abortion. We are asking you to pray a child to birth – asking God for the health of the baby, as we also pray for the mother and father of these children to give them the grace they need to face whatever difficult circumstances in which they may find themselves.

So Spiritual adoption has 3 components: Prayer (which is most important), Education and Concrete Help for Mothers in Need.

May God bless you and your loved ones and THANK YOU in advance for caring for God’s special little ones and their families.

SAVE THE DATE

A Date for the 12th Annual Catholic Camporee

Date: October 4th to 6th, 2019
Who: Scouts BSA
Location: Camp Mountaineer (Morgantown, WV)
Hosted by: Catholic Committee on Scouting & the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
Contact: Chris Gorski— catholiccamporee@aol.com for further information. All are welcome!