JANUARY 14, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS JOHN THE BAPTIST WATCHED
JESUS WALK BY, HE SAID,

“Behold, the Lamb of God.”

JOHN 1:36
WEEKLY READINGS

Monday:  1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
Wednesday: St. Anthony
Thursday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Friday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
Saturday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

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

Please contact the secretary at the Parish Office if you are interested in any of the following: Baptism, Matrimony (six months prior to the desired wedding date), Anointing of the Sick, Christian Initiation of Adults, or joining the parish.

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

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

Collection & Attendance Data: Jan. 6/7 2018

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TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 738

1st Collection: $12,230.84
2nd Collection (Monthly): $5,148.55
Miscellaneous: $705.00
TOTAL: $18,084.39
MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday, January 13
7:30am            Fritzi Hill
4:30pm           People of the Parish

Sunday, January 14
7:30am            ♪Anna-Hanh-Thi-Kiev
9:00am            ♪Adam Durante, Jr. (A)
11:30am          ♪Sr. Carol Hannig, CSJ

Monday, January 15
7:30am            ♪Madge Emmerth
5:30pm            ♪James Schlick (A)

Tuesday, January 16
7:30am        ♪Helen Emmerth Cahoon (A)

Wednesday, January 17
8:30am            ♪Scott Brill
5:30pm            ♪Claire Cook

Thursday, January 18
7:30am            ♪George Fahey

Friday, January 19
7:30am            ♪George Fahey

Saturday, January 20
7:30am        ♪Gloria Theresa Weisenborn
4:30pm            ♪Maurice Ackermann

Sunday, January 21
7:30am    People of the Parish
9:00am        ♪Edward J. Wilhelm
11:30am   ♪June L. Bryson

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (Jan. 14–20) in memory of:

Ann Mayrand

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

♫ Lorraine Dakovic
♫ Ann Mayrand

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
“Ordinary Time” began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecorated the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ’s birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don’t enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

CHAINS OF GRACE
The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms.

—St. Francis de Sales
**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

*Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mikes webpage.*

**Jan. 15-19 Weekday 7:30am Altar Server:**
Jaelyn Vunderink

Saturday, January 20, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Carole Kliner
Lector: Nathan Blair
Altar Servers: Noah/Ryan Blair, Sara/Faith Zende
EMOHCS: Marianne Blair, Sharon Bourgo, Donna Clark, Ava Zende, Rose Zende

Sunday, January 20, 7:30am
Sacristan: Mike Rempe
Lector: Amanda Castle
Altar Servers: Ryan Linder, Alex Tarr
EMOHCS: Mark Sengewalt, Pat Plunkett, Gretchen Wilson, Kathy Ulevich, Rudy Conti

Sunday, January 20, 9:00am
Sacristan: Marty Medovic
Lector: Janice Jones
Altar Servers: Will Medovic, Jocelyn Dally, Luca Swartz, Olen Ames
EMOHCS: Marty Medovic, Jackie Kaniecki, Stan Kaniecki, April Stolfer, Denny Snyder

Sunday, January 20, 11:30am
Sacristan: Edie Fuller
Lector: Jason Rine
Altar Servers: Levi Rine, Emma/Joseph Nodurft, Parker Jasko
EMOHCS: Edie Fuller, Shandi Nodurft, Jack Stryker, Adrienne Michaud, Robbie DiLorenzo

**Journey of the Chalice schedule:**
1/14: Catherine & Lou Volpe
1/21: Patty & Steve Patrick
1/28: Laura & Scott Reed

The purpose of the Journey of the Chalice program is to encourage families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations. When we pray for vocations, we lift up to our Father those men and women whom He is calling to follow Him in a special way.

**THE LAMB OF GOD**

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading** — Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

**Psalm** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

**Gospel** — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).


FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Contribution Statements for the 2017 Calendar Year will automatically be mailed, by January 31, to all families who have contributed a total of $250 or more. Others who may wish to receive a statement should contact the Parish Office.
**PSR Update**

PSR students and teachers braved the cold last week and kicked off the second half of the year with various reflections on Christmas and the Epiphany. Thanks to parents and guardians for your commitment to your children’s religious education, even in arctic conditions!

This weekend, we sent home permission forms with the students that will allow us to put up pictures of PSR students on our parish social media accounts and in the bulletin. Please return those forms as soon as possible so we can begin to highlight our hardworking PSR students in those settings!

As usual, please direct questions about PSR to the coordinator, Nick Mayrand, at nmayrand@dwc.org.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*January 28: Mustang Masses at 9am and 11:30am as the kickoff to Catholic Schools Week (1/28-2/3)

*February 1: Special Mass @ 7pm to Pray for Opioid Epidemic

*February 11: Scout Sunday @ 9am Mass

*February 14: Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)

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**Lent starts on February 14, 2018…**

**PALM BRANCHES:** Lent begins with the solemn celebration of Ash Wednesday on February 14. The ashes that will be imposed on our foreheads come from the palm branches from the previous Lent. Please bring in your palm branches to the church vestibule so we can burn them for Ash Wednesday 2019. Thank you!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Begin on Friday, February 16. Please contact Fr. Bill if you would like to read the Stations. wmatheny@dwc.org or 304-242-1560 ext. 7

**EXTRA WEEKDAY MASSES** During the season of Lent, we will have 5:30pm Masses every night: Monday through Thursday each week of Lent. Please contact Fr. Bill if you would like to lector for the additional evening Masses.

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**World Marriage Day:**

Join us Saturday, February 10, 2018, for an evening of celebrating your love and the blessing of your marriage together at St. Vincent de Paul Marist center. We begin by celebrating Mass together at 5:00 pm, followed by a wine and cheese social in the parish center. A candlelit dinner will follow, and one couple (pre-committed) will give a brief witness to their experience in the Sacrament of marriage. The evening ends with coffee and wedding cake served to the group.

Cost of the evening is $45 per couple. Reservations are required and must be made no later than Feb. 7. For more information, contact the Beiter's at 304-238-4904 or the Reed's at 304-242-8156.

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**Pursuit Youth Event:** On January 28 in the St. Vincent Parish Hall from 12:30-2:30pm, the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will be offering a program entitled Pursuit. This FREE event will be an inspiring, fun and faith-filled time for teens and parents that includes praise and worship music, prayer and a message of Christ's presence with us. It will be a great opportunity for parents and teenagers (6th-12th grade) to have a fun and spiritually enriching evening together. St. Vincent's will provide a light lunch at the beginning of the event.

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**Special Mass to Pray for the Opioid Epidemic**

On February 1, 2018 at 7pm, all are invited to a special Mass at St. Michael Church to pray for healing and an end to the overwhelming opioid epidemic that is plaguing our area, our state and our country. As well, we will remember in a special way all whose lives have been impacted by drug abuse and those who have lost their lives due to the effects of drugs. Please come and pray for God’s mercy and healing.

*This Mass is a joint project of St. Michael Parish and St. Vincent de Paul Parish.*
Even though the Christmas Season is over, we as Christians are challenged to keep the love of Christmas ever burning in our hearts, our lives and in our world. Shared below is Fr. Bill’s homily from Christmas Day Mass. Since so many attend Mass on Christmas Eve and did not get to hear this homily, we wanted to share these words because they are humorous, powerful and applicable especially as later this month we celebrate the annual March for Life.

The Gospel of John on Christmas morning, known as his Prologue, delves into the mystery in the Incarnation, rather than the more traditional picturesque descriptions of Jesus’ birth. This mother’s story develops the mystery of human life, a life centered on the Incarnation of God’s only begotten Son. So we begin …

My husband and I had been happily married (most of the time) for five years but hadn't been blessed with a baby.

I decided to do some serious praying and promised God that if he would give us a child, I would be a perfect mother, love it with all my heart and raise it with His Word as my guide.

God answered my prayers and blessed us with a son.

The next year God blessed us with a daughter.

The following year, He blessed us with yet another son. The year after that, we were blessed with a third son.

My husband thought we'd been blessed right into poverty. We now had four children, and the oldest was only four years old.

I learned never to ask God for anything unless I meant it. As a minister once told me, "If you pray for rain make sure you carry an umbrella."

I began reading a few verses of the Bible to the children each day as they lay in their cribs.

I was off to a good start. God had entrusted me with four children and I didn't want to disappoint Him.

I tried to be patient the day the children smashed two dozen eggs on the kitchen floor searching for baby chicks.

I tried to be understanding when they started a hotel for homeless frogs in the boys’ bedroom, although it took me nearly two hours to catch all twenty-three frogs.

When my daughter poured ketchup all over herself and rolled up in a blanket to see how it felt to be a hot dog, I tried to see the humor rather than the mess.

In spite of changing over twenty-five thousand diapers, never eating a hot meal and never sleeping for more than thirty minutes at a time, I still thank God daily for my children.

While I couldn't keep my promise to be a perfect mother--in fact I didn't even come close-- I did keep my promise to raise them in the Word of God.

However, I knew I was missing the mark just a little when I told my daughter we were going to church to worship God, and she wanted to bring a bar of soap along to "wash up" Jesus too.

Something was lost in the translation when I explained that God gave us everlasting life, and my son thought it was generous of God to give us his "last wife."
My proudest moment came during the children's Christmas pageant.

My daughter was playing Mary, my two youngest sons were shepherds and my oldest one was a wise man. This was their moment to shine.

My five-year-old shepherd had practiced his line, "We found the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes."

But he was nervous and said, "The baby was wrapped in wrinkled clothes."

My six-year-old Mary said, "That's not 'wrinkled clothes,' silly. That's dirty, rotten clothes."

A wrestling match broke out between Mary and the shepherd and was stopped by an angel, who bent her halo and lost her left wing.

I slouched a little lower in my seat when Mary dropped the doll representing Baby Jesus, and it bounced down the aisle crying, "Mama-mama."

Mary grabbed the doll, wrapped it backup and held it tightly as the wise men arrived.

My oldest son stepped forward wearing a bathrobe and a paper crown, knelt at the manger and announced, "We are the three wise men, and we are bringing gifts of gold, common sense, and fur."

The congregation dissolved into laughter and the pageant got a standing ovation.

"I've never enjoyed a Christmas program as much as this one," laughed the pastor, wiping tears from his eyes. "For the rest of my life, I'll never hear the Christmas story without thinking of gold, common sense and fur."

"My children are my pride and my joy and my greatest blessing," I said to myself as I dug through my purse for an aspirin.

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.

Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.

Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.

Had no army, yet kings feared Him.

He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.

He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.

He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

Feel honored to serve such a Leader who loves us.

~Fr. Bill Matheny
Texas Roadhouse Gift Card Fundraiser

St. Michael Parish School began its Dine to Donate Gift Card Fundraiser on Thursday, January 4th. We are asking each family to sell Texas Roadhouse gift cards for amount levels of $15, $25 or $50. The gift cards can be used at anytime but we hope you will use them to help us celebrate CSW on our Dine to Donate Day—Thursday, February 1st!

SMPS will profit from the GC sales as well as the ticket receipts from the dine to donate evening. If you wish to purchase gift cards to support our school please contact Shandi Nodurft or pickup a form inside the school’s main entrance. Thank you for your support.

EARLY CHILDHOOD OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, January 23rd or Thursday, January 25th
Tour times: 9am, 10am, 1pm & 2pm

Please join Mrs. Kovalski for a 30-minute small group tour of our school. Families interested in St. Michael Parish School’s Early Childhood Program will be given an opportunity to meet our teachers and see our students in action. The guided tours will begin in the school’s main office. Tour starting times are 9am, 10am, 1pm and 2pm, followed by a question and answer session.

We are proud to offer Lil’ Cherubs (2 year olds with an adult partner), Preschool Three, Preschool Four, Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten and our Expanded Day Program!

To register please contact our school secretary Mrs. Diane Fahey @ 304-242-3966 ext. 1 or mrsfahey@smpswv.org before January 19th.

St. Michael Parish School would like to thank:
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Williams
Mr. & Mrs. James Ritz and Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Mansuetto
for their generous monetary gifts given to support our school. We are blessed by your generosity. Thank you!

We would also like to thank:
St. Michael’s Respect Life Committee and Christian Mothers and Christian Women
for their generous donation of the 8th Grade Book Series Theology of the Body as well as the 5th-7th Grade Book Series Family Life. We are truly blessed to have groups within our church community so interested in enhancing the education of our students.
2018-2019 DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS IS OPEN

For the 27th consecutive year, the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire it for their children but who may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to the ongoing and genuine commitment of Bishop Michael J. Bransfield to the Catholic schools in our diocese, funds have once again been allocated for distribution to Catholic families in need of financial assistance.

Applying for TAP through FACTS is easy and affordable. You are encouraged to apply if your child is already enrolled or has been accepted by one of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for the 2018-2019 school year.

Who is eligible? Any Catholic student accepted for the 2018-2019 school year in any Diocesan Catholic school (PK thru grade 12) and who belongs to a parish included on the drop-down list as part of the on-line application is eligible. Determinations are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants.

How do I apply? Applications are made on-line. Go to www.factsmgt.com, click on “Grant & Aid Assessment” and log in. If you do not have Internet access, contact your school office for assistance.

Cost? The application fee is $30. The Diocese will pay $15 and families pay the other $15.

Grants: Diocesan grants for Catholic families who have completed their applications and show financial need will receive up to 50% of the child’s tuition.

Phase I Deadline: In order to receive notification in late May, applications (including all required April 30, 2018 documentation and payment of the fee) are to be received by FACTS by April 30, 2018. Phase I is intended for families with children currently enrolled or already accepted for the 2017-2018 school year in any Catholic school in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Phase II Deadline: In order to receive notification in early September, all applications for 2018-2019 (including August 15, 2018 all required documentation and Payment of the fee) MUST be RECEIVED by FACTS no Later than August 15, 2018. This is a firm deadline. Phase II is intended for families new to the school or who have had a life-changing event (i.e. birth, death, loss of job, major illness). If an application was submitted during Phase I, please contact the school. Please do NOT submit a second application.

Note 1: No assistance will be available from the Diocese or from any school unless:
1. An application is completed in full (ALL questions answered) and submitted
2. All required documentation is provided, AND
3. The family portion ($15) of the application fee is paid by the deadline.

Note 2: ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER FAMILY should be submitted per school year. If you made an error or had a life event change, please do NOT submit a second application. Contact your principal and your application can be updated by FACTS.

Questions? If you have questions, please contact our school principal Mrs. Jamie Kovalski 304-242-3966.

JANUARY

January 15th: No School for MLK Day
January 18th: Geography Bee
January 23rd: Early Childhood Open House Session 1
January 24th: Early Childhood Open House Session 2
January 26th: Father/Daughter Dance
January 28th-February 3rd: Catholic Schools Week
February 1st: Texas Roadhouse Dine to Donate

News from the St. Michael’s Parent Association
Mrs. Kovalski and the Parent Association will hold quarterly meetings. These meetings will be held in the school cafeteria at 6 PM. All are welcome!
The dates for the remainder of the year are:
3/6/2018 (Scholastic Book Family Night)
5/9/2018 This final meeting will be at 8 AM in the Angelus Center. It will include breakfast as well as the State of the School Address.

A special thank you to this week’s hot lunch volunteers:
Terry Murphy, Stacie Palmer, Julie Blake, Grace Agcaoili, Francesca Ghigo, Andrea Ekanem, Jim Kelly, Larry Teufel, McKenzie Keane and Elena Santini!
WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

CHURCHES

The famous Spanish Basilica of the Sagrada Familia is located in this city:
A. Barcelona
B. Madrid
C. Seville
D. Toledo

Last week's answer: Zechariah was the father of John the Baptist

PRO-LIFE CORNER

On January 22, St. Michael Parish will again host a day of prayer to be in solidarity with all those who are attending the March For Life in Washington, DC. Please come out and join us as we pray — the schedule is below:

7:30am: Mass
8:00am - 5pm Adoration in the Church with hourly pro-life rosaries being prayed
5:30pm: Mass
7:00pm - 8pm: Candlelight Prayer Service
8:00 pm - Midnight: Adoration Vigil in Church

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Pregnant & Need Help:
Northern Panhandle Gabriel Project: 304-639-5039
Birthright International: Helpline: 800.550.4900
Aim Women’s Center (Streubenville, OH): (740) 283-3636
Rachel’s Vineyard: 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)
Silent No More: 888-735-3448

THE 45th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, D.C. commemorates the 1973 Supreme Court legalization of abortion, which has resulted in the deaths of over 60 million innocent, unborn children. Please join the March to help us rededicate ourselves to stopping this culture of death.

CCHS Teens for Life is sponsoring a bus trip to the National March for Life on Friday, January 19, 2018. Those attending will gather at Central Catholic High School at 11:30 pm. Jan 18th. There will be a stop for breakfast and then onto the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a visit to the St. John Paul II National Shrine along with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Bransfield at 10am. After Mass, the group will proceed to the March for Life. Cost is $25.00 per person, plus meals – a dinner stop will be made during the return to Wheeling. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Mr. Smay at 304-374-2138 (jeffsmaey@cchsknights.org) for a reservation.

The Mon Chapter of West Virginians for Life is also sponsoring a bus to the March for Life which will leave on Friday, January 19, 2018, from the Sears parking lot at the Morgantown Mall at 4:30 a.m. to return there on the same day around 11:00 p.m. The bus will arrive in Washington in time for the Congressional Delegation meeting at 10:00 a.m. in 2168 Rayburn House Office Building. The cost is $15/person or $30/family of 3 or more. Call 304-282-5756 for reservations.

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

- Petty Officer First Class Eric J Auber, US Navy
- Staff Sergeant Robert Michael Baker, US Marine Corps
- Sergeant Anthony DiBias, US Army
- Chief Warrant Officer 4 John DiBias, US Army
- Lieutenant Andrew Klug, US Navy
- Captain Zach Lehman, US Marine Corps
- Capt. Michael Neuman, US Army
- Major Christopher Nodurft, US Marine Corps
- Seaman First Class Cody Patterson, US Navy
- Specialist Seth Sleime, US Army
- Sgt. Christopher Snyder, US Army
- First Sergeant Stephen Spohn, US Army
- Sergeant First Class Wendy Spohn, US Army
- Lieutenant Colonel Aaron P Tillman, US Air Force
- Chief Master Sergeant Patrick Van Vranken, US Air Force
- Airman First Class Taylor Wilkinson, US Air Force
- Airman First Class Sierra E. McKenna, US Air Force

Please contact the Parish Office with changes in rank or to add someone to the list. Thanks to ALL who have served or are currently serving!
St. Michael Parish gratefully acknowledges these Memorial Donations:

In memory of William Klettner
by Craig and Emma O’Leary
In memory of Mary Hamm
by Betty Jones

Our next Mustang Mass(es) will be
Sunday, January 28
at BOTH the 9am and 11:30am
Masses as a kickoff to Catholic Schools Week.

Angel Tree Thank-You’s

Thank you for your in-kind gift for the general support of the YWCA Wheeling.

The YWCA Wheeling is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Over 30,000 people participate each year in YWCA programs or events in Ohio, Marshall and Wetzel Counties. Worldwide, the YWCA serves more than 25 million women and girls in 125 countries.

http://www.ywcawheeling.org

Sincerely,
Lori Jones

7th and 8th Grade Youth Group

7th and 8th Grade Youth Group will meet this Sunday, January 14 from 6-7:30pm in the Angelus Center Youth Room! Feel free to bring a friend!!

We acknowledge and greatly appreciate the ongoing financial contributions in support of the Parish Music Ministry Program in loving memory of BILL AND DOROTHY GRUBLER
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MENTORING
Youth Services System operates a mentoring program, formerly known as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, that matches a caring adult with a child in need of support and adult companionship. We ask that volunteers commit to a minimum of a one-year relationship and at least one get-together with the child per month.

The need is greater than ever. Our hope at YSS is that you might find room in your heart and your life for a child in need of love and attention. Please contact Jane Ketcham at 304-830-9516 or Jketcham@ysswv.com.

The Fish Fry is returning to St. Michael Parish.

Plan to join us on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) for great food and fellowship! Food will be served from 4-7pm with take-out available.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, FRANCE
Fr. John Beckley, SM, the chaplain at Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Wheeling, will be participating in a pilgrimage to Lourdes from July 2-11, 2018. It is sponsored by the National Rosary Pilgrimage and the Lourdes Bureau of the Marist Fathers in Boston. If you would like to consider making this pilgrimage, an itinerary is available at the parish office or by contacting Fr. Beckley (johnbmarist@aol.com).

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.

Join Us for...
Wheeling’s Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

January 14, 2018
1 p.m. March for Justice - Martin Luther King Way (top of Wheeling Hill)
2 p.m. Interfaith Service - Fourth St. United Methodist Church with community luncheon to follow at the YWCA
4 p.m. Ministerial Alliance Community Worship Celebration Fourth St. United Methodist Church

January 15, 2018
9 a.m. Children’s Activities - Laughlin Chapel

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