When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

~ Mark 15:39
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WEEKLY READINGS

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 51, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,
12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-15, 18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or
Is 12:2-3, 4bed; 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Mk 16:1-7
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9
or Mk 16:1-7

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday: Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
Thursday: Holy Thursday;
The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord
(Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence;
Passover begins
Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night;
Holy Saturday

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 17/18, 2018

Due to an early bulletin deadline, attendance and collection data
were not available at press time.
We will publish this information in a future bulletin.
MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday, March 24
7:30am  ✝Katrine Rempe
4:30pm  ✝Steve Rovnak

Sunday, March 25
7:30am  ✝Millie Mulhern
9:00am  People of the Parish
11:30am ✝Luke Zien

Monday, March 26
7:30am  ✝Kathy Fortunato
5:30pm  ✝Patricia McGinley

Tuesday, March 27
7:30am  ✝Ray and Connie Johnson
5:30pm  NO MASS
(Chrism Mass celebrated @ 4pm, Cathedral)

Wednesday, March 28
8:30am  ✝Joan Naum
5:30pm  ✝Joanne Ferda
8:00pm  Tenebrae

Thursday, March 29
7:00pm  People of the Parish
(Adoration after Mass till midnight)

Friday, March 30
3:00pm  Stations of the Cross
7:00pm  Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, March 31
8:00pm  St. Michael Parish RCIA

Sunday, April 1
7:30am  ✝Deceased Members of St. Michael Parish
9:00am  ✝Commemorative Mass Association
11:30am People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (March 25-31) in memory of:
Steve Carter

Good Friday
March 30
3:00pm

Individual confessions will be celebrated in the church on Tuesday, March 27, 5:30-7:30PM.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
For many centuries, Christian pilgrims have longed to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and on Passion Sunday the eyes of the world are on the Via Dolorosa, the “Road of Sorrows,” in Jerusalem. As soon as it became safe for Christians to worship in public in the fourth century, a way was marked out. It was changed a few times over the years, and today’s usual route was sketched by the Franciscans six hundred years ago, although Anglicans and Byzantines have their own unique detours. Friday is the most favored day, although it is crowded then. Almost everyone begins at the Lion’s Gate in the Muslim Quarter, and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It’s less than a quarter mile, but it threads its way through crowded markets with souvenir shops and fast-food snacks. There are, just as in your parish church, fourteen stations along the way. The exact spots are not known, but what matters is the pilgrim’s unique ability to see even an ordinary road in a teeming city as something more than meets the eye.
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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.
LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

This bulletin is going to press well in advance of Palm Sunday; thus, the liturgical minister schedule for Holy Week and Easter is still being finalized and will be emailed out to the respective ministers.

Our parish is so grateful for all of our liturgical ministers who share their stewardship of time and talent to assist at our liturgical celebrations.

FORMED.ORG

Our parish renewed its subscription to FORMED.ORG.
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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.
Our young people in our Parish School of Religion (PSR) have been engaging in their Lenten journeys in a variety of ways over the past few weeks. For example, our dynamic duo of Isaac Smith and Brett DiPuma helped their fifth grade students learn about the value of experiencing the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent, and Fr. Bill stopped over to hear their Confessions this Sunday. Meagan Kirchner, the fearless leader of our youngest PSR group, taught her students about the practice of giving something up for Lent and helped them work with their parents to begin participating in this Lenten practice.

PSR families are reminded that PSR does not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. We resume the following Sunday, April 8th. Please contact Nick Mayrand at nmayrand@dwc.org with your PSR related questions!
Our parish rummage sale will be held on Saturday, June 2.

Mark your calendars now and start saving your stuff!

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!

Updates from the Parish Pastoral Council

It is an exciting time to be a part of St. Michael Parish. Our council wants to “Thank you” one more time for completing the parish survey. Based on these survey results, the town hall meeting and the hard work of the dedicated parish staff, the following wonderful opportunities are now a reality. Our church continues to grow as a result.

*Even stronger connection with Catholic Charities of West Virginia
*Adult Faith Formation – Mission of Christ
*Adult Faith Formation – Discovering Christ (Coming fall 2018)
*Mariage Prep Retreat and Outreach
*Parish Lenten Mission
*New and Improved church bulletins
*Newly trained altar servers
*Stay tuned . . .

Wishing you God’s Blessings Always,
The Parish Pastoral Council

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD: On Sunday, April 15, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration for the Priesthood in Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be offered at St. Vincent de Paul Parish at 2244 Marshall Ave, Wheeling. Msgr. Paul Hudock will be preaching during the Holy Hour on the “Gift of the Priesthood.” The purpose of the event is to petition our God to call men to serve as priests to our local Church and to foster a love of the priesthood among the people. After the Holy Hour there will be refreshments in our St. Vincent de Paul Parish Marist Centre and a “Ask Father” panel discussion with the priests who are present. This event is for all the faithful (men and women, young and old) and is open to all the parishes of the Wheeling Vicariate. For more information contact St. Vincent de Paul Parish Office at (304) 242 0406 or the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Office of Vocations at (304) 233-0880 ext. 442.

Adoration on Holy Thursday will occur after the 7pm Mass until Midnight. Please make time to watch and pray with our Lord.
WHO WANTS TO BE A “HEAVENLY” MILLIONAIRE?

AMERICAN CATHOLICISM In what southern city was the first Mass in the United States celebrated?
A. Charleston, South Carolina
B. Saint Augustine, Florida
C. Savannah, Georgia
D. Wilmington, North Carolina

Last week’s answer: The Elect undergo preparation rites in the middle of Lent known as Scrutinies

Holy Thursday & the Ringing of the Bells
We invite all who plan to attend the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday (March 29) to bring bells from home of various shapes and sizes. As you know, the church bells located in the tower and the bells within the church are to ring out during the Gloria on Holy Thursday and then are silenced until the Gloria on Holy Saturday. So we invite you to highlight the Gloria on this special night by ringing your bells during this great hymn of praise which we have ‘abstained’ from during the season of Lent.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Oregon: The first U.S. state that legalized doctors killing sick patients has now passed a bill that critics say will allow healthcare givers to starve to death mentally ill patients. Under the old advanced directive, caretakers may not decide to starve a mentally impaired patient to death unless that caretaker has been given decision-making authority by the patient before becoming mentally impaired (with four rare exceptions). HB-4135 reverses that provision, allowing a mentally impaired patient to be starved to death — even against his or her will — unless the patient has made a contrary advanced directive. The bill passed both Oregon House and Senate awaits for Governor Kate Brown’s signature. PLEASE FAST AND PRAY.

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 filled, you can join others, or you can sign up to fast.
SEE: 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com

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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
- 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 Nodurft, 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 Tiller, 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?

...SMPS took the top three places in the regional K of C essay writing contest. 1st Place: Erin Brogan, 2nd Place: Nathan Stryker, 3rd Place: Elizabeth Wolf?

...Our middle school music students are learning to improvise and will soon learn to compose?

...5th grade is using Interactive Notebooks in Science?

...5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders have one-to-one Chromebooks?

...1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades all have Chromebook workstations?

...Kindergarten has one-to-one iPads?

Calling All SMPS Alumni!
We would love to hear from you about your years spent at St. Michael Parish School!

- Do you have a favorite memory of your years at SMPS?
- Do you have a funny story?
- Do you have a memorable teacher or principal you would like to give a shout-out to or thank?
- Share your achievements or stories of where are you now!

Please submit information to Shandi Nodurft: mrsnodurft@smpswv.org

Mrs. Dee Dean, our preschool aide since 2013 and currently our Expanded Day Coordinator, completed her years of service with SMPS on Friday. She has taken a new job. Dee will be working with the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in the Department of Stewardship as a Data Entry Specialist. We know we will continue to see Mrs. Dean as an active part of our SMPS family during the fish fry and the summer festival!
March

March 28th: Tenabreae 8:00 PM
March 29th: Holy Thursday
Mass 7:00 PM
March 30th: Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM
and Veneration of the Cross 7:00 PM
March 31st: Easter Vigil 8:00 PM
April 1st: Easter Sunday
Spring Break: No school 3/26-4/3

April

April 4th: Return to school
April 5th: Box Top Shopping
April 16-20th: Terra Nova Testing
April 24th: Confirmation
April 27th & 28th: CM/CW Clothing Sale

May

May 1st: Amazing Raise!
May 5th: 8th grade car wash fundraiser
May 9th: State of the School 7:45 AM (light
breakfast)
May 11th: 8th grade retreat
May 15th: PK 3 program 9 Am & 1:00 PM
May 16th: PK 4 program 9 AM & 1:00 PM
May 17th: TK program 9:00 AM
May 17th & 18th: 8th grade class trip
May 18th: Kindergarten graduation
May 24th: School Picnic Wheeling Park Ice
Rink

Our Awesome
Art & Music
Programs!

Mrs. Thalman
does amazing
things with our
students during
their art classes.
Here are Cecilia
Robinson, Sahara
Bowman,

Zack Zende and
Kaleb Pell
working on a
collaborative
project!

Take private lessons after school provided by
music majors from West Liberty or join the
band with Mr. Wolf and get to collaborate with
Mr. White and CCHS’ music program.

A special thank you
to Quenton and
Cathy Northcraft for
their unwavering
support of
St. Michael Parish
and School. We are
so excited about the
new art gallery that will be on display in
our hallway very soon! Also, a special
thank you to all of our teachers for your
support, creativity and patience in the
creation of this beautiful gallery of
student work to show our school’s
Catholic identity and create a memory
for years to come!
**The Three Days to Save**

**What We Do from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday**

Holy Thursday brings the end to Lent. That night we begin the three days that are the center of our year. Please take a few moments to read this pamphlet. It asks: Why are these three days so important? What do they mean for you? It invites us all to make these three days different from all the days of the year.

From mid-winter to the end of springtime, the Church keeps the great Paschal Season. It has three parts:

**40** The Forty Days are not literally forty; this number evokes all the other uses of “forty” in the scriptures. These are the days of Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday. They are days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In these ways we try to become as fully as possible the baptized people we are, living by the Gospel—and so we prepare to baptize the elect.

**3** The Three Days are between the Forty and the Fifty. The Triduum (Latin for “three days”) begins Holy Thursday night and continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The climax of the Church’s whole year is in darkness between Saturday night and Sunday morning. The Church keeps vigil, baptizes the elect, and celebrates the Eucharist. The Three Days conclude on Sunday afternoon.

**50** The Fifty Days are the days of Easter season, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. They are the time of birth, marriage, festival, and feasting. They are like the wedding of earth and heaven, Christ and the Church. The early Church allowed no kneeling and no fasting and sang “alleluia” constantly.

**Scriptures We Will Hear during the Triduum**

The scriptures proclaimed during the Triduum liturgies provide rich food for reflection and prayer.

**Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper**

- Exodus 12:19–20, 21–27
- 1 Corinthians 11:17–26

- Jesus washes the feet of the disciples.

**Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion**

- Isaiah 52:13–53:12
- Hebrews 4:11–5:7, 9
- John 18:1–19:42

- The Passion of Jesus Christ.

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil**

- Genesis 1:1–2:4 (1a)
- Creation of the world.
- Genesis 22:1–18 (or 22:1–2, 9–13, 15–18)
- The sacrifice of Isaac.
- Exodus 14:22–15:1
- The crossing of the Red Sea.
- Isaiah 54:5–14
- You will not be afraid.
- Isaiah 53:7–12
- Come, come to the water.
- Rom. 3:21–25, 32—4:4
- The shining light.
- Exodus 36:16–18, 20–28
- The Lord says: I will sprinkle water.
- Romans 6:3–11
- United with him in death.
- Matthew 28:10 (Year A); Mark 16:17–17 (Year B); Luke 24:13–15 (Year C)
- Jesus has been raised up.
WE BEGIN AS HOLY THURSDAY ENDS

Thursday evening we enter into this Triduum together. After listening to the scriptures, we witness the washing of the feet. The priest-celebrant goes down on his knees with a pitcher of water, a basin, and towels. Jesus gave us this image of what the Church is supposed to look like, feel like, act like.

Next we take up a collection, but not the usual collection (which is for the Church and the poor). The liturgy makes it clear that tonight’s collection is only for the poor. So bring the money you have saved with Lenten fasting. Like the washing of feet, this is a rehearsal for Christian life. Then we celebrate the Eucharist. The evening liturgy has no ending. Whether we stay to pray awhile or leave, we are now in the quiet and peace and glory of the Triduum.

The Three Days, this Easter Triduum, is the center, the core of the year for Christians. These are days to save and to savor.

Adults in the community are invited to plan ahead so that the whole time from Thursday night until the Easter Vigil is free of social engagements, free even of work, free of entertainment, free of meals except for the simplest nourishment. We are asked to fast during Good Friday and to continue fasting, if possible, all through Holy Saturday as strictly as we can, so that we come hungry and full of excitement to the Easter Vigil. We make Good Friday and Holy Saturday free for prayer and reflection and preparation and silence. The Church is getting ready.

Whether you are young or old, currently active in the parish or not, please set these days aside. All of us should know that our presence for the liturgies is not just by invitation. We are all needed here. All of us need this whole community together on its greatest days.

On these three days, we gather a number of times with each other. Together we hear some of the Church’s most beautiful prayers and scriptures and we make some of our finest music. Please look closely at the parish schedule and make plans to take part in the various liturgies and other gatherings of Holy Thursday night, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Above all, come on Saturday night for the Vigil.

AND WE CONTINUE THROUGH GOOD FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY

We gather quietly on Friday and listen to Scripture, including the Passion from the Gospel according to John. We pray at length for all the world’s needs. Then there is another once-a-year event: The holy cross is held up in our midst and we come forward one by one to do reverence with a kiss or a bow or a genuflexion. All the while we sing, not only of sorrow but of the glory of the cross.

We continue in fasting and prayer and vigil, in rest and quiet through Saturday. This Saturday for us is like God’s rest at the end of creation. It is Christ’s repose in the tomb.

UNTIL THE NIGHT BETWEEN SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Hungry now and full of excitement, the Church gathers in the darkness and lights a new fire and a great candle that will make this night bright for us. We listen to some of the most powerful scriptures in our Bible: stories of creation, Abraham and Isaac, Moses and Miriam and the crossing of the sea, poems of promise and rejoicing, the Gospel of the Resurrection.

Then we pray to all our saints to stand with us and we go to the font and bless the waters. There the elect renounce evil, profess the faith of the Church, are baptized, and anointed. All of us renew our Baptismal promises. For us, these are the moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and give our promises to God. All of this is in the communion we call the Church. So together we go to the table and celebrate the Easter Eucharist. Easter day begins and we are ready for Fifty Days of rejoicing.

AND THEN ON EASTER SUNDAY

alleluia is our song
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.

Consider enrolling your family in the CMA: Commemorative Mass Association

The CMA is a special program which allows our parishioners and friends to remember their loved ones in a beautiful way. A total of 18 Masses will be celebrated for the repose of the souls of those inscribed in the Parish Commemorative Mass Association throughout the year of enrollment. The cost to enroll is $50. The bulletin will regularly list the names of those enrolled in the CMA.

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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Calling all bakers! We are in need of desserts for the above Spaghetti Dinner event. Please consider baking for this wonderful cause. Desserts can be dropped off at the 18th Street Catholic Neighborhood Center on Friday April 13th or Saturday April 14th. Any questions, please call Emma O’Leary 304-242-6196
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