My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people

August 20, 2017: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is held 3pm-4pm on Saturday, 8am on First Saturday, or by appointment. Please contact the secretary at the Parish Office if you are interested in any of the following: Baptism, Matrimony (six months prior to the desired wedding date), Anointing of the Sick, Christian Initiation of Adults, or joining the parish.

To arrange a pastoral visit for Homebound Parishioners please contact Kathleen Dieffenbauger at the Parish Office.

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

Collection & Attendance Data: August 12/13, 2017

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**TOTAL**—767

1st Collection: $9,982.00
2nd Collection (Tuition Assistance): $2,166.25
Misc. Collections: $1,096.00

**TOTAL: $13,244.25**
MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 19
7:30am  Rosemary McGee
4:30pm  Paul A. Schubert

Sunday, August 20
7:30am  Ralph Sengewalt (A)
9:00am  People of the Parish
11:30am Lisa Bryson Ames

Monday, August 21
7:30am  Dorothy Grubler
5:30pm  John Gessler

Tuesday, August 22
7:30am  Mary Muroski

Wednesday, August 23
8:30am  Bonnie Smith
5:30pm  Frank McCarthy

Thursday, August 24
7:30am  Mary Thompson

Friday, August 25
7:30am  John Kovalchie, Jr. (A)

Saturday, August 26
7:30am  Thomas Emmerth
4:30pm  Deceased Members of the John & Donna Clark Family

Sunday, August 27
7:30am  CCHS - SJA Class of 1946
9:00am Dick & Pat Rine 60th Wedding Anniv.
11:30am People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (Aug. 20-27) in memory of: Lisa Bryson Ames

CMA:
COMMENOMERATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION

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 18 Masses will be said on the First Friday of each month as well as Easter Sunday, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Feast of the Assumption, All Souls Day and Christmas Day. You may enroll your loved one at any time during the year. The cost to enroll is $50. The bulletin will list all of the names of those enrolled in the CMA.

At the time of enrollment, you will receive a beautiful leatherette-type folder (as seen above) describing the Commemorative Mass Association along with a listing of the Masses to be celebrated.

Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or to enroll someone in the CMA.

“Give your Hands to Serve and your Hearts to Love”

Thank you to the 97 parishioners who have brought us to 48% of our goal, BUT we need more of you to respond to this appeal which supports programs that benefit parishes throughout the diocese (including our own parish!) Please consider making a gift today at this link: www.dwc.org/CSA

[Bar chart showing progress towards goal]
LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, August 26, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Karen Kelly
Lector: Brann Altmeyer
Altar Servers: S. Dieffenbaugher, Joey & Alex Carter, Liam Shinn
EMOHCS: Karen Kelly, Jim Kelly, A. Dieffenbaugher, Staci Spry, Charlene Kirpatrick, Lucille Otte, Jen Carter

Sunday, August 27, 7:30am
Sacristan: Mike Rempe
Lector: Betsy Delk
Altar Servers: Noah and Ryan Blair
EMOHCS: Bob Fanning, Jeep Naum, Ed Bowie, Sally Bowie, Mark Sengewalt

Sunday, August 27, 9:00am
Sacristan: Shirley McCloskey
Lector: Amanda Castle
Altar Servers: Grady & Owen Mullin, Gage & Gavin Michael
EMOHCS: Shirley McCloskey, April Stolfer, Denny Snyder, Kerry Przybysz, John Moore

Sunday, August 27, 11:30am
Sacristan: Jen Keane
Lector: Danielle McCracken
Altar Servers: Sarah Keane, DJ Daugherty, Parker Jasko
EMOHCS: Jen Keane, Ted Erickson, Margaret Erickson, Lynne Petchar, Jay McLaughlin

Journey of the Chalice schedule:
In the month of August, the chalice will transfer at the 7:30am Mass. 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. When we pray for vocations, we lift up to our Father those men and women whom He is calling to follow Him in a very special way.

FORMED.ORG
We have a parish subscription to 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.

St. Michael Parish gratefully acknowledges a gift from Audrey Ciripompa in memory of ANGELA STAUVER
Meet our new Parish Secretary….Cindy

Born and raised in the ‘Burgh, Cindy Barone is a 22 year retired Army Veteran. Cindy has spent most of her life in the Government, and has had a myriad of assignments in the civilian world as well. Cindy has a sister, Patrish, who resides in the Washington, DC Metro Area. Cindy moved to Wheeling in 1997 from Washington, DC to care for her mother and best friend, parishioner Mildred Barone, who will celebrate 96 years of life on 07 November 2017. If you see Mildred, you will see Cindy. Mildred has been Cindy’s biggest cheerleader all of her life, and now it’s Cindy’s turn to return the favor. Cindy lives in South Wheeling and is a huge animal advocate. Among the home mob are Puff the Magic Dragon, Jizzbell, and the love of her life, her K9 companion, Bailey Jean Chops Ellen Barone.

Cindy is pictured above with Ava Zende (aka Brooke Shields) — we thank Ava who filled in at the parish office and “held down the fort” during the interim while we were without a secretary!

PSR Updates: Key Dates and a Call for Catechists!

Our PSR program will kick off its new year with a registration session on Sunday, September 10th in the school cafeteria. Simply stop by after the 9am Mass or before the 11:30am Mass to fill out a quick form and drop off your PSR program fee of $25 (scholarships are available if the fee is an issue for your family). If you can’t make it to this registration day, you can also drop your form and fee in the collection basket, mail them to the Parish Office, or hand deliver them to the Parish Office anytime before September 10th. Forms can be found in the back of the church or at the office.

PSR classes will begin Sunday, September 17th. Please prayerfully consider joining our team as a catechist or classroom aide. These volunteer positions provide a great way to grow in your own faith as you share in the joy of the gospel with our parish’s youth. Please don’t hesitate to contact the PSR coordinator, Nick Mayrand, with any questions you may have about these positions. You can reach Nick at 937-304-9543 or mayrand.nick@outlook.com.
Parish Office Ponderings...

You may have met our four legged friend in the Parish Office parking lot. His name is Bam, but for unknown reasons, our staff calls him Sam. He’ll answer to both because the little marmalade kitty who hangs out in the parking lot is one of the friendliest cats you’ll meet. Technically, Bam’s home is with our neighbors, the Kinnison family. However, he seems to be a resident of the parking lot next to the office. In July, Bam watched with keen interest when the Wilson Blacktop team arrived at our parking lot. He oversaw the giant trucks and machines which thundered and rumbled as the lot was milled. He observed the hot mix asphalt being poured. And he defiantly ignored the caution tape and barriers whenever he felt so compelled. Now that the project is completed, Bam is back to rolling in the warmth of the lot, greeting visitors, and supervising Jason and Joe with gardening and landscaping duties. The repaved lots are more than just a smoother surface for Bam. They’re safer for our parishioners and guests. For years we have been patching the pot holes in the lot and doing our best to avoid any type of trip hazard. Clearly it was time for the big project. We originally accepted bids for the project in 2015 but it was not until the Connections funds were available that we could tackle the $100,000+ maintenance of our parking lots. Our operating budget cannot support major projects and repairs. To be frank, the collection revenue often falls short of covering normal operating expenses. Reconstructing the lots is undoubtedly the most obvious project in recent years. I’m certain, the casual observer driving down National Road will notice our lovely campus. I hope it looks welcoming and friendly. Sam seems to be enjoying it!

-Wendy Hinerman, Business Manager

Getting to Know our Ministries (by: Kathleen Dieffenbaugh)

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Christian Women, more commonly known to us as the “Christian Mothers” has been a part of St. Michael Parish for 116 years! An international confraternity that is recognized by the Vatican, it was formed in France in the 1800’s when mothers were concerned about the anti-Christian attitudes that were influencing their children. Their solution was to gather together to pray and support one another. The Christian Mothers of St. Michael Parish are a very active group of women that come together with one goal. Their mission is to aid Catholic women, with or without children, in becoming aware of their dignity and responsibility, so that they may give example to a Christian way of life in their sphere of influence. This mission is evident in their programming and outreach. The Christian Mothers and Christian Women have a large variety of outreach programs. These include Pray and Play Group, Homebound Ministry, Funeral Luncheons, St. Monica’s Circle, and Rosary Prayer Group, to name a few. In addition, these women are involved in bible studies, they provide baked goods at a moment’s notice for parish and school events and they distribute rosaries to the parish once per year. The St. Michael’s Christian Mothers are also well known for their many service projects to support the church, the school and the larger community. Some of the funds raised from these projects enable the organization to host well-known speakers to educate us on various aspects of parenting as Catholics in today’s society. The Christian Mothers meet from September through May and are always happy to have new members. If you are interested in obtaining more information, please contact Nicole White (nicolem333@yahoo.com) or Peg Krall (pegkrall@comcast.net).
WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL  In which year did Wheeling Central’s boys team first qualify for the WVSSAC Basketball Tournament in Charleston (they were AAA at the time)?
A. 1973  
B. 1975  
C. 1977  
D. 1979
Last week’s answer: The word “apocryphal” means hidden

YOUTH GROUP PICNIC  
Incoming 5th grade Students through  
All High School Students  
August 20, 2017  
5-7pm  
St. Michael Parish Angelus Center

Come enjoy food, faith, and friends!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Do you know of anyone who is seeking faith and a relationship with Jesus Christ and a church community? There are forms in the pews for you to offer a name of someone whom you’d like us to contact. We begin classes in September for the following:

1. Unbaptized persons and  
baptized non-Catholics wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith

2. Adult Catholics who have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation

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
- Chief Warrant Officer 4 John DiBias, US Army
- Lieutenant Andrew Klug, US Navy
- Captain Zach Lehman, US Marine Corps
- Capt. Michael Neuman, US Army
- Major Christopher Nodorft, US Marine Corps
- Seaman Cody Patterson, US Navy
- Specialist Seth Sleime, US Army
- Sgt. Christopher Snyder, US Army
- First Sergeant 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

Please contact the Parish Office with changes in rank or to add someone to the list. Thanks to ALL who have served or are currently serving!
August 21: First day of hot lunch

August 27:
SMPS Chicken Dinner from 12-3pm
Angelus Center
Food, fun and fellowship!

We are looking for volunteers to help serve hot lunch this year.

Hot lunch will be offered 5 days a week for the 2017-2018 school year. Please consider volunteering TODAY! We welcome grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins or even a retired neighbor that may want to get out for a couple of hours a week.

This volunteer opportunity is as follows:

- Small kitchen preparations.
- Serving lunch. (TK-1 11:00-11:30, 2-4 11:40-12:10, 5-8 12:10-12:40)
- Assisting with our new recycling program.
- Cleaning and organizing the 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/](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/). Once training is complete, give the certificate of completion to the school office. A copy will be held in the school records. Ohio County also requires a food handlers training; details will be provided at a later date. Please contact Mrs. Nodurft to reserve your spot for the fall hot lunch volunteer schedule.

Sponsor a Student

The upcoming 2017-2018 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 $3480; for two children $6000; and for three or more children $8110.

If you 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!
St. Michael Parish and School requests your presence at our

WINNER, WINNER CHICKEN DINNER!

**Date:** Sunday, August 27th, 2017

**Celebrity Servers**

**Time:** 12-3 pm

**Place:** St. Michael Angelus Center

**Entertainment:** Students grades 1-8 singing every 15 minutes!

**Cost:** $8.00 Adults, $5 Children, 3 & under free

All donations welcome

✦ 50/50 Raffle

✦ Wet Head Raffle...Come soak your principal or teacher!

✦ Pie in the Face Raffle...Come see your principal or teacher get whipped cream in the face!

Raffle tickets: 1 for $1.00 or 6 for $5.00

Come see the Angelus Center’s resurfaced gym floor with an exciting addition! Thank you TechnoCap!

Special thanks to our sponsor: Wheeling Hospital

All proceeds go to S.M.P.S.

Special Thanks To:

Mrs. Sandy Pell and Jean Hohman for their help with the ice cream social.
Office of Safe Environment

Keeping you informed …
The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incident of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline 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 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, 270. For more information on the Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the “Diocese” tab, then click “Office of Safe Environment” under the “Offices” menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church’s efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit http://www.usccb.org under “Issues and Action,” click “Child and Youth Protection” from the drop down menu.

We need YOU!!

In order to continue the music ministry within our parish, we need YOU — our parish has been blessed with an excellent music program, though small in participant numbers. However, we cannot continue the choirs into the future unless we have MORE people; it simply cannot work. I would hate for our parish, one of the largest in the diocese, to lose having a parish choir and a handbell choir. Moreover, we are the only Catholic Church in the area to have a handbell choir and we should be proud of this ensemble.

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We need singers for the parish choir — if you have a love of music, a desire to be a part of a fun and supportive group, and have a voice that can blend with others, we need YOU! Music reading skills are helpful but are NOT required.

We need 2-6 more handbell ringers — if you have a love of music and a willingness to learn how to ring the handbells (it’s not that hard and it’s good exercise), we need YOU! Music reading skills are helpful but are NOT required—knowing your left hand from your right hand is much more important!

Please contact me, Chad Carter, (ccarter@dwc.org) if you are interested in learning more about these two opportunities to serve the parish and to be a part of the music-making that adds such richness to our celebrations. Together, we can make great music, but we need YOU!!

VIRTUS TRAINING TO BE OFFERED:
The Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment will offer a live VIRTUS training at St. Alphonsus Parish in Wheeling on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 9 am to 11:30 am. The live training is open to parishes and schools in the Wheeling area. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. To pre-register, please go to www.virtusonline.org and select the “First-Time Registrant” option on the left side of the screen. Follow the prompts and be sure to check that you want to attend a live session. Select the session for St. Alphonsus Parish in Wheeling on Saturday, August 26, 2017. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact your parish or school secretary for assistance in pre-registering. Volunteers and employees who work directly or indirectly with children in Catholic churches and schools are required to complete awareness training (live or online), undergo a background check, and receive and review the Diocese’s Sex Abuse Policy. All three components can be accomplished during the live VIRTUS session on Saturday, August 26, 2017. For questions, please call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504.

All students grades 5th through 8th are invited to join the Youth Group!

Under the direction of our Youth Minister, Mrs. Jenny Imer, the Youth Group meets on a regular basis to talk about God, do Bible study, participate in service projects, and to socialize.

The Parish invites you to be a part of this dynamic group that is known for the “3 F’s”: Faith, Food and Fun!

To register contact Jenny at jimer@stmikesparish.org
Welty Home to Hold Open House

Please join the residents and staff of Welty Home in Wheeling for an Open House from 1 – 4 p.m. Saturday, September 2, 2017.

Tour the renovated suites and common areas, take a walk in the gardens, talk with residents and staff, and enjoy refreshments including root beer floats. This outstanding assisted living complex is located at 21 Washington Avenue in Wheeling. Welty Home offers 24-hour nursing services, Daily Mass in the Welty Chapel, three home-cooked meals every day, activities and entertainment. Welty Home is part of the healthcare ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. For information please call 304.242.5233.

Quarter Auction @ OLP

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Peace Parish are sponsoring a Quarter Auction on Sun., September 10 at the Peace Family Center in Mount Olivet, WV.

Doors open at 12noon and the Auction begins at 1pm. Admission is $5.00, which is the cost of the bidding paddle. For more information, please call the OLP Office at 304.242.6579

Do you know about the CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITYCARE™ SYSTEM?

If you want help with INFERTILITY; if you are interested in learning about today’s effective methods of NATURAL FERTILITY REGULATION; if you are married or single and looking for a way to treat WOMEN’S HEALTH PROBLEMS other than using birth control pills then you need to come to the Creighton System Introductory Session that will be held on Saturday, September 9 at 1:00 p.m. in the Caveney Room at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Reservations are necessary. For more information or to make a reservation call Kathy Hirkala at 304-723-0478 or email at kathnfph@msn.com
PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael, the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our defense
against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God,
thrust into Hell
Satan and the other evil spirits
who prowl about the world
for the ruin of souls.
Amen
From the WLP Vault comes the Bible Story of Christmas featuring 8 Classic Christmas Carols and a reading of the Gospel of Luke 2: 4-20 by Bing Crosby! Also available on vinyl.

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FUN AND FAITH-FILLED MUSIC for little ones, with 10 songs based on Bible stories and the teachings of Jesus. This is a new music collection for preschool children and those who are in early grade school. $17.00 + S&H

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