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August 26, 2018
Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD,
we will serve the Lord.

JOSHUA 24:15

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Finance Council - Tom Galinski, Chairperson

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD
Danielle Doerr - President

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Monica
Tuesday: St. Augustine
Wednesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday; World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

TRUST

I may trust Jesus too little, but I can never trust him too much.
—Anonymous

OCCUPANCY

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon the way we occupy that place.

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. Please contact Cindy at the Parish Office to arrange a pastoral visit for a hospitalized parishioner.

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

Collection & Attendance Data: Aug 18/19, 2018

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TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 786

1st Collection: $8,857.27
2nd Collection: $1,774.11
Connect Now; Online Giving: $556.50
Miscellaneous: $1,099.00

TOTAL: $12,286.88
MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 25
7:30am    John Kovalchie Jr.
4:30pm  People of the Parish

Sunday, August 26
7:30am    Lisa Bryson Ames
9:00am    Bernie McCloskey
11:30am    Ray Schmitt (A)

Monday, August 27
7:30am    Allison Dunfee (A)
5:30pm    Art Loconto

Tuesday, August 28
7:30am  Rena DeSilvestri

Wednesday, August 29
8:30am    Carleen Scurti
5:30pm    Eleanor Engelmeier

Thursday, August 30
7:30am    Edward Kelly (A)

Friday, August 31
7:30am    Joseph Knorr

Saturday, September 1
7:30am    Mr. & Mrs. Harry Flading
4:30pm    The Deceased Members of the John and Donna Clark Family

Sunday, September 2
7:30am  People of the Parish
9:00am    June Bryson
11:30am    Joan Naum

Congratulations and welcome to our newly Baptized Parish Family Members!

Kinslee Davae Coles and Harlow Janel Coles,
parents David Allen Coles and Emily Rose Bosley

Ellia James Smith,
parents Sean Patrick Fox Smith and Katie Marie Elliott Smith

Are you looking for a daytime opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Bible? The Faith Sharing Group will begin the fall session of meetings on Wed., Sept. 12 in the Parish Office from 1:00-2:30. The group, which meets weekly, will focus discussions on St. Paul's letter to the Romans using Scott Hahn's book, Romans. For more information, please call Janell Knorr at 304.242.0020.

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.

Discovering Christ – Coming This Fall!
Consider joining us this fall for the Discovering Christ series here at St. Michael Parish. We'll gather in the Angelus Center on Thursday nights for seven consecutive weeks beginning September 20th. Each night will consist of (free!) dinner, a talk on a faith topic, and table discussion. We'll also meet for a retreat day towards the end. The series is open to adults and young adults (juniors in high school and older) in our community, from those who are not Catholic to those Catholics looking for an opportunity to deepen their faith and develop new relationships. This series has been used by 800 parishes across 37 states and nine countries since it was introduced in 2009 in Maryland. We are excited to bring it here to Wheeling! We’re also still looking for folks to join our planning team. If interested, Margaret Erickson at m48erickson@gmail.com or Nick Mayrand at nmayrand@dwc.org.
LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Journey of the Chalice:

The Journey of the Chalice will continue at St. Michael Parish School until after the Christmas Holiday.

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.

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 5 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 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!

St. Michael Parish would like to share the beautiful thank you card received from the Przybysz Family to their fellow Parishioners.

During a time like this, we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us…
Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.
The hand-written part of the card from the family reads:
“To the St. Michael Parish,
Our Family has felt very supported and blessed in these moments of heartbreak. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.
We feel sincerely grateful for the outpouring of love.
In gratitude,
The Przybysz Family.”

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 – Brook Park, Petropius 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.
The following is an adaptation of the homily given by Fr. Martin Smay last weekend:

You have probably seen the coverage of the disturbing report out of the Attorney General’s office in Pennsylvania. This report details the systematic abuse of power by priests and bishops. It details how priests committed heinous sins against the most innocent and vulnerable – sins which cry out to Almighty God for justice. It details how bishops gravely abused their power and our trust way to cover these sins up and protect these perverted priests. You probably have questions, you may have even thought of leaving the Church. If you are like me, you feel confused, disappointed, sad, heartbroken, frustrated and angry. In this case anger is not a bad thing at all. Our Lord himself became angry. He saw the money changers who had made the Temple in Jerusalem a marketplace. Making a whip, He drove them out and turned over their tables. This is righteous anger. It is the anger that we feel when we see that which is holy defiled. These priests and bishops have defiled the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ with their perverted behavior. They have defiled a Priesthood which was not founded by the sacrifice of some animal, but was founded by Christ in His sacred passion. A Priesthood which was founded by Christ hanging on the Cross for three hours with His Precious Blood dripping from His hands and His feet and His side. And if defiling the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ isn’t enough, they did so by their perverted behavior against children ruining tens of thousands of lives in the process and by covering it up and enabling it. These perverted priests and bishops have put a black mark on the Church which I love so much.

The vast majority of that report deals with cases of abuse that happened before 2002. Since that time much has been changed for the better within the Church with regards to the way we deal with cases of child sexual abuse. Men who wish to be priests are required to go through extensive psychological testing to determine their suitability in this area. When cases do arise of priests committing heinous sins, they are immediately removed from ministry and the civil authorities are alerted. My intention in sharing these facts with you is not to try to make things seem better, or explain away what happened. Nothing, nothing, can change or fix or make this better. My intention is only to let you know that steps have been taken so that this will not happen again. Sadly, I feel that I must warn you: revelations of more misconduct will almost certainly happen. I don’t think we’re close to the end of them. This was one report, from one state.

If you are thinking about leaving the Church because of this, this thought is natural, I ask you to consider a few things. This Church is not about priests, or bishops, or even popes. This Church is about Jesus Christ and your salvation. No matter how much scandal there has been in the Church, there has never been a time when the work of salvation ceased to be carried out. Holy Mass has always been offered, even if at the hands of the most unworthy men, absolution for the forgiveness of sins has always been given. The saving teachings of Jesus Christ, although not always lived, have always been preserved in the Church. There have always been men and women, clergy and lay, who have sought after and followed Jesus Christ.

This Church has been and continues to be in need of reform. Throughout history, the greatest reformers have always been the Saints. St. Francis of Assisi is a great example, as is St. Teresa of Avila, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Ignatius of Loyola. These Saints saw corruption in the Church and rather than abandoning the Church, they were instrumental in reforming Her. We know how great the Church can be. Every day the Catholic Church feeds more people, clothes more people, houses more people, and educates more people, and cares for more sick than any other organization in the world. And we do this, not as a group of social works, but in the name of the Church. This is the work of Church, this is the work of those who seek Jesus Christ.
Seeking holiness has customarily meant two things: penance and prayer. I’m not going to go into penance too much here, hopefully I’ll have a chance to talk about penance in another homily. In brief, penance is things like fasting from meals or sweets or salt or the snooze button, united to the intention of dying to our own will so that we are more attached to God’s.

Concerning prayer it is done first in the Church’s liturgies, principally at Mass where we receive the Eucharist and confession. This is also done in personal prayer. Personal prayer can and should be done anywhere and everywhere, yet there remains a privileged place for this. This place is in the presence of the Eucharist. When we pray in the presence of the Eucharist, we pray in the presence of Jesus Himself: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. He awaits you there in the tabernacle or during adoration. Make use of this. There our Lord awaits you. He is no absent God, although hidden beneath the sacramental veils, He is bodily present. There are some that allow a certain kind of guild, a feeling of unworthiness to keep them from prayer. Never succumb to that voice. That is the voice of despair, of discouragement. The voice of God is always one of comfort and love, producing peace in the soul.

In this parish there are, every week, 53 hours of Eucharistic Adoration. If you are like me, resolutions are easily made and quickly lost. I ask you to seek holiness for the sake of the salvation of your fellow humans. I suggest that you call Gretchen Wilson and sign up for an hour of Adoration. Having made a commitment to someone outside yourself will help you keep your resolution to pray in the presence of our Lord.

I would be remiss if I were to leave this pulpit without saying one more thing: if you have been hurt by what has happened in this Church, if, God forbid, you or someone you know has suffered abuse at the hands of a priest, I, Fr. Martin Smay, on behalf of the Church, apologize to you. I am sorry that these horrible things have happened and I pray that they never happen again.

God love you all.

Father Martin Smay
Assistant Pastor, St. Michael Parish

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As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.
— Joshua 24:15b
On Wednesday, August 15th, we had a wonderful start to our school year with a retreat lead by Fr. Jim Conroy from Wheeling Jesuit University. It was also really special to share this experience with Monsignor Peterson and the parish office employees. Thank you Fr. Jim!
Thank you to the Ye Olde Alpha for providing a taco buffet luncheon for our teachers, staff, priests and parish office employees last Wednesday. The food was delicious and plentiful! We would also like to thank Texas Roadhouse for providing a wonderful lunch for our teachers on Friday. We are truly blessed with generous corporate partners!

St. Michael Parish School 2018-2019 Faculty

Principal: Mrs. Jamie Kovalski
Vice Principal: Mrs. Kim Burge
Advancement Coordinator: Mrs. Shandi Nodurft
Bookkeeper: Mrs. Michelle Patterson
Lil Cherubs & PK 3: Mrs. Mary Murphy
Paraprofessional: Mrs. Beth Lewis
PK4: Mrs. Heather Rine
Paraprofessional: Mrs. Kathy Bonenberger

Expanded Day Program:
Mrs. Pam Wurtzbacher
TK: Miss Shawna Murphy
Paraprofessional: Mrs. Rose Zende
K: Mrs. Shannon Bowman
Paraprofessional: Mrs. Jeanie Yahnke
K: Mrs. Julie Dally
Paraprofessional: Mrs. Patty Seabright
1st: Mrs. Jennifer Carter
1st: Mrs. Amy Norman
2nd: Mrs. Jenni Elias
2nd: Mrs. Arianne Goneau
3rd: Mrs. Amber Allen
3rd: Mrs. Amy Rogers
Paraprofessional: Mrs. Dorothy Dudzik
4th: Mrs. April Jones
4th: Mrs. Jessica Zwack
5th: Mrs. Adrianna Wolf
5th: Mrs. Chelsea LaRue-Smith
6th: Mr. Andrew Bellevage
6th: Miss Kristen Cooper
7th: Mrs. Jen Byrum
7th: Mrs. Erica Przybysz
8th: Mrs. Marcy Hartzell
Secretary: Mrs. Diane Fahey
Administrative Assistant:
Mrs. Michelle Koval
Music: Mr. Ryan Wolf
Art: Mrs. Amy Thalman
Gym: Mrs. MaryJo McGinley
Speech: Mrs. Sarah Reggi
Janitorial: Miss Peri Powell
Parish School of Religion (PSR) from Nick Mayrand

PSR Updates

The Parish School of Religion (PSR) officially kicks off on Sunday, September 9th from 10:15-11:15am. Parents, please join us for a brief opening prayer service with your children. You’re also welcome to stick around for coffee and conversation. If you haven’t registered yet, please stop by the parish office to fill out a form or contact Nick Mayrand at nmayrand@dwc.org for a digital registration form.

Nicholai Kefauver and Aimee Schultz, both of this parish, will be married on September 1, 2018.

Family Service of the Upper Ohio Valley Offers Free Meals!

If you are 60 years old or older, homebound or living alone and unable to obtain food and prepare meals, the Family Service provides meals, free of charge. Donations are appreciated. Please call 304.233.2350, extension 107 to get details about this wonderful program.

Adult Catholic men and women are invited to join the Serra Club to help foster religious vocations.

For more information, please contact Rick Teachout at 304-233-0880, ext. 442 or http://wheelingserra.org

SERRA; that is our name.
Fostering vocations is our aim.
Although we can’t bring you worldly acclaim,
We know that your labors are not in vain,
For the Lord Jesus assures you that heaven you’ll gain,
For serving mankind in His Holy Name.

By: William Grubler
Our church bulletin is distributed in many ways. Clearly, as you’re reading this, one has made its way to you. 800 bulletins are printed each week and are delivered to the Parish Office. The majority are handed out by our ushers as we leave church after Sunday Mass. Approximately 100 are hand delivered to the residents of Good Shepherd and other neighborhoods. The bulletin is also uploaded to the parish website, shared through Facebook and a link is in our weekly parish email. Bulletins are also mailed to about a dozen home bound parishioners who have requested a copy.

Last week, the home bound envelopes were not ready when Glen, our USPS mail carrier arrived. No big deal, I grabbed them when I left at the end of the day to toss them into a mailbox on my way home. As I was walking through the parking lot, I glanced down at the envelopes in my hand. I noticed that our secretary, Cindy Barone, had added a little sticker to the back flap of each envelope. Some were a happy face, a few were flowers and one was a heart. I don’t know if Cindy adds a sticker every week, or if it was a one-time event. What I do know is that the simple gesture of taking an extra moment to extend some love and joy is time well spent. The extra smile, a sincere hello at the beginning of Mass and a warm handshake at the Sign of Peace make a difference. Thank you, Cindy, for sending bulletins with an added bit of love. I hope we can all take an extra moment to put a little kindness into someone’s day.

--- Wendy Hinerman

2018 Respect Life Conference
Are you, or people you know, facing challenging medical decisions and want to know what the Catholic Church teaches about current medical practices and procedures? Are you struggling to understand Pope Francis’ recent teaching about the death penalty? Do you want to know more about infertility and other current pro-life issues?
You are invited to attend the Diocese of Steubenville Respect Life Conference on September 22, 2018 at Holy Family Church in Steubenville. An expert panel has been assembled to offer answers to these questions and much more from a Catholic perspective. The conference includes a Respect Life Mass offered by Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, a keynote address by Fr. Tad Pachelczyk, Ph.D., of the National Catholic Bioethics Center, and a number of workshops. For more information, or to register, visit www.diosteub.org/family. Contact Joseph Schmidt, Director of the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life with any questions at 740-373-3643 or jschmidt@diosteub.org.

Youth Group is back and ready to go!!
This year’s awesome program will be in the Angelus Center at the following dates and times:

- September 9th, 5th and 6th grades: 6:00pm to 7:30pm
- September 16th, 7th and 8th grades: 6:00pm to 7:30pm
- September 23rd - High School students: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

New this year!
We are starting 3rd and 4th grade Youth Group on September 17th. This will begin after school at 3:15pm and end at 4:30pm. Mrs. Imer will meet the students at the school and will walk with them to the Angelus Center for fun, food and prayer!

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.

Thank you so much!

Mark your calendar now for PARENT KNIGHT:
Thursday, September 13 at 6:30pm. Parents can walk through their students' schedules, meet teachers and explore the school! Plan to attend!

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.
WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

LITURGICAL GUIDELINES
According to Church Law, all of these are requirements for any tabernacle
EXCEPT:

A. Must be bolted down
B. Must be locked when not in use
C. May be made of metal or wood
D. Must be placed on the high altar in the sanctuary

Last week’s answer: The play about Thomas a Becket known as “Murder in the Cathedral” was written by T. S. Eliot

Pro Life Corner
Join USCCB’s Novena for Life: Fast & Pray Every Friday until September 28.
In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intention of the novena. Participants will also be provided with weekly opportunities to learn more about Roe v. Wade, and share that information with their representatives. Get weekly reminders and information via text or email.

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

Once again this year, with the blessing of Monsignor Peterson, St. Michael Parish will be participating in the Spiritual Adoption Program. Please think of a special name for the baby or babies that you will be spiritually adopting. More information, as well as the Spiritual Adoption pledge cards, will be available at all masses.

Thank you! ~ Gretchen Wilson and the Pro-Life committee

Cathedral to Celebrate Mass for the Conversion of Lost Souls
Everyone is invited to attend a Mass for the Conversion of Lost Souls at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Wheeling on Monday, August 27, 2018, the Memorial of Saint Monica, at 6:00 p.m. This fourth-century saint was a Christian, but her husband was a pagan. Monica’s virtues and prayers however, converted him, and he was baptized a year before his death. When her son, Augustine went astray in faith and morals, Monica’s tears and prayers for her son were incessant. She followed him where he went to teach, and there continued to storm heaven with prayers for her son. Finally, she had the joy of witnessing Augustine being baptized. In addition to being one of the patron saints of mothers, Monica is most often invoked for the conversion of children who have left the Church. The Cathedral will celebrate this Mass on her feast day to pray in a special way for all those who have wandered from the faith. During the Mass, everyone will have an opportunity to write down the names of their loved ones and entrust them to the powerful intercession of Saint Monica.

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