“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42
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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.

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THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH
SANCTUARY CANDLE
The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle
burns this week
in memory of Sylvia Santavicca
May she rest in peace Lord, may eternal light shine upon her.

St. Michael Parish is thankful for the donations from
Marie Drew and Mary Hagan
in memory of
Frank Joseph Yablonsky Sr.
May he rest in peace with perpetual light shining upon him.
Weekend Data Update June 20/21 2020

Attendance:
4:30pm - 71
7:00am - 74
9:00am - 113
11:30am - 82
TOTAL: 340

Collection Data:
1st Collection: $5,960.00
2nd Collection School Support: $1,655.00
Misc: $960.00
Online: $1,079.50
Total: $9,654.50

St. Michael Parish is thankful for the donation from
Dr. David Millit
in memory of
Frank Scenna
and
Della Nazzaro
May they rest in peace with perpetual light shining upon them.
Declaration on Supreme Court decision on DACA, June 18, 2020

I rejoice with the immigrants who live in West Virginia over the recent US Supreme Court decision which rejected the effort of the federal government to put an end to the DACA program. The Court’s decision will give a measure of relief to the young people who were brought without documents to this country by their parents when the children were minors in age. For the moment, these young people do not run the risk of deportation.

However, since the Supreme Court’s decision turned on the government’s failure to follow legal procedures in its eagerness to overturn the DACA program and not on the substance or merits of the program, it is not a sufficient resolution of the dangerous situation in which the affected young people live. It remains for us to advocate again before Congress for the more secure protection that a law would give to that portion of the Dreamers who benefit from DACA. Thank God, the great majority of our country’s citizens support such legislative protection for them. It is time for Congress to approve a just and humane law for these young people, many of whom have never known any other country than the United States.

God has given the world to all human beings. This continent has throughout its history been the destination of immigrants, from the tribes that came from Asia thousands of years ago to those who have come in more recent centuries from other places. The immigrants of today contribute to this country’s wellbeing, just as the immigrants of the past did. They deserve the respect and support of those who were born here. There is need for a comprehensive reform of our immigration laws that will reflect the welcoming and humane values of this nation. May God bless this project in favor of His people.
From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Carlos

Catechesis

In my years in our diocese, I have been assigned to five different parishes in West Virginia. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life at every church, but I always find it interesting to see the different approaches to following the mission of the church. It’s uplifting to see the outreach to those in need, faith formation opportunities, the involvement of the congregation, the style of music and the unique celebrations of our rich faith.

When Bishop Brennan encouraged each church to have a Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, I was happy to see the return of a beautiful tradition. It was a joyous celebration! I extend my sincere appreciation to Fe Foose, Lucille Otte and Elsie Ryes who shared my vision of a canopy and designed a beautiful one for us. And now we have a canopy for future use.

Bishop Brennan is also encouraging evangelization. Where do we begin with evangelization? We must start with catechesis. Catechesis is bringing the word of God into the hearts and minds of people. It is a lifelong journey for all of us to learn about our faith. Every day offers a new opportunity to explore and embrace our faith.

Each church where I have been assigned has a unique catechesis program. Here at St. Michael Parish, our youth faith formation offers two options. Students enrolled at St. Michael Parish School follow a curriculum which includes religious education. The second grade children also receive sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. In eighth grade, Confirmation formation is included with the religious studies. Children in grades kindergarten – eighth grade who do not attend St. Michael Parish School, should be enrolled in our Parish School of Religion (PSR).

The PSR program offers weekly sessions on Sunday morning, September – May. The classes provide faith formation as well as sacramental preparation. For students who are not enrolled in a Catholic school, these lessons are an essential aspect in formation. Parents are the first teachers and our PSR program is in place to enrich the lessons being taught at home. The classes meet at 10am and are over at 11:15am. The time was thoughtfully selected to permit the family unit to attend Mass prior to PSR or immediately following PSR class. The classes are taught in the SMPS classrooms, which helps to define a learning environment. Our catechists follow a nationally recognized educational series which is designed for a weekly lesson format.

If you are the parent of a child in grades Kindergarten – eighth and your child is not enrolled at a Catholic school, I remind you of the promise you made to raise your child in the Catholic faith. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for information regarding registration for our Parish School of Religion.
The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, 2020 in order for the staff to get burgers and watermelon and commence to celebrate our nation’s birthday!

Happy 244th Birthday USA!!!

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center invites you to join us for our 24th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on June 28th from Noon-5pm – 125 18th Street Wheeling. The event is take-out only. The cost of dinner tickets is $8.00. Children 5 and under are free. For tickets, please contact Trish 304-232-7157 or purchase online www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org. We hope to see you there!

Dessert donations are needed for the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center’s upcoming Spaghetti Dinner, scheduled for June 28. Please contact Trish at the Neighborhood Center 304-232-7157 to donate a dessert. Thank you for your support.

Connecting With Carlos

Father Carlos launched a financial campaign in April 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:

Sharon Delverne
Elizabeth Bucon
Gene P. & Jeanne R. Bischof
Anonymous
Take a break from cooking to enjoy some of your favorite festival foods. Fun Festival Food Fridays will happen at the Angelus Center every Friday from 4pm until 8pm for the month of July! There will be delicious desserts provided 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.

**FUN FESTIVAL FOOD FRIDAYS**

First to the plate!!

July 3rd: Salsa Café Burritos (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 (Dieffenbaugher Family)
St. Michael Parish School

It is time for the next installment of Turn-Back Tuesday! Last week’s mystery person was Mrs. Megan Caruso. Next year will mark Mrs. Caruso’s second year at SMPS! Currently, Mrs. Megan is our kindergarten aid.

Now, can you guess who this little cutie is?

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Article submitted by: Mrs. Margaret Zoeckler, Troop Leader.

FUN FESTIVAL FOOD FRIDAY-JULY 3RD FROM 4-8 PM

Deliveries will be available for Good Shepherd, Clara Welty, Bertha Welty, Petroplus Towers, and Brookpark.

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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.

Save the Date:
St. Michael Parish will sponsor a blood drive on Sunday, August 9th at the Angelus Center.
Any individual that donates a unit of blood will receive free COVID-19 antibody testing on that unit.
Stay tuned for more information!
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
- 2 yards of mulch at $26.00 per yard
- 2 Linden trees ($177.00 per tree)
- 9 bushes needed at $39.99 each.

We would like to thank those who have been so kind and generous in helping us with sprucing up St. Michael Parish grounds. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to: Steve and Rebecca Boyd, Janell Knorr, Maureen McNabb, Chris Muroski, Jeff Nau, Lucille Otte, Quentin and Cathy Northcraft and Lou and Catherine Volpe. We appreciate your help and support.

May God Bless you and your families. Sandy Pell and Gretchen Wilson