5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” - Jn 14:2

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OUR MISSION

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.

COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD
Tami Magruder - President

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Pastoral Council - Leslie Kosanovic, Chairperson
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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 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.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week
in memory of
Rosamund Grubler.

May she rest in peace Lord, and may eternal light shine
upon her.
MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH
7:30 am  Julia Faith Sayre
4:30pm  Living and Deceased Mothers

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH
7:30 am  †
9:00 am  People of the Parish
11:30 am  †

MONDAY, MAY 11TH
7:30 am  † Sr. Mary Jude Jochum
5:30 pm  † Rosamund Grubler

TUESDAY, MAY 12TH
7:30am  † Beverly Jo Lepley

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH
8:30 am  † Celebrant’s Intention
5:30 pm  † Joshua Nelson

THURSDAY, MAY 14TH
7:30 am  † William Przybysz

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH
7:30 am  † William P. Valput Sr.

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH
7:30 am  † Martha Niggemeyer
4:30pm  † Celebrant’s Intention

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH
7:30 am  †
9:00 am  People of the Parish
11:30 am  †
† For the repose of souls

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

READINGS
Readings for the week of May 10, 2020
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Observances for the week of May 10, 2020
Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day
Monday:
Tuesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday: St. Matthias, Apostle
Friday: St. Isidore
Saturday: Armed Forces Day
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter
Weekend Data Update

Collection Data:
May 3, 2020
First Collection: $6,485.00
Second Collection: $2,027.00
Misc $1,825.00
Online $1,638.60
Total $12,035.60

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

St. Michael Church
1225 National Road
Wheeling, WV 26003

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Sherri Fischhaber
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Connecting With Carlos

During this time of Pandemic, our church has been closed for public liturgy. Every day, Father Martin and I privately offer the Sacrament of Eucharist. Be assured that you are always remembered in our prayers. And while the church remains closed, we are now preparing for a possible re-opening of our church. Numerous precautionary guidelines will be in place to help ensure your health and safety.

To reduce tactile contact, all hymnals, missalettes, Gather books, and handouts must be removed from the church. Now we face the challenge of how we can best engage people to participate in hymns and responses?

Our solution is to purchase and wall mount several Smart TVs and install a Wi-Fi connection. This grouping of equipment will permit us to broadcast the hymns and responses at Mass.

These upgrades will also be beneficial in the future as we will be able to use them for Catechesis presentations, missions, and other educational activities. We will be able to stream the internet and project sacred images. The potential uses are vast, but our main objective is to help enable your participation in the Mass.

I have been touched by the gesture of parishioners mailing their envelopes with notes tucked in the envelopes. The notes express how they love the church, miss being together, and miss receiving the Sacraments. Many notes express appreciation for live streaming and for trying to make connections with parishioners. They also thank the maintenance crew who clean and prepare our buildings, and our school teachers who continue to educate the students through online distance learning.

We plan to continue live streaming our Masses and other special events from our church to benefit our homebound parishioners and reach many community members who miss being with us in celebration of the liturgy. Your relatives from different states or living abroad will have access and will be able to see you at Mass (just like my Mom, siblings, relatives and friends in the Philippines.) Technology has been invaluable as we endeavor to stay connected.

It is my desire to start a positive campaign amidst this uncertain time. In hopeful preparation of being together and celebrating the Sacraments as community, we are launching a fund to finance the technology upgrade. I will donate $500.00 as seed money and would like your participation so we can install this project promptly in preparation of a joyful re-opening of our church.

If you are able to help, please send your contribution to me at the church (St. Michael Parish, 1225 National Road, Wheeling). In the memo line you can write “tech” so we will be sure to keep your tax-deductible donation restricted for this project.

Thank you for your consideration of my proposal.

— Fr. Carlos
The COVID-19 pandemic has rapidly changed how we live, work and even celebrate our Faith. The "new normal" of this public health emergency coupled with the guidance around social distancing makes this a trying time for our beloved Saint Michael Parish Community.

We, the Faithful, are invited to support the ministry of our parish through the Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure. These three gifts are fundamental to the vitality of our parish.

Just like your household, the parish has expenses that are necessary to keep it presentable and in good working order. In addition, there are the salaries of the dedicated people who make this happen. Just as important are the many programs we sponsor that reach into our communities and provide hope to those living on the margins. Your generous contribution is essential. Please consider recurring mail-in or online giving as yet another "new normal" so, together, we can feed the hungry, give shelter to the homeless, and preserve our Catholic school heritage as we endeavor to move the work of our Lord forward for generations to come.

Together, we are stronger. Together, we are Saint Michael Parish. **Cathy Northcraft, Finance Council Member**

Some thoughts on the virus crisis and St. Mikes.: A week ago my wife Kathy asked how we could continue to financially support the Parish as we usually do each Sunday, now that it’s closed like everything else. I said I have been dutifully filling our Sunday envelopes and stacking them on my desk. Kathy said how are the envelopes sitting on your desk going to pay salaries and bills at the church?

And then she suggested “donate on line”. The DWC has a great website for that. But having missed the digital gene at birth I was reluctant. Go ahead, try, she encouraged. So I did and it worked! All the envelope contents plus some extra went immediately to our church. Easy as an Amazon purchase. If I can do it, you can too! St. Mikes is trying to pay its bills and most importantly continue paying our teachers and staff while this crisis lasts. Please count your envelopes, and bring, mail or email your support, we desperately need it.

**Tom Galinski, Finance Council Chair**

For nearly 20 years, St. Michael Parish and St. Michael Parish School have been my home and my family. Like any family, there have been highs and lows, good times and bad, and feast and famine in terms of finances. What has always remained during ALL of these times is the love, hopefulness, and the “we are in this together” mentality of St. Mike’s. This pandemic has changed so much for all of us in a sudden way. We were not given the time to plan or prepare in ways that we would have liked. However, everything we do is still being done….just not together. Teachers are still teaching, kids are still learning, masses are being celebrated, and people are spreading positive messages. We still need the support of our families for the church and school. We are such a large faith community. I firmly believe in strength in numbers. TOGETHER we will get through this pandemic and come out stronger and more united because of it. As we reach out to our personal families to help in this time, I hope that you all see the church and school as family, and choose to help us in our time of need as well. #wearestmikeswv **Kim Burge, Interim Principal, SMPS**

As we get closer to God during this pandemic and as our faith gets stronger while in quarantine, let us not forget the importance of our financial support to our parish and its missions. We all know the difficulty and stress that everyone is going through but for those who can spare, let us remember that our parish is dependent on all our voluntary contributions for survival. We the parishioners make it happen for the church. Let’s keep St. Michael alive. Every donation counts. Stay safe!

**Marissa Saludes, Finance Council Member**
SUNDAY DRIVE THRU BLESSING

Each Sunday at 10:15am until our Church is open for public worship, we will have a drive-thru blessing from Father Carlos and Father Smay. We set up between the Church and the school. Please join us and receive a blessing! Enter at the end of the Angelus Center parking lot and follow the directions of the volunteers.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

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
♦ Chief Warrant Officer 2 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!
Our students are continuing to find fun ways to exercise and make healthy eating choices!

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2020 Valedictorian, Nathan Litvak & Salutatorian, Ramsay Mansuetto

Nathan Litvak, son of Paul and Karen Litvak, has earned top honors as the valedictorian of his class. The salutatorian is Ramsay Mansuettto, daughter of Matt and Melissa Mansuettto. Congratulations on this highest honor to both young people! We cannot wait to see what the future brings to you both!
Mother’s Day Prayer
Heavenly Father,
We lift up all mothers today and
thank them for their guidance and love.
We ask You to bless them
with Your own special love, today and always.
Amen.