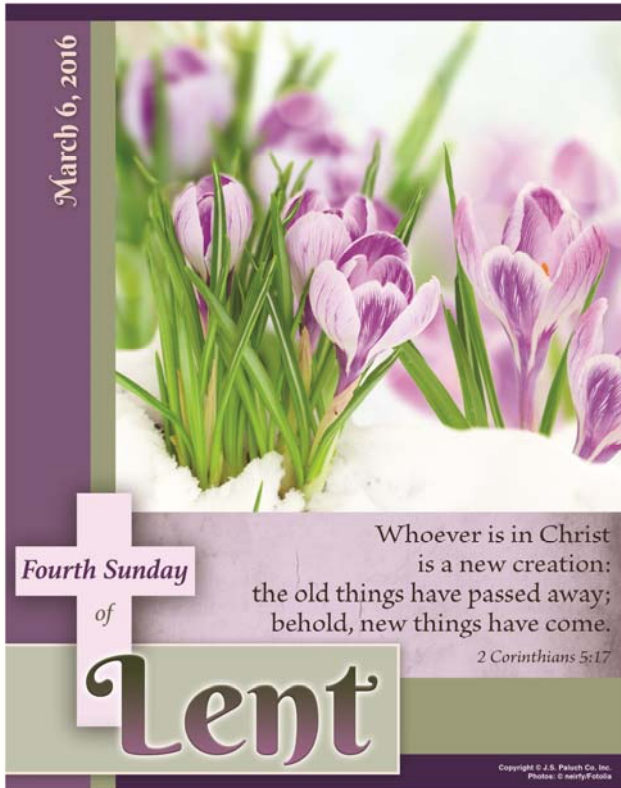


St. Michael Parish

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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.

St. Michael Parish Councils & Committees

Pastoral Council	Marty Medovic, President
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The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of

Martha M. Myslinsky



Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation: 3pm-4pm on Saturday, 8am on First Saturday, or by appointment.

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on the first weekend of the month during or after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, or during or after the 11:30am Mass on Sunday. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Parent preparation is required.

Matrimony: Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact one of the priests at their residence. Anyone anticipating surgery is encouraged to request this sacrament prior to entering the hospital.

Homebound Parishioners: Contact Kathleen Dieffenbaugher at the Parish Office to arrange a pastoral visit.

Christian Initiation of Adults: Please contact the Parish Office for information regarding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

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

Joining the Parish: Contact the Parish Office to obtain a registration form. Be sure to introduce yourself to one of the priests after Mass.

Parish School: Contact the school office for registration information.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 5th

7:30am † Kris Rataker
4:30pm † Steve Carter

Sunday, March 6th

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Edward J. Coyne Family
11:30pm † Eleanor, Charles, & Cynthia Gruber

Monday, March 7th

7:30am † Paul F. Volpe
5:30pm † Bonnie Smith

Tuesday, March 8th

7:30am † Jacqueline Becker
5:30pm † Mary Ellen & Frank Rice

Wednesday, March 9th

8:30am † Betty S. Gordon

There will be **no evening mass**, all are invited to attend the Lenten Pilgrimage at the Cathedral. Confessions will be held from 6pm-7pm and Mass following with homilist Father James Fleming, SJ.

Thursday, March 10th

7:30am † Dorothy Kerwood (A)
5:30pm † Bryanna Riedel

Friday, March 11th

7:30am † Steve Wilson (A)

Saturday, March 12th

7:30am † Mark Rohrig
4:30pm (Vigil) † Tom Spange

Sunday, March

7:30am † Ruth S. Balch
9am People of the Parish
11:30am † John A. Tarr III

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;

Jn 8:1-11; Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Girl Scout Sunday

Monday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Tuesday: St. John of God

Wednesday: St. Frances of Rome

Friday: Abstinence

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1st— \$ 9,637.01	Next week collections include:
2nd— \$ 2,942.00	Our Weekly Church, Monthly Church,
3rd— \$ 1,303.00	and Catholic Relief Services.
Misc.— \$ 1,930.00	
Total— \$ 15,812.01	
Attendance— 881 total	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

This schedule has been emailed/mailed to all ministers. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the Parish Office. The information is also available at www.stmikesparish.org. Please be sure to arrange your own substitute if you are unable to serve. Thanks for your participation and cooperation!

March 12th 4:30pm

Sacristan: Joe Burgo
Lector: Carole Kliner
Altar Servers: Joey and Alex Carter
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Joe Bourgo, Charlene Kirkpatrick, Lucille Otte, Jen Carter, Marianne Blair, Bill Wilson, Galey Wilson

March 13th 7:30am

Sacristan: Mary Kay Wensyel
Lector: Betsy Delk
Altar Servers: Dorothy and Spencer Romanek, Isaac Smith
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Peek Gutman, Joe Roxby, Mark Sengewalt

March 13th 9:00am

Sacristan: Saint Michael Parish School
Lector: Saint Michael Parish School
Altar Servers: Saint Michael Parish School
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Saint Michael Parish School

March 13th 11:30am

Sacristan: Mike Hughes
Lector: Danielle McCracken
Altar Servers: Emma Nodurft, Andrew and Kate Tiu
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Chris Tiu, Shandi Nodurft, Kathleen Dieffenbaugher, Lynne Petchar, Jay McLaughlin, Kathy Baxter, Rebecca Petrosino

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

You may have noticed some new faces amongst the altar server crew. We congratulate and welcome several new students that have completed their training and are now part of the altar serving team! We thank them for the service of our parish!

Erin Brogan, Jimmy Brogan, Matteo Gattesco, Melody Jennings, Thomas Komorowski, Ryan Linder, Grant McCabe, Anna Norman, Isaac Schmitt, Kate Tiu, Trent Werner, and Faith Zende.

The community of St. Michael Parish offers our sympathy and prayer for the repose of the souls of...

✠ **Mary Elizabeth Mueller**

✠ **Martha M. Myslinsky**

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, continue their journey to new life in the presence of God in the heavenly kingdom.

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER MCSWEENEY

We have *Celastrus scandens* growing on our family farm. It is absolutely stunning in the fall, with a bright orange fruit which pops open to display an even brighter red seed. It's easy to understand why the common name for the vine is Bittersweet.

And bittersweet is the thought that came to mind when I heard the announcement of Father McSweeney's retirement. While we are delighted for Father McSweeney as he prepares to savor a more relaxing lifestyle, it is with great sadness that we will say goodbye to him in June.

This kind and holy man is to be congratulated for his forty-four years of dedication as a Priest. We have been blessed to have him as a part of our parish family! He fervently prays for each and every one of us. He has a heart so filled with love that he cannot resist the urge to inquire about the family background of every person he meets. Father McSweeney is very humble; he wore his Monsignor cassock at the Mass with the Conferral of Papal Honors and then stashed it in the back of the closet. To this day, he prefers to be called Father rather than Monsignor. And, we all love his lyrical brogue, the quaint Irish expressions and his hearty chuckle that will make the cats laugh (note: that's one of those Irish expressions).

Please join me in celebrating a holy man who has dedicated his lifetime to service to God and the people of God. Congratulations and thank you, Father McSweeney, your ministry has served as an inspiration to all of us!

Wendy Hinerman

People For People in Pain

The Catholic Church in Kerala, India has always been known for its service of the poorest of the poor and caring for the sick. An example of this commitment is a new Palliative Care Centre for needy patients opened recently in my diocese in India. We rehabilitate here also the victims of natural and man made calamities and people with disabilities. We provide necessary care to people with chronic diseases and address the problems faced by patients and their families. We offer training in palliative care to people who are interested in working with patients whom have chronic diseases. And we also conduct awareness programs about problems faced by people with chronic diseases.



Palliative care means the physical, emotional and spiritual care for a dying person when cure is not possible. It includes compassion and support for family and friends. The key to successful palliative care is to treat the patient as a person, not as a set of symptoms or medical problems.

The World Health Organization states that palliative care affirms life and regards dying as a normal process; it neither hastens nor postpones death; it provides relief from pain and suffering; it integrates the psychological and spiritual aspects of the patient.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta says "Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat. I want you to be concerned about your next door neighbor. Do you know your next door neighbor?"

'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.'

Pro Life Activities

The first Monday of every month the Pro Life Committee will have their monthly meeting. The third Monday of every month will be the prayer rosary in the Church.

The **Carol Ladies** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Edgington Lane. Parking is available in the rear of the building. Monsignor Thomas Petronek will present a talk about Lent. New members always welcome.



Benjamin Lee Lasure
and Shanda J. Dobbs

To be married by Father Dennis on April 23rd, 2016
at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph

May the God of love and peace abide in you, guide your steps, and confirm your hearts in love, now and forever.



Enjoy the 7th Annual Irish Evening
Saturday, March 12th

This is a parish-wide event sponsored by CM/CW & Holy Name Society. Dinner includes: ham, Irish soda bread, side dishes, beverage and light dessert. Children's menu will also be available. Meals will be served from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Carry-out is available. Donations will be accepted to benefit the physical needs of our parish and the charitable needs of our community.

FELLOWSHIP FOOD MUSIC FUN

Please pray for these men and women serving our country in the military, and for their families:

- ◆ Petty Officer Second 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
- ◆ Technical Sergeant Andrew G Futey, US Air Force
- ◆ Lieutenant Andrew Klug, US Navy
- ◆ Captain Zach Lehman, US Marine Corps
- ◆ Capt. Michael Neuman, US Army
- ◆ Major Christopher Nodurft, 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
- ◆ Major Aaron P Tillman, US Air Force
- ◆ Chief Master Sergeant Patrick Van Vranken, US Air Force
- ◆ Sergeant Anthony W. Widmer, US Marine Corps
- ◆ Airman First Class Taylor Wilkinson, 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.



Keeping YOU Informed about
St. Michael Parish School
By Mary Beth Criniti
Advancement Director

Grandparents' Day For Grades 3-5

St. Michael Parish School will celebrate Grandparents' Day in Grades 3-5 on Wednesday, March 9. Grandparents are invited to attend the 8:30 a.m. school mass this day, followed by a visit to their grandchild's classroom. The morning will wrap up with a light reception in the school cafeteria. If a grandparent is unable to attend, students may invite another special visitor for Grandparents' Day. We're looking forward to a great morning with these special guests!

Save the Date for Amazing Raise 2016

St. Michael Parish School is excited to announce its participation in the 2016 Amazing Raise Ohio Valley taking place this year on Tuesday, May 3. Last year during this one day of giving, SMPS raised over \$23,000 for our school. To help incentivize the giving, we are once again hoping to find a matching donor for this fundraising event. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Principal Lee Gruber. Stay tuned for more details as the date draws near!

Diocesan Tuition Assistance...Apply Today for 2016-2017!

For the 25th consecutive year, the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire this experience for their children but may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. For this reason, Bishop Michael J. Bransfield has allocated funds for distribution to Catholic families in need of financial assistance. Any Catholic student accepted for the 2016-2017 school year in any Diocesan Catholic school (PK thru Grade 12) is eligible. Determinations are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants. Online applications are now being accepted at www.factsmgt.com. There is a \$25 application fee—the Diocese will pay \$12.50 and families pay the other \$12.50. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2016 with notifications of assistance going on in late May. Please contact Principal Lee Gruber with any questions.

CONFESSION

Sacrament of Penance and Mercy

There will be confessions before the mission from
6:15pm-6:55pm.

“The Lord is Kind and Merciful” Pope Francis tells us that
“Jesus never tires of forgiving us”.

Prayer for a Holy Confession

O Sanctifier of Souls, O Holy Spirit of God, I know not how to pray as I ought. Likewise I know not how to confess, as I ought. O Breath of God whose duty it is to convince humanity about sin and righteousness and judgement; work thy illumination within me. Speak through my spirit and reveal all those things within me that are unworthy of a child of the Living God. May the grace of your tender compassion and your resounding truth bind all justification and rationalization from my heart. May I see clearly, through your vision all that I have squandered in offending your goodness and in lessening my human dignity. Through an honest and thorough probing of my conscience, grant that I may flee from all that is dark and base, and even remove from me my affections for those things that cause me to stumble. May the Father run to me and may I receive the embrace and sweet kiss of His great loving mercy. May I accept the invitation to return wholeheartedly to true brotherhood and sisterhood with Christ. May my sorrow be deep and sincere and may my heart be truly humble and contrite. Grant that my will may become teachable and firmly resolved to reject all sin and temptation. O Holy Spirit, O Paraclete, breathe new life into my soul through this Sacrament of Reconciliation. Renew my purity so that I may worthily commune at the Father’s table and partake of the life giving mysteries of Christ’s Eucharistic banquet.

Amen

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays Saint Michael Parish School Stations start
at 2:15pm
Saint Michael Parish
6:15pm-6:55pm Confessions
7:00pm Chaplet of Mercy followed by
Stations of the Cross

PARISH MISSION

St. Michael Parish Mission
“**Merciful Like the Father**”
with Father Ben St. Croix, CC

A **parish mission** is a time of grace, repentance, change, and for becoming a renewed person. This is an opportunity to increase bonding amongst our parishioners. You may not know those in the parish who go to the other Masses. During this mission, we are able to celebrate together as one body. Come join us as we take advantage of this great opportunity that touches the very core of a Christian’s being.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<u>March 6</u>	<u>March 7</u>	<u>March 8th</u>
7pm – Welcome	7pm – Welcome	7:00pm - Welcome
7:20pm - Talk	7:30pm - Talk	7:20pm - Talk
8:10pm - Exposition	8:10pm - Exposition	8:00pm - Evaluations
8:45pm - Benediction	8:45pm - Benediction	8:10pm - Collection for “ <i>Companions of the Cross</i> ”
8:55pm - Closing	8:55pm - Closing	8:20pm - Testimonies
		8:40pm - Reception

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Communal Anointing of the Sick is Monday, March 7th at 1:00pm.

Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit. Christians feel and experience pain as do all people; yet their faith helps them to grasp more deeply the mystery of suffering and to bear the pain with greater courage. From Christ’s words they know that sickness has meaning and value for their own salvation and for the salvation of the world. They also know that Christ, who during His life often visited and healed the sick, loves them in their illness.

The Lord himself showed great concern for the bodily and spiritual welfare of the sick and commanded his followers to do likewise. This is clear from the Gospels, and above all from the existence of the sacrament of anointing, which He instituted and which is made known in the Letter of James. Since then the Church has never ceased to celebrate this sacrament for its members by the anointing and the prayer of its priests, commending those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that He may raise them up and save them. Any person with a chronic health issue is a candidate for the anointing of the sick.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
UPCOMING EVENTS

Bulletin Announcements

All bulletin announcements should be emailed to the parish secretary, Courtney Coleman at: secretary@stmikesparish.org. **The weekly deadline is 9 a.m. Monday morning.** We will do everything we can to share your announcement.

Friday Noon Concerts

Each Friday during the Lenten Season, Mr. Robert Troeger of St. Matthew Episcopal Church (Chapline Street in downtown Wheeling) hosts a free 12 noon concert featuring music for organ and/or other instruments. These concerts are free and open to the public; as well, a light luncheon of soup and sandwiches follows. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



**The Confraternity of
Christian Mothers & Christian Women**

Our next meeting is March 9th, 6:30 p.m. in the Angelus Center. This month's program: The Power of a Praying Wife and The Power of a Praying Parent. Guest speakers include: Sis Richardson and Gretchen Wilson. Members are welcome to invite a guest. Babysitting is available— please call ahead to make arrangements with Mary Jo McGinley at 304-243-1558. Thank you.

**"Let The Little Children Come to Me"
Adoration With Children**

March 7th, 21st

April 4th, 18th

May 2nd, 16th

Join us the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 9am-10am for Adoration with children. For questions, please contact April Veltri 304-914-1894, Amanda Voellinger 304-780-7096, or Sarah Brogan 304-242-1813.

Community Baby Shower

For Wheeling Catholic Charities
Sponsored by Junior League of Wheeling
Help local babies in need, every child deserves a baby shower! Join us for an afternoon of food, prizes, and fun. April 16th, 2016 from 3pm-5pm at Wheeling Catholic Charities. Please donate diapers and wipes. Contact 740-579-1587 to R.S.V.P. or to make a donation.

**WV Auxiliary of the Congregation of St. Joseph Hosts
Spring Membership Tea March 13**

The annual spring membership tea of the WV Auxiliary of the Congregation of St. Joseph will be held Sunday, March 13 from 2-4 p.m. at Mount St. Joseph in Wheeling. Members are invited to bring a guest. There is no charge. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.

The St. Michael Youth Group is teaming up with our PSR students to host a new Lenten program. Please join us for the **"A Walk With Christ Traveling Stations"**. These stations of the cross will be interactive. Each participant will receive a token at each station that has symbolic meaning from that station. This is a great program for any age group! Mark your calendars for March 20th at the Angelus Center. Come any time between 12:45 - 3:00pm!

Do you have a little bit of extra time every week?
Are you interested in using it to volunteer?

We have an opportunity for you! The **Faith in Action Caregivers** are a local interfaith organization that works to support the independent living of older adults and people with disabilities in our area. They provide services such as visiting, transportation, errands, shopping, and/or respite care for family. Even 30 minutes of your time would be a great help to the elderly of our community. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or are looking for more information, contact Georgia Kurko at 304-243-5420, or special projects @faithinactionwheeling.org

If you are in need of an electric stair lift for yourself or a family member, please notify **Kathleen** in the Parish Office. We have a generous parishioner that has one available and is willing to donate to someone in need!

