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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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

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).

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: First Sunday of Advent; World AIDS Awareness Day
Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier
Wednesday: St. John Damascene
Friday: St. Nicholas; First Friday
Saturday: St. Ambrose; First Saturday; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

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.
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I’ve always wondered what it would be like to have a huge Thanksgiving dinner. It is astounding to hear about the giant get-together of friends and family who sit down to a meal with so many guests that they need card tables for the overflow. I have a friend who orders precooked turkeys – four of them! She peels potatoes for hours and buys massive quantities of green beans. I think it sounds fabulous!

My Thanksgiving dinner memories are a significantly smaller event. Our family easily fit around the dining room table. I am not complaining because the day was filled with thankfulness and love. The only food we need to buy in bulk is black olives – which my husband considers to be the official vegetable of the Thanksgiving feast.

Fortunately, I will be attending a huge gathering of my parish family in just a few days. This will be our third St. Nick @ Nite dinner. The parish staff has planned a festive evening and the school staff didn’t hesitate to sign up for a work shift. We are combining our forces to say THANK YOU to all of you for your support. We are extremely grateful for your stewardship. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at the Angelus Center.

—Wendy F. Hinerman

The Rosary is said every weekday after morning Mass at St. Michael Church. This week’s Rosary leader is Frank Yablonsky.
Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mikes’ webpage.

Weekday Mass 7:30am Altar Servers:

- December 2—NEEDED
- December 3—NEEDED
- December 5—Joseph Nodurft
- December 6—Liam White

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.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

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.

1st Sunday of Advent

November 30 - December 1, 2019

Catholic Charities WV needs your help! We provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change. Donate at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org, or during the second collection at any Christmas Mass. We’re waiting in joyful hope: 24 Days Until Christmas!
Our 3rd annual St. Nick @ Nite Christmas Dinner and Celebration of Stewardship is Wednesday, December 4th at our Angelus Center!!

Please be sure to RSVP so that our lovely Christian Mothers / Christian Women will know how many cookies we need!

RSVP is easy.
You can complete a form found in the pews and drop it in the collection basket or You can go to our website, www.stmikesparish.org and click on the link.

See you there!

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Pope Francis Message

I would also remind you of the words that Jesus once said to the disciples who asked him: “Teacher where are you staying?” He replied, “Come and see” (Jn 1:38). Jesus looks at you and invites you to go with him. **Dear young people,** have you noticed this look towards you? Have you heard this voice? Have you felt this urge to undertake this journey? I am sure that, despite the noise and confusion seemingly prevalent in the world, this call continues to resonate in the depths of your heart so as to open it to joy in its fullness. This will be possible to the extent that, even with professional guides, you will learn how to undertake a journey of discernment to discover God’s plan in your life. Even when the journey is uncertain and you fall, God, rich in mercy, will extend his hand to pick you up.

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St. Michael Parish Invites the

YOUNG ADULTS of our church to be active!!!

Please contact us if you are interested in joining me to start a community of young adults, ready and active to serve your Parish Community.

Please join us in the Parish Office, the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6pm, starting January 2020. We will have a meal to share.

CONTACT ME—FR. CARLOS 304.242.1560
COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION - DECEMBER 2019

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

Edward J. Abraham
Mary Hindson Albanese
Pauline Allison
David Altmeyer
Jack & Evelyn Altmeyer
Lisa Bryson Ames
Anderson & Luddy Families
John A. & Cecelia Antlake
Baker & Frank Families
Melvin C. Baker
Mildred P. Barone
Joe & Eleanor Bechtel
Gertrude & Russel Becker
Buddy Benedetto
Bonnie Bihler
Bill Bishop and Family
Elmer & Virginia Blust
Jim Bordas
Bowman & Gaudet Families
Knute & Dot Boyle
Brahler & Hand Family
Jeffrey T. Bryson
June Bryson
Bucon, Otte & Wilhelm Families
Matt & Rosella Bugaj
Kathy Oliver Burgoyne
Arthur, Jesse & Martha Burkhart
Burkhart & Valput Families
Vicki Lynn Burns & Ted Hawkins
Roy & Sara Burris
Mr. & Mrs. Richard V. Burke & Family
CCHS-SJA Classmates of 1946
Helen Emmther Cahoon
Lee & Helen Campbell
Dr. Frank L. Carenbauer
John W. Carenbauer
Steve Carter
Frances L. Cerrone
Deceased Members Christian Mothers
Albert Cinque
John & Donna Clark Family
Minitt “Liz” Schafer
Virginia & Maurice Cogan
Fern Coleman
Nancy V. & John “Jack” Coleman
Comer & Engler Families
Conti & Messner Families
Mr. & Mrs. Luigi Conti
Mary M. Conti
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Contraguerro
Corbett & Grela Families
Louis & Marjorie Costanzo
Edward “Ooga-Ooga” Covey
Cindy Covey
Edward M. Culley Family
Gloria Dawes
Donato & Adele Deltoro
Shirley Dietz
Ron DiLorenzo
Diane Doss
Michalene, Andrew & Breezie Doss
James Dobrovich
Dr. Robert U. Drinkard
Joseph & Connie Duffin
Durante & Dellefratte Families
Josephine Eikleberry
Rodney W., Veronica & Brian Eikey
Agnes and Robert Emmther, Sr.
Madge and Robert Emmther, Jr.
Tom and Sharon Emmther
Eleanor Lane Engelmeier
Mary & Steve Evanko
Fahey and Flading Families
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Flading
Mr. & Mrs. Bert C. Fields
Mr. & Mrs. Paul N. Fields
Mary & Charles Flaherty
Mary Alice Florio
Robert Foose
Bill Freeman
Joe Gabis
Catherine Grubler Freimuth
Jay & Peggy Gantzer
Ray & Helen Gantzer
Dominick F. Gaudio
Nicholas Jr. & Nimnoom Gaphery
Kerri Gilligan
Dr. Fernando G. Giustini
The Goble Sisters and Family
Patricia Gompers
Ann and Howard Gompers
The Gompers Family
Paul Gossett
John Paul Gossett
Domenic & Josephine Granata
Thomas J. & Rita J. Greene Family
Christopher Michael Gribben
Grob & Muth Families
Bill and Dorothy Grubler
Regina and Bernard J. Grubler, Sr.
Rosamund Roe Grubler
Gundling & Marker Families
Hagedorn Family
Mary Hamm
The Hannig Family
Jamie Marie Hannig
Dr. Roy C. Harmon, Jr.
Jim Hartzell
Terry Hawkins
Mary Jane Hess
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hess
Hetzal, Grammar & Nixon Families
Roger A. High
Frank Holler & Gantzer Families
George Holt Family
Adelaide Hoose
Mr. & Mrs. Edward L. Hoose
John Howley Family
Thomas Hoyt Sr.
Terry Hudson
Russell James
Nick Jasko
Ashley Jayasekera & Family
Salome Jayasekera & Family
Mr. & Mrs. H.G. Jepson
Mr. William F. Johnston
Patricia Wilhelm Johnston
Nancy E. Jorden
Edward F. and Rosemary Kelly
Joe, Helen & Bob Kelly
Arthur E. “Art” Kerns
Robert B. Klemm, Sr.
Robert B. Klemm, Jr.
William and Kathy Klettner
Bill and Dorothy Knorr
Joseph Knorr
Dr. Thomas Knorr
Frances Kovalchie & John Kovalchie Jr
Sam & Mary Lamalfa
Jim & Betty Letzelter
Litvak & Tabis Families
Lucey Family
Sr. Patricia Lynch
Lynskey & Merckle Families
John & Marge Madigan
Madl & Wagner Families
Helen Mahlke
Francis & Susan Mansuetto
Charles Marazita
Nick Marazita & Marazita Family
Maroon, Diotti & Pogue Families
Ruth & Barbara Marti
Matella & Edelen Families
Theresa McCartney
McCarthy and Bowman Families
Francis X. & Thelma C. McCulloch
Jacqueline McElroy
John McFadden Family
Bernard Sr. and Rosemary McGee
Mac and Amy McGinley
Jack McNabb
William Medovic
Mike & Theresa Mehota
Ron & Lola Jean Meyer
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Leona Ann Miller
Mullin & Gramba Families
Alfred & Mary Mustacciolo
The Minear Family
Millie Mulhern
Cindy Murphy
Myslinsky/Wisniewski Family
Richard L. Nau
Deceased Members Naum Family
Alfonso & Mafalda Nazzaro
Nelson & Schlag Families
Novotney & Wynkoop Families
Mary “Susie” O’Donnell
John P. & Rita Andrews O’Leary
John T. “Jack” O’Leary
Members of the Nesbitt Families
Betty Mae & Ray O’Donnell
Mary “Susie” O’Donnell
John P. & Rita Andrews O’Leary
John T. “Jack” O’Leary
Sara G. O’Leary
Winnie & Joe Palkovich
and Julie & Peter Littner
Robert & Angela Palmer
James Palmieri
Marina Pennybacker & Lloyd Martell
Doris Petri
Charles Petri
Angela Phillips
Ronald & Barbara Pickens
John Michael Pinto
Post & Haney Families
Susanne Potts
John J. Prezkop
Alma Przybysz
Tom Przybysz
Angela & Vincent Purpura
Herman Radish
Marian Ratcliff & Eleanor Black Families
John M. & Frances Raszkiewicz Family
James Reddy
Dennis Regele
Nancy C. Regele
Charles E. Regele, Sr. Family
Rempe & Gutman Families
Frank L. & Mary Ellen Voellinger Rice
Mr. & Mrs. John B. Rickus
Agnes “Marie” Ritz
Alice & Steve Rovnak
Michael & Charles Ryan
Sylvia Santavicca
Joseph & Rosaline Saseen
Susie Saseen
Ann & Bob Schlupe
Jerome Schmitt
Dr. Benjamin Ybanez
Rosalie Dailer Young
Luke Zien
George & Mary Ellen Zoeckler Family
Paul & Eileen Schubert
Dr. William J. Shilvin
Sisters of Our Lady of Charity
John Skypack
Cecil & Arnetta Smith and Family
Smith & Latz Family
Eleanor Jane Sneddon
Mary Margaret Stein
Louise Stocking
Rudy & Trudy Stolfer
Nancy Termin
Deceased Members Teufel Family
Thalman & Weigand Families
Thomas & Crow Families
John & Florence Thalman Kammer
Rusty Tillman
Edward R. Tolpa
Aurelia & Frank Truax
Bertha & Edward Truax, Sr.
George & Jeanne Kammer Truax
Lori White Tunnell
Rosemary Villanova
George P. & Mayme Weir Voellinger
Mr. & Mrs. William L. Wallace
Suzanne M. Walter
Rosemary Wasemann
Patrick Werner
Widmer & Ginocchio Families
Art Wiley
Michael Wiley
Adrian Wilhelm
Anthony Keltus Wilhelm
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Wilhelm, Sr.
Wilson-Frohnnapfel Families
J. Edward Winiesdorffer
Allen Wojcik
John and Ann Wolodkin
Eli & Louise Wokovitz
Stanley J. Wolen
Alex & Ann Yablonsky
Dr. Benjamin Ybanez
Rosalie Dailer Young
Luke Zien
George & Mary Ellen Zoeckler Family
2019 Craft Fair

Please join us for the St. Michael Parish School Parent Association 2019 Craft Fair on Saturday, December 7th from 9-3 pm in the Angelus Center. Come see the creative, the clever, and the crafty items that will be for sale! There will be unique creations, as well as handcrafted items such as: holiday themed merchandise, unique accessories, gourmet treats, tote bags, centerpieces, hand painted items and much more. This is an important fundraiser for the Parent Association. Please come out and support this annual event!

Did you know that when you shop for the holidays at smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0359761, AmazonSmile donates to St. Michael Church and School?

#1 holiday hack:
When you buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.

Christmas SMPS Bling

Are you looking for the perfect Christmas gift? If so, please consider some SMPS Bling! For additional forms please stop in to the school office. The chairperson of this fundraiser is Mrs. Casey Griffin. If you have any questions about the sale please contact Casey via email @ griffin920@comcast.net. Items will also be available at the craft fair on Saturday, December 7th. Congratulations to Heather and Brent Kovalski on winning the free photo session with Casey Leigh G Photography!

Grandparent’s Day

A special thank you to all of the grandparents that joined us for our annual 2nd-4th grade Grandparent’s Day on November 13th. It was a packed-house! Grandparents started the day by touring classrooms and attending Mass with their grandchild. Following Mass the grandparents were treated to refreshments while the children recited poems to them. They also had fun getting their pictures taken in the photo booth!

A Day As A Knight!

Thanks to Wheeling Central Catholic High School, our partner school, for inviting our 8th graders to spend a day being immersed in all of the wonderful programs Central has to offer them next year. They were also able to reconnect with some of our SMPS alumni!
Our 8th Graders are OUTSTANDING!
St. Michael Parish School is so proud of the wonderful things our 8th graders, with the guidance of Mrs. Hartzell, do for each other, our school and our community. Here are just small examples of some helpers collecting canned food, honoring the American flag, collecting pop-tops for the Ronald McDonald House, and leading our school’s recycling program.

SMPS Continues to GO GREEN!
Our recycling program is going strong. Congratulations to Hailey Wear for being chosen the winner of our 8th grade Going Green Art Contest. Our recycling team will have new t-shirts with the design and they will be available for purchase to school students for Earth Day.

Congratulations to our SMPS 2015 Graduate Lillian Bischof

WVU named 2019 Foundation Scholars

The best and brightest senior high school students who had their choice of some of the nation’s most esteemed colleges have chosen to attend WVU as 2019 Foundation Scholars, the highest academic scholarship the University awards. Statler College received two out of the five recipients.

Lillian Bischof, a Wheeling native, who discovered her love for science in sixth grade through the Regional Environment Action program at Oglebay Park, is anxious to research the role of genetic modification for food security and accessible healthcare. She will major in chemical engineering and finance and join the Society of Women Engineers and other student organizations. She envisions a career in engineering.

Thank you to Dr. Swartz from West Liberty University for coming to share his science expertise on static electricity with our students. There is never a dull moment in our science lab!
The Angel Trees are UP! They are located within the Church in the side altars & narthex. Please take a tag and support one of the 8 different organizations and/or individual families that our parish sponsors! These tags are due back with your gifts THIS WEEKEND! If you miss this deadline, please drop off your tags and gifts to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

The 3rd and 4th Grade Christmas Party will be on December 2nd, 2019 from 3pm until 4:30pm at the Angelus Center.

The 5th and 6th Grade Christmas Party will be on December 8th, 2019 from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Angelus Center.

The 7th and 8th Grade Christmas Party will be on December 15th, 2019 from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Angelus Center.

The High School Christmas Party will be Saturday, January 4th, 2020 at 9pm for an all night Christmas Party until 7am.

Did you know that our Angel Tree supports 8 charities and individual families as well?

The following organizations directly benefit from your generosity:
- Wheeling Health Right
- Wheeling Freeze Shelter
- Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center
- Children’s Home of Wheeling
- Augusta Levy Learning Center
- Wheeling Soup Kitchen
- Women’s Abuse Shelter
- Harmony House

That’s a whole lot of Christmas Spirit for our community, thanks to YOU!!
December 2019

1 - Angel Tree Gift Returns
4 - St. Nick @ Nite 6pm
8 - Advent Retreat, Waiting for Jesus with Mary - 1pm until 4pm
9 - Personnel Committee Meeting 2:30pm
9 - Stewardship Committee Meeting 4:30pm
16 - Lessons & Carols 7pm
17 - Communal Penance Service 7pm
23 - Church Decorating for Christmas 10am
24 - Christmas Eve Masses @ 4pm, 7pm, 10pm
25 - Christmas Mass @ 10am
26 - 7:30am Mass
31 - Holy Day Vigil - 5:30pm

January 2020

1 - Feast of Mary, Mother of God - 10am Mass

Advent Retreat
Waiting for Jesus with Mary
St. Michael Parish Invites You!!

December 8, 2019 from 1– 4pm
Adoration, Reflection Talk, and Evening Prayer in Our Church

1:00-1:40 pm Welcome and First Presentation
1:40-2:00 pm Guided Prayer
2:00-2:15 pm Break
2:15 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
2:20-2:50 pm Second Presentation
3:00 pm Rosary with meditations/Scriptural Rosary
3:30 pm Evening Prayer and Benediction/Reposition

With Sr. Agnes Therese Davis, TOR

Advent Lessons & Carols
December 16, 2019
7:00pm

Join the Pastoral Council, Parish Choir, Handbell Choir, and Music Ministers in a festive celebration of Advent Lessons and Carols.

This evening service combines seven scripture readings (Genesis, Isaiah, Baruch, Gospel of Luke, Gospel of Matthew) with various Advent carols foretelling the Birth of Christ and his second coming.

The service will conclude with a candlelight procession to the outdoor nativity scene where we will bless the creche and officially light it for the first time this season. Please plan to join us for this event — what a wonderful way to prepare for the upcoming Christmas Season which will only be one week away.
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.

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

“You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” — Matthew 24:44

ADVENT Let’s approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush. —Anonymous

TIME OF PREPARATION This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world. —John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

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
- Senior Airman Sierra E. McKenna, US Air Force
- PFC Jacob Ulevich, US Army

God Bless Our Military!

U.S. senators introduce federal bill to ban Down syndrome abortion

By Cassy Fiano-Chesser LiveAction.org

“Preborn babies with Down syndrome might be protected from eugenic abortions if a new federal bill passes. U.S. Senators James Lankford and Jim Inhofe, both from Oklahoma, have introduced the Down Syndrome Discrimination by Abortion Prohibition Act, which would make it illegal to target a preborn baby for abortion solely because of a diagnosis of Down syndrome….”

“…Numerous states have passed Down syndrome abortion bans, although some of them have been overturned, like Ohio’s. This bill would put a federal ban into place, as opposed to leaving it a state-by-state issue. Statistics show why these bills are needed so badly. Roughly 67% of preborn children with a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome are aborted in the U.S., and in other countries around the world, the numbers are even higher. In countries like Iceland and Denmark, virtually every child diagnosed prenatally with Down syndrome is aborted. Wrongful birth suits, in which angry parents sue doctors for not detecting Down syndrome before the baby is born so they have the option to abort are likewise on the rise…”

“…As Karen Gaffney, who has Down syndrome, has said, ‘Ending the life of an unborn child because he or she will have a disability is wrong, it is very, very wrong…. This view is unjust, tragic, and deserving of international outrage. It has no place in a world that stands for basic human rights.’”

Kindly note that the area of the parking lot beside the church alongside of the Blessed Mother statue is marked a **RESTRICTED AREA AND A NO PARKING ZONE.** Thank you for your cooperation.