FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11, 2018

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16
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ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

Danielle Doerr - President

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:1-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday
Friday: Abstinence

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: March 3/4, 2018

4:30pm — 256 7:30am — 126
9:00am — 214 11:30am — 225
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 821

1st Collection: $9,813.00
2nd Collection (Monthly): $4,871.00
Priests’ Health & Retirement: $3,122.00
Miscellaneous: $397.00
TOTAL: $18,203.00
MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 10
7:30am   Ashley D. Jayaskera
4:30pm  People of the Parish

Sunday, March 11
7:30am   Stanley Wolen
9:00am   Michael Bellville
11:30am  Michael Witsberger

Monday, March 12
7:30am   Joseph & Mary Litvak
5:30pm   Edward J. Coyne Family

Tuesday, March 13
7:30am   Mary Jean Donley
5:30pm   Joan Burkhart

Wednesday, March 14
8:30am   Joseph & Mary Litvak
5:30pm   Steve Carter

Thursday, March 15
7:30am   Mr. & Mrs. Harry Flading
5:30pm   Randee Evans (A)

Friday, March 16
7:30am   Dorothy Schmitt

Saturday, March 17
7:30am   Bailey Dieffenbaugher
4:30pm   Deceased members of the John & Donna Clark Family

Sunday, March 18
7:30am  People of the Parish
9:00am   JoAnn Smith
11:30am Walter Zien (living)

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (March 11-17) in memory of:
William Abraham

COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God’s laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

SUNDAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].


DETACHMENT...

During the Lenten Season, we are asked to consider “Detachment” — the process of letting go of unhealthy attachments. Detachment helps us to be truly free, to choose God’s path and grow closer to Him. As a visible way of committing to detachment, we draw your attention to the large urn in the middle of the church. You are invited to write down one thing on the slips of paper that you would like to detach from during this Lenten season and place the paper in the urn. These slips of paper will be burnt in the Easter Fire which begins the Great Easter Vigil. Let us pray for each other during these 40 days.

Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday of Lent at 5:30pm in the church as we recall Jesus’s journey to Mount Calvary.

“We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you; because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”
Journey of the Chalice Schedule:

3/11: Hartzell Family
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.

FORMED.ORG
Our parish renewed its subscription to FORMED.ORG.
Parish Code: 4WPV3E
Registration is easy and free to all parishioners (and your friends). Simply type in the parish code and you will have access to a variety of Catholic resources to keep you close to our faith.

HELP NEEDED!
We have a small project in the church sacristy that needs a handyman’s assistance. Please contact Fr. Bill, 304-242-1560 ext 7, if you can help.

Have you checked out our NEW and IMPROVED online giving. If you manage your bills online, why not give to your church online? It’s safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. So if you forgot your envelope last week, you can go online and make a gift to our regular offertory.
Go to: www.stmikesparish.org; click on VIEW DONOR PORTAL to get setup.

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

**March 12-16 Weekday 7:30am Altar Server:
Elizabeth Wolf & Liam White

Saturday, March 17, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Joe Bourgo
Lector: Danielle Agcaoili
Altar Servers: Paige Wurtzbacher; Jack Adams; Laken & Ryan Costanzo
EMOHCS: Joe Bourgo; Lucille Otte; Donna Clark

Sunday, March 18, 7:30am
Sacristan: Mike Rempe
Lector: Shauna Hershberger
Altar Servers: Nathan Stryker; Alex Tarr
EMOHCS: Peek Gutman; Joe Roxby; Bob Fanning

Sunday, March 18, 9:00am
Sacristan: Maureen McNabb
Lector: Meredith Dailer
Altar Servers: Karli Yocum; Dominic, Jimmy & John Brogan
EMOHCS: Maureen McNabb; Marty Medovic; Issac Smith

Sunday, March 18, 11:30am
Sacristan: Edie Fuller
Lector: Bob Miller
Altar Servers: Emma & Joseph Nodurft; Jaelyn Vunderink; Parker Jasko
EMOHCS: Edie Fuller; Lynne Petchar; Shandi Nodurft
**PSR Updates**

Parents of PSR students in our K/1, 2, and 3/4 sections are reminded that the pick-up process has been modified to make things a bit safer for our younger students. At 11:15am, parents are invited to proceed directly to their students’ classrooms to pick them up from their teachers. The regular practice of meeting in the cafeteria at 10:15am to begin PSR remains the same. Thank you!

**St. Michael Parish Lenten Schedule**

**Daily Mass Schedule**
*(beginning week of Feb. 18):*  
*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*
*Living Stations (A Walk with Christ) on Sunday, March 25 from 5-7pm at the Angelus Center*

**FORMED.ORG**
Go to FORMED.ORG; enter parish code: 4WPV3E. Check out the Catholic Resources

**March 20 @ 7pm at St. Michael Church**

This communal Penance Service is organized by St. Michael and St. Vincent de Paul parishes; however, ALL are welcome to attend.  
“Let us call upon God’s mercy and forgiveness”
During the Lenten Season, up to Palm Sunday, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting canned food goods for the 18th Street Neighborhood Center. Large blue bins are located in the back of church with signs that read “40 Cans for Lent.” Please drop off your donations at any time and a Knight will collect them. *Thank you and have a great Lenten Season.*

Pictures from the Marriage Preparation Workshop held at the Angelus Center on February 24.

Let us pray for these couples over the next months as they begin a new chapter in their lives — together as husband and wife.

Thanks to all who participated and all who volunteered to lead the sessions or provide food.

*Find us on Facebook*  
Want the inside scoop on events — check us out on Facebook! The bulletin is uploaded and linked on Facebook each Friday by 12noon so you can have a sneak peek before the weekend!

*Rummage Sale*  
Our parish rummage sale will be held on Saturday, June 2. Mark your calendars now and start saving your stuff!
WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

**POPE-POURRI** Who was the first pope to broadcast on radio?

A. Benedict XV  
B. Leo XIII  
C. Pius XI  
D. Pius XII

_Last week’s answer: Not surprisingly, Charleston Catholic defeated the Wheeling Central Marooned Knights in their last three years of WV Catholic Basketball Tournament action, finally derailing the “Knight Train” into obscurity in 1969._

The views and opinions expressed by the “Heavenly” Millionaire do not necessarily represent those of the Parish Office staff. _Let’s Go Knights!_

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**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

**Manchester, NH:** A woman had been told by a doctor that her pregnancy could create serious long-term health problems for her, and her child could face significant physical and mental challenges, therefore, abortion was the only “choice” she was offered. The sidewalk counselor told her where she could obtain a second opinion … and where to seek help at the local pregnancy center. She decided to keep her baby, and to seek support and help. **PLEASE PRAY FOR HER & HER BABY.**

**Participate:** St. Michael’s Pro Life group is going to pray in Pittsburgh on SAT. MARCH 24. We will leave at 8:30 am from the parish parking lot, returning at about 1 pm. Call Kim (304) 639-3533 to join us.

*There are also other empty time slots that still need to be filled: you can join others or you can sign up to fast. SEE: 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com

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**IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS**

_Pregnant & Need Help:_
- 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
- Rachel’s Vineyard: 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)
- Silent No More: 888-735-3448

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**Spiritual Adoption Update for the 7th Month**

Thank you for praying for me. I am 7 months old now. I am growing every day. I’m between 14 and 17 inches long and weigh about 4 1/2 pounds. I move around a lot but it’s getting crowded in here! Sometimes I even get the hiccups!

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**Please pray for these men and women serving our country in the military, and for their families:**
- Petty Officer First Class Eric J Aub, 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 Nodurtoft, 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!
Did you know?

In November and December we collected 1075 pairs of shoes for 3rd world countries

This year’s fish fry menu offers fish tacos, tater tots, and clam chowder

That TK traveled “around the world” at Christmas and is now traveling across the United States!

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL IS HOLDING AN ALL-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE!

St. Michael Parish School will hold an all-school open house on Sunday, March 11th following the 11:30 Mustang Mass. Teachers and staff will be available to meet and greet anyone interested in being a part of the SMPS family for the 2018-2019 school year. Reservations are not required but appreciated. If you have any question or if you have a family you know of that would appreciate a personal invitation please contact Shandi Nodurft @ 304.242.3966 ext. 4

A special thank you to Lucille Otte for her generous donation to St. Michael Parish School in memory of Eleanor Jane Bishop Sneddon Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her, O Lord.

The Scholastic Book Fair Grand-person Luncheon on Sunday was so nice! Thank you to all of the grands that came to share lunch with their loved ones and took them shopping at the Book Fair!

Mrs. Kovalski would like to thank all of the parent volunteers who made this fair so paws-down, purr-fect! Also, a very special thank you to Mrs. Carter and the Book Fair committee for making this years Book Fair so fun!
State Knights of Columbus
Free-Throw Competition
The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition took place on Sunday, March 4th. Eighth grade student, Nathan Stryker took home first place in his respective age group. Congratulations Nathan!

Diocesan Science Fair
Congratulations to our 6th and 8th grade students who participated in the Diocesan Science Fair at Central Catholic on Friday, March 2nd. Special recognition to 6th graders Joey Barki coming in 3rd place and Isaac Schmitt coming in 2nd place. Noah Blair won 3rd place and John Emmerth won 2nd place respectfully representing the 8th grade! Way to go to all of our students that participated in the Diocesan Science Fair!

Our SMPS Cheerleaders put on an amazing performance at this weekend’s cheerleading showcase held at Central Catholic! Way to represent, Go Mustangs!

SMPS Cheerleader Showcase

March
March 11th: All-School Open House, following 11:30 Mustang Mass
March 16th: St. Patrick’s Day dress-down, Fish Fry 4-7, Stations of the Cross at 2:15 & 5:30
March 21st: STAR Assembly after Mass
March 23rd: Fish Fry 4-7, Stations of the Cross at 2:15 & 5:30, Spring Break dress-down
Spring Break: No school 3/26-4/3
April 4th: Return to school
April 5th: Box Top Shopping

Trivia Night 2018
Trivia Night was another great success. We had 24 tables filled with contestants. A special thank you to our emcee Fr. Bill, our judges Lou Volpe, Ryan Wolf, Jamie Kovalski, EJ Nodurft, and Katie Place, our runner Cindy Barone and all who came to support our event! It was a fun time! A special thank you to Mr. M the 50/50 winner. He gave back a large portion of his winnings to the school!

First Place:
Delusions of Competency

Second Place:
Just For Fun

Third Place:
The Emojis

A special thank you to this week's hot lunch volunteers:
Jen Decker, Terry Murphy, Stacie Palmer, Janet Gordon, Janet Kelly, Jennie Adams, Larry Teufel, Jim Kelly and McKenzie Keane!
Funeral Luncheon Help Needed!

St. Michael Parish offers a funeral luncheon for the family members of our deceased parishioners that have a funeral mass at our church. This is a lovely ministry for families at a time when they may need some extra help and support. Currently we have (3) teams of women that are “on-call” throughout the year to organize a funeral luncheon as needed. These teams of women are inviting any parishioner (man or woman!) who may be interested in helping out with our luncheons. Help is needed in the form of workers (you assist with set-up, serving and clean-up of the meal) and bakers (you provide baked goods for the day of the lunch).

If you are interested in being on the list of volunteers, please contact Suzanne Nelson (304-242-8462) or Sandy Pell (304-281-9459).

In honor of the upcoming celebration of St. Patrick’s Day...

Aunt Alice’s Soda Bread

1/2 teasp. baking soda
3 cups flour
2/3 cup sugar
2 teasp. baking powder
1/4 teasp. salt

Sift all dry ingredients together.

1/2 stick softened real butter
2 eggs beaten
1/2 cup milk
1 cup sour cream

Work the butter into dry ingredients. Add eggs, milk and sour cream until well blended. Add 1 cup raisins (if desired). Batter will be stiff.


Courtesy of Kathy Burgoyne
DAY OF KINSHIP
The Sisters of St. Joseph, along with Catholic Charities and St. Francis Xavier Parish, are sponsoring a “Day of Kinship and Caring for Creation” on March 17 at Mount St. Joseph.

Speakers (including one of our own parishioners, Nick Mayrand) will focus on *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment and human ecology. They will address topics such as sustainability, energy choices, food security, the role of the family and the millennial response.

This free event begins at 9:30am and includes lunch – but space is limited! To register, call: 304-845-1593 or go online: [https://catholiccharitieswv.salsalabs.org/creationkinship](https://catholiccharitieswv.salsalabs.org/creationkinship)
Lenten Vespers: The Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling, will hold Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours) each Sunday during Lent (including Palm Sunday) at 6:00 p.m.

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). Deadline is March 30.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT:
To report an incident 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.

Our Lady of Seven Dolors Bus Trip:
Our Lady of Seven Dolors Altar Society in Triadelphia is planning a bus trip to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, St James Church in Charles Town, WV on May 15 and 16, 2018. We will be accompanied by Monsignor Paul Hudock as our Spiritual Director.

Cost is $170.00 per person. This includes dinner and breakfast, and one overnight stay at the Priestfield Pastoral Center.

Reservations are necessary and must be made by March 15th, 2018. To reserve your spot, please call Vera Powell at 304.242.1134.

Service Opportunities for Confirmation Candidates

FISH FRY
~ Students can volunteer for the Fish Fry every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday.)
~ Will have (2) shifts of student workers each Fish Fry: 3:30-5:30pm and 5:30-7:30pm.
~ Students are REQUIRED to sign up in advance with Mrs. Dieffenbaugher (304-242-1560 ext. 9 OR kathleen@stmikesparish.org.) WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT STUDENTS THAT SHOW UP TO WORK WITHOUT SIGNING UP IN ADVANCE!

CHURCH CLEANING
~ We will be cleaning the church prior to Easter on Saturday, March 24th at 12:00 noon.
~ Please let Mrs. Dieffenbaugher know in advance if you will be there to help. (304-242-1560 ext. 9 OR kathleen@stmikesparish.org.)

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS
~ Mrs. Imer and the Youth Group will be facilitating Living Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 25th in the Angelus Center.
~ Students are needed to assist from 5:00-7:00pm.
~ Please contact Mrs. Imer (304-280-0853) if you are able to help.

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IMPORTANT DAYS AND KNIGHTS
Mark Your Calendars for the Following Important CCHS Dates:
*The CCHS Key Club is collecting coins for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America. If you have a student at CCHS, please consider sending some spare change for this most worthwhile cause.

*Don't forget the CCHS Reverse Raffle on Thursday, March 22 at the White Palace. Tickets are on sale now!

*If you're interested in a CCHS Girls Downstate t-shirt, orders are now being taken. Contact the office for an order form or call Shirts-n-More! Go Lady Knights!

*We are scheduling students now for shadowing at CCHS. If you have a prospective student and would like to schedule a Shadow Day, please call the school at 304-233-1660 and speak with John Yelenic.
Thank you for advertising in our church bulletin. I am patronizing your business because of it!