18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TO LOVE GOD IS SOMETHING GREATER THAN TO KNOW HIM.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

August 2nd, 2020
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OUR MISSION
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.

COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD
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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.

THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH
SANCTUARY CANDLE
The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of
Cecil Comer
May he rest in peace Lord, may eternal light shine upon him.

Please be advised that your mask may be donned in the narthex rather than while walking up the steps to the church. We are concerned that a parishioner may trip when trying to walk the steps and put on their mask. There is plenty of time once you enter the church to be in compliance with the current rules and regulations regarding the wearing of face protection.

Be safe, take your time, we love you and care about you!
WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of August 2, 2020


Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:1-2, 3-4/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Observances for the week of August 2, 2020

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest

Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest

Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

May they rest in peace oh Lord, and may eternal light shine upon them and all of the faithfully departed.

Weekend Data Update July 18/19

Attendance:
4:30pm - 78
7:30am - 58
TOTAL: 320

Collection Data:
1st Collection: $5005.00
2nd Collection School Support: $1598.00
Catholic Communications: $501.00
Misc: $550.00
Online: $1074.50
Total: $8728.50

If you wish to continue to contribute to our weekly collections, please contribute online or mail your contribution to: St. Michael Church 1225 National Road Wheeling, WV 26003
The Opening of the Mass Book for 2021

Your Parish Office will open the 2021 Mass Book on Wednesday, August 5th, 2020 at 9am. This annual event gives our parishioners an opportunity to schedule their Mass intentions and the offering of the sanctuary candle for 2021.

This year we will be at the Angelus Center to schedule your requests. We will handle the priority as in the past, being first come first serve.

Face masks must be worn for the duration of this event, and please note social distancing standards will be in effect.

The next day, Thursday, August 6th, we will schedule Masses over the phone and via email in the event that you cannot be physically present on Wednesday at the Angelus Center. You may contact Cindy by calling the Parish Office at 304.232.1560, ext 0.

Weekday Masses suggest a $10.00 fee and Sunday Masses are $20.00. Sanctuary candles are $20.00 and burn for the week requested. We accept checks and cash. No credit cards please.

St. Michael Church Community Blood Drive

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9  10:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.
St. Michael's Angelus Center - Gym

To make an appointment:
- Visit vitalant.org and click the "Donate Blood" button. On the new window, choose Donor Login (previous donor) or New Donor (haven't donated with Vitalant before), and search with group code G0040282, or
- Call 412.209.7000 or call Kathleen Dieffenbaugher at 304.242.1560 Ext. 9 or email kathleen@stmikesparish.org

To save time, complete your health history questionnaire online on the same day as your donation.

Go to Vitalant.org, select Donate, then Health History Questionnaire.

APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED BUT WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!
Dear Parishioners of St. Michael Parish,

Over the last two years it has been both my deep privilege and my solemn obligation to cooperate, first with Msgr. Peterson and then with Fr. Carlos Melocoton, in the pastoral care of your souls. The path that we have trod over the last two years was, in many respects, unexpected and “interesting.”

We’ve been through two St. Michael Parish Festivals, a pandemic, and the heartache stemming from the former bishop. We have celebrated, mourned, and prayed together at baptisms, confirmations, weddings, anointings, and funerals. We have broken bread together. Ten families from this parish have been kind enough to welcome me into their homes for dinner (thank you!).

Catholics call their priests father and that’s not an accident. A priest has to, at times, do many of the same tasks as a biological father does: teach the truths of the Faith (both those that are difficult and those that are inspiring), admonish and correct, encourage and affirm. A priest has to advocate for the Faithful and offer sacrifice for his sins and those of the people while standing at the altar of God. Any good father must feed his children and so the priest feeds the Faithful with the Bread of Life.

The parallels of fatherhood certainly aren’t limited to the above. It’s also the case that, generally, a father is hardest – and harder than necessary – on his first child. You are my first children, so to speak, and while I have striven vigorously to strike a balance, I will not pretend to have always hit the target. At times, I have been cognizant of my sins that I have apologized to the appropriate persons. Due to fallen human nature, I’m quite certain that I have not always been able to recognize when I have sinned against you. If there are some things which I said or did which I should not have, or if, likewise, there are some things which I did not say or did not do which I should have, I beg your forgiveness.

Many of you have offered me support and even friendship over these past two years. Some of these relationships are new and still others have existed for many years and have deepened. Being a priest, like everything else in life, has its ups and downs and the kindness and friendship that so many of you have shown me has taken the edge off of the bitterness of the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune and has made the joys of life all the more delectable. Authentic friendship is among the most precious things a man can have and so I give thanks and praise to the true and living God for your friendship, both the old and the new, and I also thank you for letting me into your hearts in friendship over these past two years.

It is the goal of my life to get to heaven where we will see and be with God and others and to help as many people as possible to get there. I pray that my priestly ministry to you has advanced the Kingdom of Heaven in your midst, has drawn your heart closer to our Lord’s, has helped you see God’s action in your everyday life, and has inspired you to love God more deeply. May each of us, when the course of our earthly lives has reached its end, be able to say with St. Paul, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (2 Tim. 4:7).

God love you and keep the Faith!

Fr. Martin J. Smay
We remember in love those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith...

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Good and faithful God, you have given us so many people in our lives that have given us joy and solace. On this day we ask you to remember our dearly departed. Keep them close to you as we wait for that day when we all will come and worship in your presence.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Connecting with Carlos

We’re making progress! If you look at the walls to the left and right of the sanctuary, you’ll see rectangular mounts. This is the first step towards the installation of monitors for our technology upgrades in the church. If you are able to financially support the project, please drop your donation into the collection basket or send your contribution to Father Carlos, St. Michael Parish, 1225 National Road, Wheeling. In the memo line please write “tech” so we will be sure to keep your tax-deductible donation restricted for this project. Thank you!

The parish’s Stewardship Council is sponsoring a collection for the women of the YWCA in Wheeling. The organization is in need of the following for their clients:

- Laundry detergent
- Laundry baskets
- Women's brand new underwear (ALL sizes)

There will be a blue collection bin in the back of the church and there will be a collection bin outside of the Parish Office. Donations of money will also be accepted at the Parish Office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Kathleen Dieffenbaugher, Stewardship Director

Knights of Columbus everywhere are celebrating the great news that their beloved founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, will be beatified and officially declared Blessed later this year.

In recognition of this historic event, the Knights are pleased to announce a special membership offer in honor of their founder.

For a limited time, now through the end of day August 5th, new members are being offered FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP for their first year.

Prospects simply need to visit kofc.org/joinus and enter the code MCGIVNEY2020 to take advantage of this special offer. Please indicate your interest to be associated with Carroll Council No. 504 of Wheeling.

Father McGivney was faced with a pandemic in the 1880s, as we are today. And in the face of that pandemic, he persevered in his efforts to evangelize those in his community, to form his parishioners in their Catholic faith, and to grow the Knights of Columbus.

Our pastor needs the Knights of Columbus. Our fellow parishioners need the Knights of Columbus. Those impacted by COVID-19 need the Knights of Columbus.

Just as our holy founder surely would, let us resolve to Leave No Neighbor Behind, and to offer every Catholic man the opportunity to join the Order that he founded some 138 years ago. Please join and change your life.
Last week’s mystery person for Turn-Back Tuesday was an EASY one! All of our participating Facebook friends knew immediately that it was Mrs. Erica Przybysz! Erica is a fantastic middle school Math teacher. She has taught for 6 years at SMPS. She and her husband Steve have four children.

Now, can you guess who this little cutie is?
Please pray for these men and women currently serving and also those who have served our country in the military (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
♦ Chief Warrant Officer 2 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
♦ SSG Jason McNamara, US Army

God Bless Our Military!

Join us for Mass on our Facebook Page - St. Michael Parish - Wheeling “Almost Heaven” West Virginia

Please join us for a “car parade” to celebrate the 75th Jubilee of Sr. Mary Florence Burke!
Thursday, August 13th, 2020 at 6pm, in the back parking lot of Mt. St. Joseph—26 Pogue Run Rd.

Masks are required. Traffic flow is one way, follow posted signs. Please RSVP by August 10th to Ginny Shutler at 304.975.3230 or email ginnys hutler@aol.com.

Investigative author Lynne McTaggart is internationally known for her groundbreaking work on consciousness and intention. She’s also architect of the Intention Experiment, a global ‘laboratory’ involving thousands of readers around the world testing the power of group thoughts to heal the world, with great success. In our healing circles, we will practice using the power of intention to heal ourselves, each other, other concerns of our hearts, and the world.

If you have questions or would like to sign up, please contact:

Anna Marie Troiani, Executive Director
St. Joseph Retreat Center
atroiani@csjoseph.org
or 304-312-3691.

Facilitated by Dr. John Spiesman
Based on the work of Lynne McTaggart

Thursdays, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.