Jesus said to the devil,
“You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.”

Luke 4:12
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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.
— Romans 10:8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday

**Monday:** Julian Calendar Lent begins

**Friday:** Abstinence

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).

Our Parish Office is open 8am until 4pm Monday -Thursday and 8am until noon each Friday.
Our Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 9th
7:30am  Jeanette Kiger
4:30pm  Patrick Werner

Sunday, March 10th
7:30am  People of the Parish
9:00am  Myrna Scott
11:30am  Ron and Mary Alice Remp

Monday, March 11th
7:30am  Hunter Don Young
5:30pm  Joanne Ferda

Tuesday, March 12th
7:30am  Edward J. Coyne Family

Wednesday, March 13th
8:30am  Mary Alice Florio
5:30pm  Victims of Natural Disasters

Thursday, March 14th
7:30am  Kim Nixon
5:30pm  Jack O’Leary

Friday, March 15th
7:30am  Margaret Gainer Bordas

Saturday, March 16th
7:30am  Joseph Anthony Barone
4:30pm  Dorothy Schmitt (A)

Sunday, March 17th
7:30am  Mae Keohane
9:00am  People of the Parish
11:30am  Melvin Baker

- Signifies person is deceased

Lenten Lecture Series

This Lent, the Department of Formation & Mission is partnering with Wheeling Jesuit University’s Department of Theology to offer a free, public Lenten lecture series, “Saints & Heroes.”

During the season when we renew our commitment to spiritual and moral growth, we will look to the lives of saints and heroes as a source of insight and inspiration. These 3 lectures will take place on March 12, March 26, and April 9 from 7-8:30pm in the CET Recital Hall at WJU. All are welcome to attend in person, and we’re looking to offer a live video stream as well. For more details on the lectures, visit www.dwc.org/lenten-lecture-series.

St. Michael Parish

happily welcomes

Julia Faith Sayre

into our Catholic Church
Family with the Sacrament
of Holy Baptism
on
March 2nd, 2019

Pictured with proud parents James & Jennifer and big sister Jillian Sayre

St. Michael Parish received memorial contributions from

Dr. and Mrs. James Comerci
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Spadafore
Dr. Donald Hofreuter
Mrs. Audrey Ciripompa
Ms. Mary Sharrar
Drs. Mario and Wendy Mejia
Drs. Cesar and Vangie Pizarro

in memory of

Dr. Fernando Giustini

May he rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon him.

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (March 10th—16th 2019) in memory of Mary Alice Florio

St. Michael Parish offers its deepest condolences to the families and friends of Jeanette Kiger

May Jeanette rest in peace oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her and all of the faithfully departed.
**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

*Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mikes’ webpage.  **Weekday 7:30, March 11 through March 15, 2019  Altar Server:

**Saturday, March 16, 4:30pm**
Sacristan: Carole Kliner
Lectors: Sharon Bourgo and Rose Frasnelli
Altar Servers: Dawson Zwack, Isaac, Mason and Kendall Schmitt
EMOHCS: Karen and Jim Kelly, Jenn and Chad Byrum, Paul Litvak

**Sunday, March 17, 7:30am**
Sacristan: Gretchen Wilson
Lectors: Denny Wilson and Amy Miesel
Altar Servers: Noah and Ryan Blair
EMOHCS: Gretchen Wilson, Tony Miesel, Joe Roxby, Bob Fanning, Jeep Naum

**Sunday, March 17, 9:00am**
Sacristan: Phil Emmerth
Lectors: Meredith Dailer and Adriana Wolf
Altar Servers: Adam Wolf, Tyler Dean, Ryan Linder, Will Medovic
EMOHCS: Phil and Marybeth Emmerth, Elizabeth Wolf, Camille Basinger, Dee Dean

**Sunday, March 17, 11:30am**
Sacristan: NEEDED
Lectors: Nancy Ellen O’Leary and Margaret Erickson
Altar Servers: Amelia and Seth Mandel, Parker Jasko, Jack Adams
EMOHCS: Adrienne Michaud, Robbie DiLorenzo, Barb Varlas, Jay McLaughlin, Ted Erickson

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**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 and before the First Reading.

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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 the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

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**Lenten Vespers at Cathedral**

Each Sunday evening during Lent, the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Wheeling, West Virginia will celebrate Solemn Vespers at 6:00 p.m.  Vespers, also known as Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayer of the Church.  In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus’ command to “pray always”.  Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world.  Vespers at the Cathedral will include a Lenten reflection and music provided by the Cathedral Schola.
Are you registered in our Parish?
Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family. Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility. At St. Michael Catholic Church, our policy is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday Mass regularly before a baptism can take place. Occasionally adults are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, and an affidavit is required stating that they are Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered. Pick up a form at the Parish Office, or visit St. Michael’s website. For more information, call Cindy at the parish office at 304.242.1560.

*Why not register today? We are waiting to welcome you!*
**St. Michael Parish Lenten Schedule**

**Daily Mass Schedule**  
Mass @ 7:30am Monday-Saturday except Wednesday when Mass is celebrated at 8:30am. Mass @ 5:30pm Monday-Thursday.

**Stations of the Cross**  
Every Friday @ 5:30pm in the church

**Reflection Books for Lent**  
The Lenten reflection booklet “Open Your Heart to God” was distributed on Ash Wednesday. Copies will also be located at the doors of the Church. Please be sure to take one of these booklets to help in your Lenten prayer and reflection.

**Coffee, Biscotti and the Holy Spirit!**  
Every Friday during Lent you are invited to a video presentation with discussion about the power of the Holy Spirit. This will take place at 8:30am until 9:30am in the Parish Office. Please RSVP to Shaney Faini @ 303.639.4523. Come and join us!

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**St. Michael Parish**  
**Annual Lenten Fish Fry**

**Throw us a fish bone, or pop, or water, or volunteer time!**

The St. Michael Fish Fry Committee is looking for individuals or families that would be interested in joining our committee. Interested parties would work with the current committee to learn the process of supply ordering, food prep, cooking, ordering and serving to make (7) fish frys happen during Lent each year.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet people while serving your school and church community! If you are interested in learning more, please contact Kathleen at 304-242-1560 OR kathleen@stmikeparish.org.

The Fish Fry committee is seeking donations of soda and bottled water. If you would like to help, you can drop off 12 packs of soda (any kind) or cases of bottled water to the Parish Office. We are grateful for any and all donations!
2019 St. Michael School & Parish Fish Fry

**Entrees**

*Includes choice of two (2) side dishes & a roll*

- Baked Fish Dinner .......................................................... $7.50
- Fried Fish Dinner .......................................................... $7.50
- Pierogi Dinner ............................................................. $7.50
- 6 Pc Shrimp Dinner ....................................................... $7.50

**Side Dishes**

- French Fries .....$1.50  Green Beans .....$1.50
- Cole Slaw ....... $1.50  Mac & Cheese… $1.50
- Baked Potato … $1.50  Tater Tots ..........$1.50
- Side Salad........ $1.50

**A La Carte** (Purchased separately, not considered a side dish)

- 3 Pc Shrimp.................................................................$3.50
- Fish Sandwich.............................................................$5.00
- 3 Pierogis/6 Pierogis.................................$2.00/$4.00
- Grilled Cheese...........................................................$2.00
- Cheese Pizza by the Slice.................................$2.00
- Clam Chowder..........................$2.50/$4.50
- 2 Fish Tacos..............................................................$5.00

**Beverages**

- Soda/Bottled Water/Coffee .........................$1.00

**TAKE OUT ORDERS .... CALL 304-214-6578**

**Serving from**

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday & every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday.) Fish will be served from 4-7pm in the school cafeteria. Take-out orders are available.

**Join us for some great food!**

![Lenten Fish Fry](image)

*Thank you for your support, all proceeds from the fish fry go to the Parish School.*
Special Thank You!

On behalf of the students and staff of St. Michael Parish School, we wish to extend our deepest gratitude to Mrs. Eleanor Klug and her daughter Mary Charlotte for supplying so many items from our teacher’s wish list. We are especially grateful for the brand new baby dolls and the beautiful blankets for each one! The children are so excited!

Our Sarris Variety Box Candy Bar Fundraiser begins Monday, March 11. Each box contains 6 milk chocolate, 6 roasted almond, 6 crisped rice, 6 peanut butter, 6 creamy caramel, and 6 salted pretzel candy bars. Each bar is $2.00.

This fundraiser will generate close to $13,000.00 to help our school! The student that sells the most boxes of candy wins lunch from a local restaurant, of their choice, and a dining experience with Mrs. Burge! All of our students from PK - Middle School will benefit from this fundraiser!

Please look for candy being sold after masses on March 16th & 17th and March 23rd & 24th. Thank you so much for your support and participation in this fundraiser.

What Makes You A Proud American?

Congratulations to our Elks Essay Finalists: Ryan Costanzo, Hunter Mueller, and Hailey Wear.

The winner will be announced in the Spring.
Mustang Mentor Program

Our Mission: To give new school families a warm welcome into our St. Michael Parish School Family.

What is the Mustang Mentor Program?
The Mustang Mentor Program connects families who are new to SMPS with families who are more ‘seasoned’. The goal is to make the transition for new families easier and to strengthen our school community.

Who are the Mustang Mentors?
The Mustang Mentors are families who have been at the school for at least two years and who are ready and eager to welcome a new SMPS family.

What do the SMPS Mustang Mentors do?
Mustang Mentors agree to exchange contact information with the assigned new SMPS family, check-in each month to answer questions, see how things are going, share information about upcoming events i.e., fish fry, and to just say ‘hello’.

Who are the New Mustangs?
Any new family enrolled in preschool-8th grade will be a part of the New Mustang Family.

Goals of the Mustang Mentor Program:
- Ease the transition for new families
- Strengthen our school community
- Build positive relationships
- Create more family involvement

How do I inquire further and/or become a Mustang Mentor?
Please contact Mrs. Shandi Nodurft @ mrsnodurf@smpswv.org

A special thank you to all of the guest readers that read a Dr. Seuss book to the Kindergarten students this week!
Meetings at the Angelus Center:

March 10th—5th and 6th grade from 6:00pm until 7:30pm
March 24th—7th and 8th grade from 6:00pm until 7:30pm
March 31st—High School 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Our PSR students prepared for Lent in various ways last weekend. The older students created Lenten challenge jars, which contain slips of paper with various Lenten activities that they can do each day during Lent. Our young ones learned about ashes by seeing how they’re made from last year’s palm branches! PSR parents are invited to stick around on Sundays during Lent for a faith sharing group based on the daily reflection booklets that the parish distributed on Ash Wednesday. For more information, contact Nick at nmayrand@dwc.org.

Lenten Prayer Seminar
Join folks from parishes in the Wheeling area for a seminar on prayer this Lent! The seminar will meet 5 consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning March 13 at Corpus Christi Parish in Warwood from 6:00-7:30pm. The seminar is an in-person adaptation of a University of Dayton online seminar that explores the qualities, forms, and expressions of prayer that help form and sustain our lives as Catholics. The seminar is open to anyone! Participants will be asked to read a selection on prayer throughout their week and then gather each Wednesday for discussions, which will be facilitated by Shirley Carter. Course fee is $25 which includes the book. Contact Nick Mayrand at nmayrand@dwc.org to register or receive additional information!

DWC Women’s Retreat: Biblical Women in Conversation
Women of the diocese are invited to gather in Charleston the weekend of March 15-17 for a retreat that will focus on the women of the Bible. Nicki Verploegen, PhD, will lead this retreat, drawing on her many years of experience giving retreats around the world and teaching in various programs in the US. For more information and for online registration, visit dwc.org/2019-womens-retreat. Questions and phone registrations can be directed to Gerri Wright at 304.552.3662. Registration will close on March 8th, space is limited, so register soon to ensure your spot!

DWC Married Couples Retreat
The diocese is offering a new retreat for married couples this year. Join us on the beautiful grounds of Mary Help of Christians Pastoral Center in Huttonsville, WV for “Abide in Me!” on March 29-31. Fee is $150, which includes 2 nights stay, meals, socials, activities, and all retreat materials. For more information, contact Chris Bayardi, Formation Associate for Marriage and Family Life Ministries, at cbayardi@dwc.org

PAST AND FUTURE

There is no saint without a past, and no sinner without a future. —Anonymous

MARCH 14, 2019
Taizé Prayer
Mt. St. Joseph Chapel at 7pm

Taizé prayer is marked by its simplicity, repetition, and silence. The chapel, adorned in candlelight and icons of the saints, is a welcoming environment for this meditative prayer. The service is about 50 minutes long and uses music, scripture and silence as its major elements. Our St. Michael Parish Music Ministry will lead the music. If you have never experienced Taizé prayer, you should come and check it out!!
St. Michael Parish School presents

TRIVIA NIGHT

When: Saturday, March 23rd, 6-10 PM
Where: St. Michael Parish Angelus Center
Who: 21 years old and over
Cost: $20.00 (before 3/19) / $25.00 (at door) per trivia guest

Mr. Ryan Wolf will be our emcee for the evening. Create a team of 6 to 8 of your smartest or most fun friends that are ready to exercise their brain power or funny bones!

Participants are invited to choose a theme for their table and to dress accordingly, bring tailgate-style snacks, and beverages to share with their team. A prize will be awarded to the best-themed table! (Themes and costumes are not a requirement to participate.)

Childcare will be available from 5:45 - 10 PM in Mrs. Heather’s PK 4 classroom. Cost is $15.00 for the first child, $12.00 for each additional child.

Pre-register @ kathleen@stmknesparish.org (Kids must be pre-registered by 3/19.) Children are to stay in childcare; they are not allowed at Trivia Night.

The evening will include unique door prizes and a 50/50 raffle!

Price includes snacks, soda, & draft beer.

Join us for a night of facts, food, and fun!

For questions and reservations please contact Kathleen Dieffenbaugher @ 304.242.1560 ext.9 or kathleen@stmknesparish.org or Shandi Nodurft @ 304.242.3966 ext. 4 or mrsnodurft@smpswv.org.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life’s journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three “pillars” of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death’s darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life’s journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

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THE DIFFERENCE

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won’t.

—Henry Ward Beecher
St. Michael Exceeds CSA Goal at 123%

The 2018 Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) culminated with a record of more than $3.3 million raised by 5,287 donors at parishes of the diocese. The overwhelming success of the appeal, said Krissie Benson, director of Stewardship and Development for the diocese, is attributed to so many. “Primarily, to the parish priests for talking with parishioners about the needs of the local community; and through supporting those needs, parishioners are also joining together and helping to meet the needs of the greater church across West Virginia,” she said. “It is an appeal that at first glance is a diocesan campaign, but looking deeper is truly an appeal that enhances parish life. I feel blessed to witness the people of the diocese working together to achieve their parish goals, thereby, achieving the diocesan goal. “In a special way,” Benson continued, “I would like to thank the parishioners for their generosity to their parish and the diocese through the Catholic Sharing Appeal. And to the pastors, parish secretaries, and CSA volunteers — thank you so much for your dedication, hard work and support of the Catholic Sharing Appeal. We appreciate each and every one of you!” The 2018 CSA surpassed its goal by more than $1.3 million, and shattered last year’s record $2.5 million raised.

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
- 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
- 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
- PVT Jacob Ulevich, US Army

God Bless Our Military!

Pro Life Corner

Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

Last week, the Senate was unable to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, a bill that would provide desperately needed protections for babies who survive an abortion attempt. The legislation needed 60 votes to pass, and it failed by a vote of 53 in favor and 44 against. Only three Democratic senators voted for it, Doug Jones (AL), Joe Manchin (WV), and Bob Casey Jr. (PA), the remaining 44 voted against the bill. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Tim Scott (R-S.C.), and Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.) did not vote on the bill.

“Most people believe that terminating a life after a helpless baby has taken her first breath is inhumane and must never become acceptable law in our land,” said Heritage Foundation President Kay Coles James in a statement ahead of the vote. “Opposition to the bill that argues the mantle of ‘women’s rights’ is deeply flawed because the bill applies to children who are already born and outside their mothers’ wombs.”

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS:
Northern Panhandle Gabriel Project: (304)-639-5039
Birthright International: Helpline: (800)-550-4900
Aim Women’s Center (Steubenville, OH): (740) 283-3636
Wellspring Pregnancy Center (Moundsville, WV): (304) 810-0292
Post Abortion Support Rachel’s Vineyard: (877) HOPE 4 ME (877)-467-3463
Silent No More: (888)-735-3448