17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44
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OUR MISSION
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.

COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD
Tami Magruder - President

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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.

THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH
SANCTUARY CANDLE
The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle
burns this week in memory of
Rev. James LaCrosse, S.M.
May he rest in peace Lord, may eternal light shine upon him.

St. Michael Parish extends sincere thanks for memorial contributions made to the church in memory of
Frank Yablonsky and Jim Bordas
from
Charles and Nancy Spohn
and
Frank Yablonsky
from
Thomas and Terri Ford and Robert and Kimberly Nelson
May these souls and all of the souls of your faithfully departed rest in your eternal light Lord.
WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of July 26, 2020

Sunday:  1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
[97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46


Tuesday:  Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:  Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday:  Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53

Friday:  Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:  Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12


Observances for the week of July 26, 2020

Sunday:  17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:  St. Martha

Thursday:  St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday:  St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Saturday:  St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday:  18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH
7:30 am  † Lisa Anne Palmer Bentz
4:30 pm  † Ron Morgan

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH
7:30 am  † Shirley Reynolds
9:00 am  † Jim Reisinger
11:30 am  People of the Parish

MONDAY, JULY 27TH
7:30 am  † Joan May
5:30 pm  † Rev. James LaCrosse, S.M.

TUESDAY, JULY 28TH
7:30 am  † Thomas Zoeckler

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH
7:30 am  † Sylvia Walinski
5:30 pm  † George Stimac Jr.

THURSDAY, JULY 30TH
7:30 am  † James Kutsch Sr.

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST
7:30 am  † Helen J. Gossett

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST
7:30 am  † Anthony Allen Viola (A)
4:30 pm  † Rev. Mr. Louis Belldina

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND
7:30 am  † Patricia A. Gompers
9:00 am  † William Thalman
11:30 am  People of the Parish

† For the repose of souls

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

Weekend Data Update, July 11/12

Attendance:
4:30pm -  75  9:00am - 97
7:30am -  77  11:30am - 100
TOTAL:  349

Collection Data:
1st Collection:  $5,975.00
2nd Collection Monthly:  $1,893.00
Misc:  $1,015.00
Online:  $1,129.50
Total :  $10,012.50

If you wish to continue to contribute to our weekly collections, please contribute online or mail your contribution to:  St. Michael Church 1225 National Road Wheeling, WV 26003
Please be advised that your mask may be donned in the narthex rather than while walking up the steps to the church. We are concerned that a parishioner may trip when trying to walk the steps and put on their mask. There is plenty of time once you enter the church to be in compliance with the current rules and regulations regarding the wearing of face protection. Be safe, take your time, we love you and care about you!

Your Parish Office will open the 2021 Mass Book on Wednesday, August 5th, 2020. This annual event gives our parishioners an opportunity to schedule their Mass intentions and the offering of the sanctuary candle for 2021. This year we will be at the Angelus Center to schedule your requests. We will have an outline on how this process will work in order to maintain social distancing in next week’s bulletin. Weekday Masses suggest a $10.00 fee and Sunday Masses are $20.00. Sanctuary Candles are $20.00 and burn for the week requested.

The parish’s Stewardship Council is sponsoring a collection for the women of the YWCA in Wheeling. The organization is in need of the following for their clients:

- Laundry detergent
- Laundry baskets
- Women’s brand new underwear (ALL sizes)

There will be a blue collection bin in the back of the church and there will be a collection bin outside of the Parish Office. Donations of money will also be accepted at the Parish Office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Kathleen Dieffenbaugher, Stewardship Director

The St. Michael Parish Stewardship Council invites any interested parishioner to join our council. We are a group of parishioners that plan and implement activities that support our parish life by using our time, talent and treasure. We recently planned and implemented the “Peace, Justice and Love” prayer service to pray for an end to racism. Other Stewardship Council initiatives have included the annual Mental Health Awareness Vigil, on-campus recycling efforts, and coordination of collections for organizations in our community that have needs for their clients.

Our next meeting will be Monday, August 10th at 4:30pm in the Angelus Center meeting rooms. Please join us if you would like to see what we are all about! Please contact Kathleen in the Parish Office (304-242-1560 ext. 9) if you have questions!

Kathleen Dieffenbaugher, Stewardship Director
News & Announcements

Congratulations to Monsignor Joseph Peterson who will retire, effective August 4, 2020!
If you’d like to send a note to our former pastor, his address is:
Monsignor Joseph L. Peterson
1251 Glencairn Rd.
Weirton, WV 26062

Father Martin Smay’s time at St. Michael Parish is coming to an end. He has been appointed Vice Rector at the Cathedral of St. Joseph Cathedral, effective August 4, 2020.
Thank you, Father Martin, for your faithful ministry at our church and school.
You’ll always be part of the St. Michael Parish Family!

Congratulations to you both!! Thank you and the best of luck in the future!!
At a recent Stewardship Council meeting, Lou Volpe led a thought provoking group reflection on positive thinking. We spent a bit of time discussing the proverbial glass of water which is half full or half empty. My line of thinking is that it's half full and there's room for more.

There are times in life when the halfway point is cause for celebration. Our family farm had a pear tree that stood at the halfway point from the house to a hidden glen with a waterfall. It was an easy downhill walk to the magical setting which was under a canopy of trees. We spent lovely moments with moss and trillium, rocks with wiggly salamanders hiding underneath and crystal clear water flowing over the drop. But, the walk back up the hill was a doozy. The pear tree encouraged us that we had half of the journey behind us.

If you're a computer lover, there's a cool website aptly named whatshalfway.com. It's very helpful if you're planning a rendezvous with distant friends or need to tell your backseat fidgety travelers that you are at the midpoint.

At St. Michael Parish, we recently hit the halfway point as we move towards a goal of raising $26,000 with our Connecting With Carlos campaign. We have over $13,000 in the bank! The project will set up monitors and an internet signal in the church which will enable us to broadcast the hymns and responses at Mass. These upgrades will also be beneficial in the future as we will be able to use them for Catechesis presentations, missions, and other educational activities. We will be able to stream the internet and project sacred images. The potential uses are vast, but our main objective is to help enable your participation in the Mass.

If you are able to help us get from half full to the finish line, please drop your donation into the collection basket or send your contribution to Father Carlos, St. Michael Parish, 1225 National Road, Wheeling. In the memo line please write “tech” so we will be sure to keep your tax-deductible donation restricted for this project.

— Wendy F. Hinerman

P.S. if you are interested in learning about the Stewardship Council, please consider the invitation from Kathleen Dieffenbaugher on page 4.
Connecting with Carlos

The Connecting with Carlos campaign is making progress. The project is estimated to cost $26,000. We are grateful for your kindness and generous gifts which have exceeded $10,000.

Any project which exceeds $10,000 must be submitted to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for approval. We were notified at the beginning of this week that we have a green light! You may start to notice a bit of activity as we begin to install the wall mounts for the monitors and running the cable will not be too far behind.

We're looking forward to using this new avenue of communication. It is our hope that you, our dear parishioners, will appreciate this advancement.

If you are able to help, please drop your donation into the collection basket or send your contribution to Father Carlos, St. Michael Parish, 1225 National Road, Wheeling. In the memo line please write “tech” so we will be sure to keep your tax-deductible donation restricted for this project.

Thank you to our friends who have generously helped with the campaign:

♦ Anonymous
♦ Stanley and Jacqueline Kaniecki

The Lighter Side

Home in Heaven

A pastor and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the pearly gates waiting for them.

“Come with me,” said St. Peter to the taxi driver.

The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St. Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine, from a bowling alley to an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

“Wow, thank you,” said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the pastor to a rugged old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set.

“Wait, I think you are a little mixed up,” said the pastor. “Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all, I was a pastor, went to church every day, and preached God's word.”

“Yes, that's true,” said St. Peter. “But during your sermons, people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed.”
St. Michael’s Church Community

Blood Drive

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
10:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

St. Michael’s Angelus Center - Gym

To make an appointment:

• Visit vitalant.org and click the "Donate Blood" button. On the new window, choose Donor Login (previous donor) or New Donor (haven't donated with Vitalant before), and search with group code G0040282, or

• Call 412.209.7000 or call Kathleen Dieffenbaugher at 304.242.1560 Ext. 9
or email kathleen@stmikesparish.org

To save time, complete your health history questionnaire online on the same day as your donation.

Go to Vitalant.org, select Donate, then Health History Questionnaire.

APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED BUT WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!
It is time for the next installment of Turn-Back Tuesday! Last week's mystery person was one of our awesome middle school teachers, Ms. Diona Rodgers. Now, can you guess who this little cutie is?

**FUN FESTIVAL FOOD**
FRIDAY-JULY 31st
FROM 4-8 PM
Mansuetto Meatballs
Deliveries will be available for Clara Welty, Bertha Welty, Petroplus Towers, Good Shepard, and Brookpark. Orders must be placed no later than Wednesday, July 29th at 3 PM. Arrangements will be made through a tower representative.

Call-ahead orders will also be accepted by calling 304-639-4241 on Wednesday, July 29th from 9AM-3PM.

Carry-out & carhop service will be available from 4-8 PM on July 31st in the Angelus Center parking lot.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU!**
A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. William Gohn for your loving gift in memory of Mrs. Suzanne Elizabeth Saseen to the Saseen Scholarship Fund.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU!**
A Special thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Steve Przybysz, their friends, family, and all of the volunteers that made The Great American Diner a yummy addition! We are so blessed by your generosity of time, talent, and treasure!

**CALL-AHEAD MENU**
JULY 31st 4-8 PM
ST. MICHAEL ANGELUS CENTER
PH. # 304-639-4241

**Delivery:**
**Pick-up:** Time
Name: ______________________
Phone#: ____________________

**Entrees:**
*Meatball Hoagie (mozzarella) **$6.00**
*Penne, Sauce (meatless), & Meatballs (dinner roll and honey butter) **$7.00**
*Bag of 12 Meatballs **$10.00**

**Side Dish**
*Mixed Green Salad (ranch or Italian) **$2.00**

**Desserts $.50** (Write quantity in the box.)
sugar cookies choc. chip cookies
brownies Rice Krispy Treats
peanut butter or chocolate fudge
**Cotton Candy **$2.00

**Drinks $1.00** (Write quantity in the box.)
Coke Diet Coke Pepsi
Diet Pepsi Root beer
Sprite/7-Up Mountain Dew
Bottled water

**Condiments**
Plastic ware Salt/Pepper

Total Due: __________________
Payments accepted: credit card, check, or cash. Thank you for supporting St. Mike’s Parish!
Please pray for these men and women currently serving and also those who have served our country in the military (not listed), and for their families:

- Petty Officer First Class Eric J Auber, US Navy
- Staff Sergeant Robert Michael Baker, US Marine Corps
- Major Jeremy Deguzman, US Air Force
- 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
- Chief Warrant Officer 2 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
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One pair of silver earrings,
see Cindy if you are the owner.

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