Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.

Luke 13:24
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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Tami Magruder - President

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/The.Official.Site.of.SMPS

PARISH COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

Pastoral Council - Leslie Kosanovic, Chairperson
Stewardship Council - Janet Boyle, Chairperson
Buildings & Grounds - Denny Wilson, Chairperson
Finance Council - Tom Galinski, Chairperson
Personnel Council - John Moore, Chairperson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Monica
Wednesday: St. Augustine
Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2019
Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed. — Hebrews 12:12-13

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: 17/18 AUG 2019

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TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 778

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2nd Collection: $2309.25
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- For the repose of souls

St. Michael Parish sends sincere condolences to the friends and families of

**Mildred P. Barone**  
**Ron DiLorenzo**  
**Rose O’Hara**  
**Bill Wilson**  
**Joseph Boutaugh**  
**Charles Bishop**

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

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

**Bernie McCloskey**

**A PRAYER FOR OUR TEACHERS**

**DEAR GOD,**

**THANK YOU FOR THE AMAZING TEACHERS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES TO SERVE OUR CHILDREN. AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE NEW YEAR, FILL THEM WITH STRENGTH TO LEAD, GRACE TO GUIDE AND HOPE TO THRIVE IN THEIR CLASSROOM. BLESS THEM BEYOND MEASURE FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS TO POUR INTO THE NEXT GENERATION THROUGH EDUCATION. AMEN**

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**Liturgical Ministers**

Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mikes’ webpage.
Weekday Mass 7:30am, August 26-30, 2019
Altar Server: Liam and Sam Shinn

Saturday, August 31st, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Carole Kliner
Lectors: Danielle Agcaoili and AJ Bucon
Altar Servers: Faith and Sara Zende, Noah and Ryan Blair
EMOHCS: Chad and Jenn Byrum, Rose Zende, Audrey Dieffenbaugher and Andrew Komorowski

Sunday, September 1st, 7:30am
Sacristan: Mike Rempe
Lectors: Shaunna Hershberger and Benjamin Beckett
Altar Servers: Grady and Owen Mullin
EMOHCS: Kathy Galinski, Joe Roxby, Bob Fanning, Jeep Naum, Carrie Beckett

Sunday, September 1st, 9:00am
Sacristan: Maureen McNabb
Lectors: Margaret Zoeckler and Janice Jones
Altar Servers: Isaac, Mason, and Kendall Schmitt and Ava Hanson
EMOHCS: Maureen McNabb, Isaac Smith, Jackie and Stan Kaniecki and April Stolfer

Sunday, September 1st, 11:30am
Sacristan: NEEDED
Lectors: Tom Conti and Doug Blanco
Altar Servers: The Blatt Family
EMOHCS: Ava and Alaina Zende, Shandi Nodurft, Adrienne Michaud, Robbie DiLorenzo

**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.

**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.

**The Rosary is said every weekday after morning Mass at St. Michael Church.**

This week’s Rosary leader is **Anita Smith**

All are welcome to join us!

**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.*
Our Parish School of Religion is faith formation for students in grades Kindergarten – Eighth. (Many of us can recall the days when it was called Sunday School or CCD). This year our PSR program is coordinated by Mark and Amy Phillips. If your child attends a public or private school, PSR is established to enable and encourage students to learn about their faith. The Parish School of Religion also offers preparation for the reception of sacraments.

In this bulletin, please refer to pages 8 and 9 (the pages are color coded in gold). These pages are for your use for enrollment in the school. The classes are held September – May on Sunday morning 10:15am – 11:15am.

If you have questions, please contact Mark Phillips: mark.anthony.phillips@gmail.com

St. Michael's Parish School of Religion (PSR) begins 9/15, and we are still in need of several teachers. All you need is a desire to share the Catholic faith with children, a generosity of spirit, and a commitment to instruct PSR's Sunday sessions, which are held from 10:15 to 11:15 AM at St. Michael Parish School during the school year. For more information, please contact Mark Phillips at mark.anthony.phillips@gmail.com or 412.720.1604.

GRACE AND STRUGGLE
The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.
—St. Rose of Lima

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
I never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a great deal about their acts.
—Horace Mann

HOW TO PRAY
Grant us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray as to deserve to be heard.
—Jane Austen

Prayer for A New School Year

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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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 secretary@stmikesparish.org with your new contact information, or call Cindy at 304.242.1560, EXT 0.
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/.
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 Thursday from 8:00am - 4:00pm and Friday from 8:00am—12:00.

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!

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
Parish School of Religion (PSR)  
St. Michael Parish  
2019-2020 Registration Form

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s):  
______________________________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________________________________

Cell Phone Number: ________________________ Second Phone Number: __________________________

Email Address(es):
_________________________________________________________________________

Please provide email address(es) that you check regularly; it’s our primary way of communicating info!

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Registration fee of $25/child helps cover books & supplies. Please make checks out to St. Michael Parish. Contact Mark Phillips at 412.720.1604 if you need financial assistance or have questions about this form.

If your child will be receiving a Sacrament this year (2nd/8th grade), we’ll need some additional information for the official registry. Please provide us with the mother’s maiden name _______________________ and, if your child was not baptized at St. Michael’s, please contact the parish where the baptism occurred and ask them to send a copy of the baptismal certificate to our parish office.

Please describe any special needs or allergies of which we should be aware: _______________________ 

Please complete the registration and parent consent forms and return on/before PSR’s first day, September 15th. Return to the Parish Office, attn. Mark Phillips, 1225 National Rd, Wheeling, WV 26003

Office Use Only: _____ Paid ______ Amount _______ Check # or Cash  
______ Excel _______ Parent Consent Form
Parish School of Religion (PSR)
St. Michael Parish
Parent Consent Form

Parent/Guardian Contact Information (in the event of an emergency):

Mother’s/Guardian’s name: _____________________________ Phone Number: _____________________
Father’s/Guardian’s name: ______________________________ Phone Number: _____________________

Alternate contact if parent(s)/guardian(s) cannot be reached:
Name: _____________________________________ Phone Number: _______________________________
Relationship to child(ren): __________________________________________________________________

Emergency Authorization and Release for Treatment
This authorization enables parents/guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for the child(ren) who become(s) seriously ill or injured under the authority of the Parish School of Religion of St. Michael Parish when parent(s)/guardian(s) cannot be reached. This must be signed in order for child (ren) to participate.

I, acting as the legal guardian of __________________________________________ (child(ren)’s name(s))
grant consent for the St. Michael Parish School of Religion to seek medical treatment for him/her/them in
the case of illness or accident from the closest and most appropriate medical practitioner or hospital.

Any and all information concerning the above named child(ren)’s history including allergies, medications, and special needs, has been reported in these forms. In the event of an emergency, I authorize the individuals acting on behalf of St. Michael PSR to share the completed information with persons related to the treatment of the above named program members.

Family Health Plan Carrier: ___________________________ Policy #: _______________________________

Allergies/Medications/Special Needs (If more than 1 child, clearly indicate which child these apply to):
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

As parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above minor(s). I understand that all activities have certain risks and could result in injury. I agree to release, absolve, and hold harmless St. Michael PSR and those associated with the program from all claims, judgments and liability for any injury, medical fees, or hospital bills incurred as a result of participation in the PSR program.

____________________________________________________________  __________________________
Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Signature    Date

I authorize that pictures taken during PSR may be used in parish communications (e.g. bulletin, Facebook).

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Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Signature    Date
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

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!

St. Peter, pray for the church that it may be rebuilt, healed, and made holy.
St. Monica, pray for the abused, survivors, and for justice.
St. Catherine of Siena, pray for reform and restoration of the clergy.
St. John Vianney, pray for the holiness of priests and bishops.
St. Benedict, pray that all evil be cast out of the church.
St. Anthony, pray for us to find a way forward.
St. Paul, pray for the bishops that they may be fearless in confronting other bishops.
St. Augustine, pray for true repentance and transparency.
Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.

Looking for a way for your family to help others?

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, Petrolus 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.
**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.

**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.

**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 **September 7th & 8th, 2019.**

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. 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.

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**Parents of SMPS,**

I would like to meet and greet you in a fun event playing volleyball at our Angelus Center on Aug 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 this fun volleyball fun Saturday!

God bless,
Fr. Carlos

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

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**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!