REMAIN

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”

JOHN 6:56
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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
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Pastoral Council - Leslie Kosanovic, Chairperson
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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 Francis X. McCulloch
May he rest in peace Lord, may eternal light shine upon him.

St. Michael Parish is thankful for the donation from Mr. & Mrs. Frank Joanou in memory of Della Nazzaro
May she rest in peace with perpetual light shining upon her.
WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of June 14, 2020

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 5:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [cf. 3a]/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 21, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 [cf. 17]/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/ Mt 10:26-33

Observances for the week of June 14, 2020

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Flag Day
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; World Refugee Day
Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father’s Day

Weekend Data Update

Attendance: June 7th
4:30pm - 80 9:00am - 118
7:00am - 64 11:30am - 77

Collection Data: June 7th
1st Collection: $7,807.00
2nd Collection Monthly: $3,173.00
Misc: $351.00
Online: $3,134.50
Total : $14,465.50

Collection Data: May 31st
1st Collection: $10,859.74
2nd Collection Social Concerns: $811.00
Misc: $2,552.17
Online: $2,871.60
Total : $17,094.51

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

FOUND IN CHURCH PARKING LOT One pair of silver loop earrings.
Father’s Day Blessing...

Single fathers usually sit in the back row of their children's school performances. Fathers who are married usually sit as close to the front of the audiences, with their spouses. Why is this?

Well, we all know how important mothers are to the well-being of a family. However, we as a culture look at single fathers with a bit of suspicion. Fathers are as important as mothers are, but offer a different perspective on life and bring a much-needed role in bringing up children. Let us welcome all fathers today to the front row of our lives and acknowledge how important they have been, and continue to be in our lives.

Let us pray...

Gracious God and Father, our first father,
You are the One who has brought us to life in this world you created.
You created us and everything around us.
We turned away from you
and only after disappointing you did we return your love.

Look with favor on our earthly fathers.
They helped create us in your image.
We have disappointed them,
but have come to realize just how important they are to us.

Bless all our fathers, living and deceased, with comfort and health.
We bring all their needs to you
and ask for strength so they may live worthy lives.

We ask all this in the name of your Son,
our model of what it means to reverence our fathers.
In Christ's name. Amen.

In celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 14th, we will have a Eucharistic Procession following the 11:30am mass. The procession will start at the church, walk to the Angelus Center, then return to the church. The Eucharist will be protected by a beautiful canopy that was constructed by parishioners Elsie Reyes, Lucille Otte and Fe Foose.

Please join us for a prayerful celebration of this holy feast!
For confession, please follow these guidelines:

1) Please do not sit in any pew except the very last row against the back wall.
2) There are no “face-to-face” confessions. Please only use the door marked “CONFESSIONAL.” There is a chair on that side so that you can sit if you so choose.
3) Please maintain at least 6 feet between you and other persons.
4) The first person in line should stand by the sign hanging on the wall that says “#1”
5) Likewise for the second, third, and fourth persons next to the signs so marked.
6) All others can wait in line by sitting in the pew against the back wall.
7) Inside the confessional, there are sanitizing wipes. Please use them as necessary to disinfect.
8) After your confession, please do not sit in any pews.

Confessions are heard from 3-4pm on Saturdays. As always, people may make an appointment by calling the office or the rectory or by emailing one of the priests. Thank you.

From time to time, I find myself at a true loss for words. Fortunately, a guest columnist, Daniel O’Leary, offered words which I find meaningful and genuine. Please take the time to read his reflection.

—-Wendy F. Hinerman

Jesus has always taught us to take action when there is wrongdoing. To see the racism and racial prejudice in our country today and do nothing is to turn our back on our neighbor in their time of need. “If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead” (James 2:16-17).

It is no longer enough to simply be not racist. In order to truly be an ally to those facing oppression it is crucial to speak up and take action. Without taking a stand overtly against racism in any form, your silence allows the side of the oppressor to take hold and continue practicing hate. Do your part in examining the hate within yourself and those around you.

Martin Luther King Jr. was a firm believer in “radical empathy” meaning having the ability to feel so strongly for other people facing hardships that you begin to feel the pain they are feeling. Do your best to seriously empathize with those facing racial prejudice on a daily basis and learn about ways you can help. Just remaining silent and not being racist is not enough. Put your faith into practice and love your neighbor as yourself. Encourage others to love their neighbors as well. Do not just listen to the ways of Jesus and agree in silence.

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).

~ Daniel O’Leary
MRS. KIMBERLY BURGE NAMED PRINCIPAL FOR ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL!

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Burge on a title change of Interim Principal to official principal of St. Michael Parish School. This year will mark Mrs. Burge's 20th year working at St. Michael Parish School. She was hired by Mrs. Sis Richardson as a 6th-grade teacher in 2000 upon her graduation from Bethany College, Magna Cum Laude. While teaching at St. Mike's she has been a Jr. High School Teacher and was instrumental in the creation of our very popular science lab. She was the science lab teacher for two years before becoming our Interim Principal.

Mrs. Burge and her husband J.B. have a son, Bode, entering 7th grade at St. Mike's and a daughter, Jayden heading to Central Catholic High School in the fall.

We are looking forward to many more years of her excellent leadership!

Congratulations Kim! Continue to lead for our future!!

The Catholic Spirit is now available by e-mail!

This is being made available to enhance communication, but at the same time cutting the cost of printing.

You are invited to join our new e-list to receive The Catholic Spirit by e-mail. Joining the e-list gives you the option to receive The Catholic Spirit by e-mail only and to be removed from the list to receive the print version if you choose. To be added to the e-list, send an e-mail to crowan@dwc.org with “The Catholic Spirit e-list” in the subject line. Please let us know your preference saying: “E-mail only, and remove me from print mailing list” or “I would like both print and e-mail versions.”

By joining the e-mail list, you will receive an e-mail on each issue date of The Catholic Spirit with a link to the full issue. Issue dates are the first and third Friday of each month. This is a day earlier than mail delivery of the print version.

Beginning with the June 5, 2020, the electronic version of every issue of The Catholic Spirit will now be available under “Downloadable Spirit” at thecatholicspiritwv.org.

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Decree

The Holy Eucharist, as the “source and summit of the Christian life” (Lumen Gentium 11), is given to the faithful as the most efficacious spiritual nourishment that the Church can offer. For this reason, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that every properly disposed Catholic “shall humbly receive [their] Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter Season” (2042) in order to illustrate fully the sublime relationship between the reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord and the Paschal feasts, which are “the origin and center of the Christian liturgy” (ibid.). Like all the Church’s precepts (cf. CCC 2041-2043), the reception of Holy Communion during the Easter Season is a law of the Church that imposes an obligation upon all the faithful, established to “guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth of God and neighbor” (CCC 2041).

Following the sudden suspension of public liturgies and the closure of parishes in response to the coronavirus pandemic in March 2020, there was concern about the faithful’s ability to fulfill the obligations of some of the Church’s precepts. For that reason, the precept requiring attendance at Mass for all Sundays and holy days of obligations has been temporarily suspended, while the other precepts of the Church remain in force. As parishes in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston have now begun to resume the celebration of public liturgies, it is apparent that the fulfillment of the obligation to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season, while not constituting an absolute impossibility, nonetheless poses a difficulty for many of the faithful in West Virginia, who continue to shelter in place or are at risk of infection due to age or existing health conditions.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has established that this precept may be fulfilled at any time during the Easter Season up to the first Sunday after Pentecost (the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity). However, with but days until this time period elapses, adequate provision for the fulfillment of this obligation must be made.

Therefore, as Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, desiring that the faithful of this Diocese, while not putting themselves or others at risk, be enabled to avail themselves fully of the fountain of graces obtained through a “moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life” (2041), and wishing to encourage the diligent observance of all of the Church’s precepts among the Catholics of West Virginia, I hereby decree that for the Year of Grace 2020, those faithful of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston who are properly disposed, having been absolved of any grave sins in the Sacrament of Penance, may receive Holy Communion at any time between the Solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection and the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, which occurs on November 22, 2020, in fulfillment of the above-stated precept.

Given at Wheeling on this, the third day of June, in the year of Our Lord two thousand twenty.

Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan
Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

Die 3 Mensis Iulii 2020
Curta Vhelegensis Carolopolitanus
Cancellarius
It is time for the next installment of Turn-Back Tuesday! Last week's mystery person was Mrs. April Jones. April teaches 4th grade and is our Athletic Director. She and her husband Matt, along with their four children are parishioners of St. Mike's. April has been teaching for the Diocese of Wheeling - Charleston for 19 years and has spent the last 10 years working for SMPS. Now, can you guess who this little cutie is?

FUN FESTIVAL FOOD FRIDAYS
Let's take a break from cooking and cleaning and come enjoy some of your favorite festival foods. Fun Festival Food Fridays will happen every Friday for the month of July! There will be delicious desserts by our Christian Mothers and Christian Women and cotton candy from the Komorowski/Phillips Family. Drive-thru and carry-out carhop service will be available. Credit cards will be accepted and checks are encouraged due to the pandemic.

- July 3rd: Mexican Booth Food (Tiu Family)
- July 10th: American Booth Food (Przybysz Family)
- July 17th: Pop Pop Costanzo's Famous Italian Sausage (Costanzo Family)
- July 24th: Rajun Cajun Gumbo (Golden Family)
- July 31st: Mansuetto Meatballs (Dieffenbaugh Family)

AND JUST LIKE THAT THEY ARE OFF TO HIGH SCHOOL!
A special thank you to all of the families and friends that came out to the Angelus Center parking lot to congratulate the 8th grade graduates!

Congratulations to the Class of 2020!
Connecting With Carlos

Father Carlos has recently launched a financial campaign to install Wi-Fi and monitors in the church which will enable us to project the hymns and responses during Mass. The equipment will also be beneficial in the future as we continue to livestream our Mass as part of our effort to stay connected to those who are unable to physically join us in the church.

If you are able to help, please 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 our campaign:

Jim and Cindy Gilligan
Mrs. Jane Tillman
Tom Burgoyne
Peek Gutman
Paul and Karen Litvak
Jan and Rusty Grubler
Anonymous

Spiritual Adoption Program

I would like to thank you for your prayers for your spiritually adopted baby, parents and family.

As of the end of May, your baby would have been born. If you would be willing, as in the past, to purchase a special baby gift to help a family in need, please consider either dropping a baby gift off to the Parish Office or making a donation to the Gabriel Project of West Virginia in Wheeling or St. Michael Pro-Life committee.

Blessings, Gretchen Wilson

St. Michael Campus Grounds Face-lift

St. Michael Parishioners are working hard to give St. Michael School and Church grounds a face-lift. If you would be interested in helping with the project, please call either Sandy Pell at 304-281-9459 or Gretchen Wilson at 304-280-1451.

If you like you could help by donating money for the project by purchasing any of the items listed below:

~tree and bush fertilizer spikes 15 boxes needed at $9.99 each
~tree bug and insect control, 6 qt. needed at $16.99 each
~weed killer 4 gallons needed at $16.00 each
~12 yards of mulch at $26.00 per yard
~3 Linden trees ($177.00 per tree), 9 bushes needed at $39.99 each. Thank you!!

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy

O Divine Master, grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
And it’s in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it’s in dying that we are born to Eternal Life

Amen