Second Sunday of Lent

The Lord God said to Abram, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so shall your descendants be.”

Genesis 15:5
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; St. Patrick’s Day
Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Tuesday: St. Joseph
Wednesday: Spring begins; Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sundown
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

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.

Collection & Attendance Data: March 9/10, 2019

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TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 731

1st Collection: $9,835.78
2nd Collection: $2,427.25
Ash Wednesday $2,996.03
Black/Indian Mission $1,599.00
Church and Central & Eastern Europe $483.00
Miscellaneous: $610.00
Online: $576.50

TOTAL: $15,048.53
Our Weekly Mass Schedule

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

Monday, March 18th
7:30am   Elizabeth Franzheim
5:30pm   Randee Evans

Tuesday, March 19th
7:30am   Clifford M. Lewis S.J.
5:30pm   Thomas L. Halverson

Wednesday, March 20th
8:30am   Jane Sneddon
5:30pm   Helen McGrath

Thursday, March 21st
7:30am   Thomas Knorr (A)
5:30pm   Fond Meade

Friday, March 22nd
7:30am   Rick Shoda

Saturday, March 23rd
7:30am   Eden Murray
4:30pm   James T. Greene

Sunday, March 24th
7:30am   Doris Northcraft
9:00am   Angela Phillips
11:30am People of the Parish

- Signifies person is deceased

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (March 17th—23rd 2019) in memory of

Thelma C. McCulloch

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 received a memorial contribution from

Anna “Doris” Northcraft

May Doris rest in peace oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

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

Second Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2019 — The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? — Psalm 27:1

St. Michael Parish

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

*Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mike’s webpage. **Weekday 7:30, March 18th through March 22nd, 2019 Altar Servers: Owen and Grady Mullin

Saturday, March 23, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Karen Kelly
Lectors: Danielle Agcaoili and AJ Bucon
Altar Servers: The Blatt Family
EMOHCS: Karen and Jim Kelly, Charlene Kirkpatrick, Lucille Otte, Marianne Blair

Sunday, March 24, 7:30am
Sacristan: Kathy Ulevich
Lectors: Nathan Stryker and Amanda Castle
Altar Servers: Grady and Owen Mullin
EMOHCS: Kathy Ulevich, Carrie Beckett, Tony Miesel, Mary Kay Wensyel, Jim Swaton

Sunday, March 24, 9:00am
Sacristan: Adriana Wolf
Lectors: Elizabeth Wolf and Rob Krall
Altar Servers: Luca Benson, Adam Wolf, Grant McCabe, Jack Adams
EMOHCS: Adriana Wolf, Mollie Tolbert, Cameron McCabe, Isaac Smith, April Stolfer

Sunday, March 24, 11:30am
Sacristan: Kristy Riedel
Lectors: Bob Miller and Tom Conti
Altar Servers: Kelly and Abie Riedel, Emma and Joseph Nodurft
EMOHCS: Kristy and Madie Riedel, Shandi Nodurft, John Moore, Adrienne Michaud

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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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**Priests Health and Retirement Association**

At all Masses next weekend, a special collection will be taken for the Priests Health and Retirement Association, a trust fund set up to support the health care needs and retirement costs of retired Diocesan priests. Your support of this collection will be added to PHRA investments to provide long-term security and growth for this very important fund. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you!

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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.

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As you may recall, last year we launched the Building On Our Legacy campaign for the proposed renovation to our church. After a series of meetings and a parish wide Town Hall meeting, the decision was made to postpone the renovations.

In the final analysis, our parishioners were in agreement with some elements of the renovation. In particular, the need to remove the carpet and take out the flooring levels in the sanctuary were perceived as necessary projects. However, our parishioners were averse to taking out a loan and assuming a significant debt. Many people voiced the opinion that we should raise the money prior to starting the project. After reflecting on the voices heard, and consulting with Archbishop Lori, Monsignor Peterson made the decision to defer the campaign and project.

Prior to pausing the campaign, we had received $37,335 in contributions and $32,520 in pledges. Each donor was contacted and offered several options; transfer the money to a Renovation CD, add the donation to the general operating account, apply the donation to the school subsidy or to have the contribution returned to the donor. Those who had made a pledge were asked to please honor that pledge in the future.

We opened the Renovation CD and currently have a balance of $37,230. Moving forward, we will continue to ask for support of the future renovation. The 2019 church envelope schedule has been adjusted and a new envelope has replaced the Buildings and Grounds envelope. The new envelope, which is bright yellow, is marked Church Building Fund. All of your donations to the fund will be transferred to the CD and will be used for repair, restoration and renewal.

At this time in the life of our Parish, let us continue to take care of what we have and in a spirit of cooperation, plan for our future.

—Wendy Hinerman
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 are 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!

St. Joseph Retreat Center

Renew Yourself with Drumming: With Rhythm Comes Balance; with Balance Comes Peace

Scientists are now finding measurable positive immune system changes following one-hour group drumming sessions. Learn the art of drumming to help release tension and anxiety, exercise the body, and communicate with a power beyond words. No musical experience necessary. Jennifer Hezoucky, facilitator
Date: Monday, March 25
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Location: St. Joseph Retreat Center
Cost: $10.00 per session

Knitting Circle ---- March 19 until March 26
Join us for a six-week knitting project to create simple hats and scarves to donate to local charities that provide assistance to the homeless in our community. Yarn, needles, and patterns will be provided.
Sara Blizzard, facilitator
Date: Tuesdays
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Location: St. Joseph Retreat Center
Cost: free will donation

Awareness Through Movement ®
Awareness Through Movement® is a group format for experiencing lessons of the Feldenkrais Method of Somatic Education. Participants are encouraged to enjoy novel movements of moving slowly with awareness to improve movement, increase flexibility and range of motion, while learning to integrate easier movement into everyday activities. Beth Andes, facilitator
Date: Friday, March 15, 22, 29, April 5
Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Location: St. Joseph Retreat Center
Cost: $10.00 per session
For information about this program or to register for any of the classes, please contact Beth at: 304.280.3776.

Dream Work as a Spiritual Practice
Dreams, those “night messages” from the Soul, bring insight and meaning to everyday life and illuminate our path ahead. One of the most effective ways to establish a dialogue with these mysterious communications is to participate in a dream group. This gathering, led by a trained dream group facilitator, provides a safe, confidential, and sacred space to share dreams and explore their meaning. If you are interested in attending, call 304-232-8160, ext. 112, for further information and a brief interview. Sr. Helen Skormisley, CSJ, and Sr. Kathleen Durkin, CSJ, facilitators
Date: Wednesday, March 20
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: St. Joseph Retreat Center
Cost: $15.00 per session

RSVP TO Anna Marie Troiani
304-232-8160 x112—See you there!
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 Diner .......................$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

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!

“Thank you for your support! All proceeds from the fish fry go to the Parish School” says Mr. Freaky Fish (pictured below)

St. Michael Parish
Annual Lenten Fish Fry

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!

St. Michael Rummage Sale at the Angelus Center

Date—Friday, June 7th, 5pm until 8pm
Saturday, June 8th, 8am until noon

St. Michael will be accepting donations for our rummage sale Sunday, June 2nd from 8am until 1pm and Monday thru Thursday June 6th at 5pm until 8pm at the Angelus Center. Please donate only items that are clean and in working condition. We are not accepting any clothing, shoes, tube TVs or books. We have pick up available as well!

We also need volunteers to work the sale on both Friday and Saturday. If you are interested in being a part of this great fundraiser for Catholic Charities in Wheeling, need a pick up or have any questions, please contact Cathy Northcraft at 304.242.4280 or email her at qnorth@aol.com. Thank you!
Our Sarris Variety Box Candy Bar Fundraiser began on 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.

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the 2019 Ohio County Math Field Day. Our students represented us well. A special congratulations to Luke Tiu (6th Grade) for being named the first alternate and Liam Shinn (5th Grade) for placing 4th in the county and moving on to the Regional Math Field Day Competition on April 6th. Good luck Liam, we know you will make SMPS proud!

Not only did our current students represent us well, many of our alumni competed in Math Field Day and took home several awards. Congratulations and good luck to all the SMPS alumni in Math Field Day.
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 Nodurf @ mrsnodurf@smpswv.org

Special Thank You!
On behalf of the students and staff of St. Michael Parish School, we wish to extend our deepest gratitude to CCHS Boosters for their generous donation of $500 towards our MONEY WALL. All proceeds go to school safety! Many of us at SMPS look forward to spending a fun evening supporting CCHS at your annual Reverse Raffle on Thursday, March 21st!

Also, thank you to Panhandle Cleaning & Restoration for the 10 plus cases of water they donated to the fish fry as well as all of the other parishioners and friends that have donated soda and water. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Our 8th grade students are going above and beyond for others. They recently interviewed residents at Elmhurst and created a coat of arms based on these discussions.

The residents appreciate not only the coat of arms, but also the chance to talk with and tell stories to our students.

Important Dates For The 2018-2019 School Year

- March 11th-29th: Sarris Candy Sale
- March 23rd: Trivia Night
- April 15th -April 22nd: Easter Break
Meetings at the Angelus Center:

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

Last week was a busy week in PSR! Our youngest students learned how to pray the Rosary and crafted their own rosaries. Our oldest students gathered for their usual class in the morning and then reconvened later in the day for a group service project, assisting with a basketball tournament for adults with disabilities. And, finally, a group of PSR parents gathered for the first of our Lenten faith sharing sessions while their students were in their classes.

For more information about PSR, 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 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

Save the Date!!
April 7 & 8, 2019

John Angotti will offer two different evening presentations featuring music & prayer on April 7th and 8th at St. Michael Church at 6:30pm.

These events are free and open to all; however, a freewill offering is encouraged.

Bring your friends and family, all are welcome!

Knights of Columbus
40 Cans for Lent Food Drive
Can & pantry items accepted now in the Narthex.

Have you experienced divorce and would like to know more about the annulment process? Are you divorced and remarried outside the Catholic Church? Would you like to know how to make your marriage valid in the Church so you can receive the Sacraments again? Please contact Fr. Smay: 304-242-1560, x5 or msmay@stmikesparish.org about the annulment process.

Unfortunately, a lot of people have erroneous ideas about the process. It is doable and Father Smay will help you throughout the process.
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@stmikesparish.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@stmikesparish.org or Shandi Nodurft @ 304.242.3966 ext. 4 or mrsnodurft@smpswv.org.

The Pastoral Council invites you to join us for a Sunday Social on Sunday, April 7th following the 9:00am Mass in the school cafeteria. Walk over after Mass for coffee, donuts and fellowship!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to “give something up” for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway. What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ’s embrace of us in love: “What are you taking on for Easter?” —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.
Pro Life Corner

“While I was at Planned Parenthood last week, I offered life-affirming resources to five abortion-bound couples. But sadly, all five refused and walked through those doors anyway. For each of the five, I knelt and said a prayer for that little one. I laid a tiny cross on the sidewalk for each. As I looked at the pitiful sight of those tiny crosses, it occurred to me that each one represented a PERSON who had NO ONE to pray for them! No one except me, that is. If I hadn’t been there, they truly would have been all alone. Abandoned.” (Nikki Bruni, 40 Days for Life/Pittsburgh.)

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life effort that consists of:

- 40 days of prayer and fasting (2 campaigns a year)
- 40 days of peaceful vigil held from 7am – 7pm in front of Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh
- 40 days of community outreach

ST. MICHAEL IS MAKING TWO TRIPS TO PRAY & COUNSEL IN FRONT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD ABORTUARY IN PITTSBURGH DURING THIS 40 DAYS FOR LIFE:

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 & SATURDAY, APRIL 6
We will leave after 7:30am Mass & return after 1pm.
PLEASE JOIN US!
CALL KIM: 304 639-3533

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

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
- Captain 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
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