

ST. MICHAEL PARISH

1225 National Road, Wheeling, WV 26003 www.stmikesparish.org

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West Virginia

MARCH 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday OF LENT

Jesus said,
"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if they die,
will live, and everyone who lives
and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26

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.

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PARISH COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

Pastoral Council - Leslie Kosanovic, Chairperson
Stewardship Council - Janet Boyle, Chairperson
Buildings & Grounds - Denny Wilson, Chairperson
Finance Council - Tom Galinski, Chairperson
Personnel Council - John Moore, Chairperson

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 one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263, Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Wednesday: April Fool's Day
Thursday: St. Francis of Paola
Friday: First Friday; Abstinence
Saturday: St. Isidore; First Saturday

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 29, 2020

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! — *Psalm 130:1*

If you wish to receive email from St. Michael Church, please email Cindy at secretary@stmikesparish.org.

CANDLE OF PEACE

This candle burns in spirit with everyone whose trust was betrayed by the Church that we love. We pray for the grace to forgive and to act with justice. Grant that all who have been harmed may find peace.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 28th

7:30am †Mary Podeszwa
4:30pm Victims of COVID-19

Sunday, March 29th

7:30am
9:00am People of the Parish
11:30am

Monday, March 30th

7:30am †Joey "Tuna" Allen
5:30pm †Rosamund Grubler

Tuesday, March 31st

7:30am †Katie White
5:30pm †Tom Knorr

Wednesday, April 1st

8:30am †Jo Clarke
5:30pm Our Global Community

Thursday, April 2nd

7:30am Tom & Kathy Galinsk
5:30pm †The Hagedorn-Flaherty Families

Friday, April 3rd

7:30am CMA

Saturday, April 4th

7:30am †Mary Ellen Zoeckler (A)
4:30pm †Eileen Schubert

Sunday, April 5th

7:30am †James Muroski
9:00am People of the Parish
11:30am †Dorothy Grubler

† - For the repose of souls

**ALL MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING
CELEBRATED IN PRIVATE
BY FATHER CARLOS AND FATHER SMAY.**

**ALL YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING
MEETINGS & THE YOUTH MASS HAVE BEEN
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Please continue to pray
for our RCIA candidates this year:

Jon-Erik Gilot
Joseph Laughman
Buddy Young
Cindy Young
Amy McKenna
Scott Millard



FAITH OVER FEAR

St. Michael Parish, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus is providing a service to the high-risk population of the Coronavirus.

The Federal Government **STRONGLY** encourages all people age 65 and above to remain in their homes and to self-isolate from others for the immediate future.

If you are in need of someone to do any of the following:

Grocery Shopping
Medication Pick-up
Banking
Post Office

Please call Kathleen at 304.639.4241 between the hours of 10am-4pm Monday - Friday

A volunteer will contact you to make arrangements to meet your need. All services are free of charge but limited to hardships only.

All volunteers are affiliated with St. Michael Parish and/or the Knights of Columbus.

All volunteers have been educated in proper personal hygiene and contact precautions.

St. Michael Parish extends sincere condolences to the friends and families of

Martin Dofka

May he rest in peace Lord,
and may Eternal Light shine upon him.

The Sanctuary Candle beside the
tabernacle burns this week



*in memory of
The Hagedorn-Flaherty Families*

*May they rest in peace Lord, and may
eternal light shine upon them.*



Church Calendar

ALL ST. MICHAEL CHURCH AND SCHOOL MEETINGS & EVENTS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, UNLESS NOTED IN THE BULLETIN

MEN'S RETREAT: POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

For more info, call Don Klamut at 304-280-4626 or visit the website at: <http://www.laymensretreatleague.org/>.

There will be no First Friday Mass at Mount Calvary Cemetery Bishops' Chapel on April 3rd, 2020.

Good afternoon all,

I've received a number of emails and calls to ask why we aren't streaming daily Mass? My answer is, "we are!"

The Diocese is streaming daily Mass, Monday through Friday, at 12:05 p.m. from the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Mass is also live-streaming weekend Mass at 6 p.m. on Saturday, where it remains online through Sunday. The link is here <https://dwc.org/home/mass/>

— Tim Bishop
Director of Marketing and Communications for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston



Please pray for these men and women currently serving and also those who have served our country in the military (not listed), and for their families:

- ◆ Petty Officer First Class Eric J Auber, US Navy
- ◆ Staff Sergeant Robert Michael Baker, US Marine Corps
- ◆ Major Jeremy Deguzman, US Air Force
- ◆ Sergeant Anthony 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
- ◆ Airman First Class Taylor Wilkinson, US Air Force
- ◆ Senior Airman Sierra E. McKenna, US Air Force
- ◆ PFC Jacob Ulevich, US Army

God Bless Our Military!

Weekend Data for March 21/22, 2020

Collection Data:

1st Collection: \$235.00

2nd Collection Easter Flowers: \$70.00

Social Concerns - \$83.00

Misc: \$115.00

Online: \$1,346.50

TOTAL: \$1,849.50

If you wish to continue to contribute to our weekly collections, please mail your contribution to:

St. Michael Church
1225 National Road
Wheeling, WV 26003



**St Mike's Bulletin
Deadlines:**

**Tuesday, March 31st - Due
for April 12th, 2020 Easter
issue**

*Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!*

An Act of Spiritual Communion

This is a simple and loving act of Spiritual Communion we are called to make in these times, while we are unable to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist:

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now
as if you were already there
and I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me
to be separated from you.

Amen.

Hello Parish Family!

Please be assured that everyone at St. Michael Parish and St. Michael Parish School are keeping you in their prayers! We ask for your prayers in return, too. These are days like no other.

It's Monday and I am sitting in the Parish Office. There is no sense of business as usual. Our typical Monday morning starts with some chit chat about the weekend, discussion about the Sunday homily and the weather, and it's guaranteed that we'll hear a new story about Cindy's dog, Bailey Jean Chops. When we get into the business of the day, the money counters start counting the Sunday collection, and Cindy begins editing the next edition of the bulletin and all of the pieces fall into place.

But now our pieces are scattered.

I was standing next to Father Carlos when he read the email from Bishop Mark Brennan announcing the suspension of Mass. His face had an immediate display of disbelief and shock. Then it settled into his heart and I could see his deep sadness as the tears streamed down his face. He shared with me that he was ordained to be a priest and to celebrate Mass with the people. And now, he is unable to follow that call. At that very moment, everything changed. It's temporary, but it is sad, it is challenging, and it is frustrating. For many of us, the uncertainty is unsettling and frightening. All of these are real and reasonable emotions.

So back to today, Monday. We started with a meeting with our maintenance team to say THANK YOU to them for all of their hard work keeping our buildings clean and sanitized. To Joe, Damion, Peri, Rudy and Mike... we all appreciate your commitment! We also talked about future action and how we will continue to handle the maintenance of our campus.

The Parish Office is closed. Staff members will be in and out to make sure that we hear your phone messages, sort and open the mail, and read your emails. We will continue to publish a bulletin, yet less pages are needed. We're doing our best. I'm sure you are, too.

At the risk of sounding crass, we are concerned about the financial hit that will be concurrent with the cancellation of Mass. It is possible to support the church and school without a basket being passed through the pews. If you mail your envelope to the church, thank you. Our address is 1225 National Road (I've always thought it's pretty cool that our street number is the same as Christmas ... 12/25). Another option is Online Giving. It's fairly easy. If you go to our Parish Website: www.stmikesparish.org, you'll see a box that says "My Online Donation". The prompts will allow you to set up a one-time donation or a reoccurring offering. If you have any trouble setting it up, please send an email to me and I'll happily lend a hand.

While you're online, please be sure to check out our Facebook page. The staff has been posting photos and videos to help you through these days. We are all together - even when we are scattered.

Love,

Wendy F. Hinerman

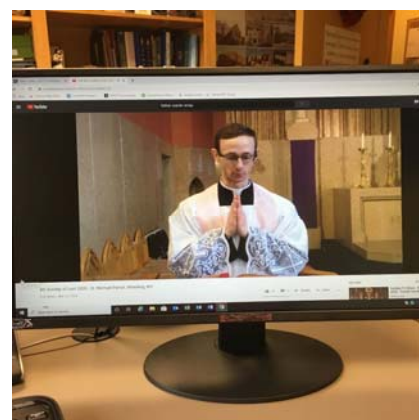
Father Martin Smay has created a "channel" on YouTube. This gives you an opportunity to see the Sunday Gospel Reading and his homily. We have been posting the link on Facebook, but if you do not have a Facebook account, you can still watch the videos.

On your computer, go to YouTube.com. In the search, type

Fr. Martin Smay.

It will go to his channel and from there, you are able to see his videos.

Nothing can replace being together in the church, but this helps!





EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS
Submitted by Shandi Nodurft

Important Dates For The
 2019-2020 School Year

- ◆ **April 4th - April 14th** : Easter Break
- ◆ **May 5th** - One Mission One Day of Giving!
- ◆ **May 29, 2020**: Last Day of School/Picnic

SMPS Cheerleaders

We wish to thank our cheerleaders as well as their families for their time and dedication to our school and to so many sporting events this year! We are truly grateful!



A special thank you to Dr. Frank and Anita Carenbauer for their donation in loving memory of Thomas Gornik.

Also, to an anonymous donor for her Easter gift!



HOMESCHOOLING/CYBERSCHOOL

As we face many challenges during this difficult time our students and parents still find ways to make KINDNESS LOUD!



AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

On the annual Americanism essay contest sponsored by the Elks, the students discussed what freedom of speech means to them. The following students were winners in the 7th and 8th-grade division: Joey Barki was awarded first place, Emily Blatt, Brady Bauer, and Laken Costanzo were runners up. In the 5th and 6th-grade division, Liam Shinn, and Amelia Mandel were runners up.

