MAY 13, 2018
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
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Danielle Doerr - President

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 1:15-27, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day; World Communications Day
Monday: St. Matthias
Tuesday: St. Isidore the Farmer
Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday: St. John I
Saturday: Armed Forces Day; Vigil of Pentecost; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

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 Dieffenbauger 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: May 5/6 2018

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TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 683

1st Collection: $10,210.00
2nd Collection $4,418.00
Connect Now Online Giving: $612.00
Miscellaneous: $846.00

TOTAL: $16,086.00
May Crowning on May 13th, 2018

May is Mary's month! During May, throughout the Catholic world, special devotions honor the Virgin Mary. "May Crowning" is a traditional Catholic ritual that occurs in the month of May and it recognizes Mary as Queen of heaven and earth. Since medieval times, we have had the combination between Mary and the month of May. May is considered the season of the beginning of new life. "May Crowning" marks a new spiritual season. Our Mary, Queen of heaven and earth, lifted us right out of the long, cold days of winter and firmly planted our hearts in the warm and promising soil of spring.

Saint Michael Parish Church
WELCOMES
ZANE THOMAS MURRAY
WITH HOLY BAPTISM INTO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

May God’s grace and blessings that you receive on your Baptism, guide you throughout your life.

God of all creation,
We give you thanks for the majestic beauty that you have bestowed on the state of West Virginia. In the wonderful mountains, rivers, and forests we see a reflection of your infinite goodness. Help us to be good stewards of the gifts you have given to us. Help us to continue to build the Church through our ministries in this beautiful state. As members of the Body of Christ, may our participation in the Catholic Sharing Appeal be a sign of our thankfulness and enable us to serve the needs of all who call our Mountain State home.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
LITURGICAL MINISTERS
*Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mikes’ webpage.

**May 14 - May 18 - Weekday 7:30am Altar Servers:
Olen Ames & The Nodurfts

Saturday, May 19, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Karen Kelly
Lector: David Post
Altar Servers: Thomas Komorowski, Noah & Ryan Blair, Lillian Bischof
EMOHCS: Karen Kelly, Jim Kelly, Andrew Komorowski, Nathan Blair, Paul Litvak

Sunday, May 20, 7:30am
Sacristan: Mike Rempe
Lector: Benjamin Beckett
Altar Servers: Joey & Alex Carter
EMOHCS: Carrie Beckett, Ed & Sally Bowie, Mark Sengewalt, Pat Plunkett

Sunday, May 20, 9:00am
Sacristan: Phil Emmerth
Lector: Maddie Tiu
Altar Servers: John Emmerth, Andrew Hartzell, Grady & Owen Mullin
EMOHCS: Phil, Marybeth & Emily Emmerth, Jennifer Decker, Margaret Hartzell

Sunday, May 20, 11:30am
Sacristan: Jen Keane
Lector: Jason Rine
Altar Servers: Levi Rine, Sarah Keane, Andrew & Kate Tiu
EMOHCS: Jen Keane, Chris Tiu, Lynne Robb, Tom & Nancy Conti

The community of St. Michael Parish offers our sympathy and prayers for the repose of the soul of…

† Jean Hitzfeld

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, continue their journey to new life in the presence of God in the heavenly kingdom.

Journey of the Chalice:
5/13: Victoria Jeskey
5/20 - 9:00am Mass -
Cindy & Jim Gilligan
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. We are in need of more people to participate in the Journey of the Chalice -- please contact the Parish Office.

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.

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 set up.
May 13: May Crowning
May 13: Mother’s Day

St. Michael Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

in Loving Memory of
Rosalie Young
From:
Patrick & Leslie Carothers
&
The Breast Center of Wheeling Hospital

And

in Loving Memory of
Bill & Beverly Fluty
&
Dr. William Barton
From:
Doretta Jacob

PSR NEWS
from Nick Mayrand

Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants who received the Sacrament this past Sunday! Twenty SMPS students and nine PSR students joined together with a packed house of family and friends for a beautiful Sunday afternoon liturgy with Msgr. Peterson, Father Bill, and Msgr. McSweeney. Many thanks to all who assisted with the liturgy, including our altar servers, music ministers, photographer, and parish/school staff members.

Special thanks are also due to those who worked so hard to prepare the students for First Holy Communion. Jenni Elias and Dorothy Dudzik walked the SMPS students through the preparation process throughout the past year and organized a wonderful retreat for both SMPS and PSR students last week. Diane and Sarah Coleman volunteered their time each Sunday morning to get our PSR students ready for the big day.

Thank you!
Questions about PSR? Contact Nick Mayrand at
nmayrand@dwc.org

SAINT VINCENT’S CONSECRATION OF CHILDREN
TO OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE

The Marist Laity will again sponsor the consecration (born and unborn) on Sunday, May 27, 2018 after the 11:30 Mass. Anyone who wishes to have a child or children consecrated is welcome to attend. For more information, contact the parish office at 304.242.0406, or Jean Hohman at 304.242.3295.

Camp Bosco - Huttonsville, West Virginia
July 2018 (4 weeks to choose from)
This camp is open to students in grades 3 - 12. Cost is $325.00 per child (Scholarships are available). Registration is online at: www.campbosco.com
Any questions email hbise@dwc.org or call 1-888-434-6237, ext. 311

WASH THAT WINTER OFF OF YOUR CAR!
On Sunday, May 20 from noon to 3pm in the parking lot of the Angelus Center, Troop 5 Boy Scouts are having a car wash. This fundraiser will support their trip to a Philmont Scout Reservation in the Mountains of New Mexico. Thank you for supporting our Boy Scouts!

FAMILY ROSARY DEVOTION
ALL ARE WELCOME

WHERE: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
118 EDGINGTON LANE
WHEN: ALL SUNDAYS OF MAY @ 6:30PM

Please bring a friend and join us in our Family Rosary Devotion. Weather permitting, we will gather in our Marian Grotto.

Clergy Leaders are:
May 13 - Msgr. Kevin
May 20 - Msgr. Peterson
May 27 - Deacon Doug
From the Pastor’s Desk

I am sure that many of you have heard whisperings about a possible renovation to the interior of our church. Some of it is true – some, not so much. Elements of the renovation include replacing the worn carpeting in the nave and sanctuary of the church. Additionally, the walls of the sanctuary will be repainted. The initial concepts were presented to the leadership of the parish in mid-April. After considering the input received from that meeting, further refinements were made to reflect the budgetary concerns and scope of the project. I invite you to a general presentation on May 17th at 7pm in the church. During that gathering a revised conceptual rendering will be presented. I will also discuss the financing of the project and the very generous gifts that have been received. See you there!

Calling All Families and Businesses!!

The Festival Crew is looking for families or businesses to adopt and sponsor a Kids’ Game

Many High Interest Games Still Need Sponsors:
- Pitch Speed
- Whack-a-Quack
- Nerf Gun Shooting Range
- The High Striker ...to name a few

Individuals who WANT TO WORK A SHIFT but not sponsor a booth can contact Missy Tiu.

July 12th, 13th, 14th

Thanks to the following families who have already committed to a game:
Karen Kahle, The Jones and McCabe Families, The O’Neal Family, and DeFranco Financial
Contact Audrey Deffenbaugh (yougotmail28@yahoo.com  513-706-3931)
or Missy Tiu (melissatii@gmail.com  304-312-8050) for More Information
WHO WANTS TO BE A 'HEAVENLY' MILLIONAIRE?

Wheeling Central’s mascot is “The Maroon Knights.” However, prior to 1960 this was the mascot for Central:

A. Cardinals
B. Fighting Irish
C. Italian Stallions
D. Polish Princes

Last week’s answer: Jennifer Young Decker was Central’s first homecoming queen in the fall 1966. The next year my cousin by marriage, Connie Carroll Wegmann was the homecoming queen. In the fall 1968 Gretchen Gundling Wilson was the third.

BANNINGS OF MARRIAGE

Third banns:

Second banns:
Michael Hershey and Yvette Michaud, both of St. Michael Parish, to be married here on May 26, 2018.

THE WELTY PRIESTS ARE IN NEED OF A VCR. IF YOU HAVE AN UNWANTED OLD ONE OR A NEW ONE, PLEASE DROP IT BY THE PARISH OFFICE. MANY THANKS!

EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS
Sacred Heart of Mary Parish
One-Day Spiritual Retreat
Saturday, June 2, 2018 • 9:30AM–7:30PM
Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously.

We are a faith-based ministry for parents, whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Please join us. All are welcome! Donation: $25 Individuals; $40 Couples Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is requested.

For more information or to register, contact Maureen Kerr at 304-723-7175 or Diane, Paul’s Mom, at 617-542-8057 or 800-919-9332 Or visit www.emfgp.org

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Iowa Governor Signs Bill to Ban All Abortions After an Unborn Baby’s Heartbeat Begins

“...The bill would require abortion practitioners to test for the unborn baby’s heartbeat before performing an abortion. If a heartbeat is detected, the abortion would be prohibited except in cases involving medical emergency, rape, incest or fetal abnormalities deemed to be “incompatible” with life.

Because an unborn baby’s heartbeat is detectable by about six weeks of pregnancy, the bill would prohibit almost all abortions in Iowa. It is the earliest abortion ban in the United States. North Dakota and Arkansas passed heartbeat bills several years ago, but federal courts struck down both laws.

The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals said the following about its ruling on the six-week ban: ‘Because there is no genuine dispute that (North Dakota’s law) generally prohibits abortions before viability — as the Supreme Court has defined that concept — and because we are bound by Supreme Court precedent holding that states may not prohibit pre-viability abortions, we must affirm the district court’s grant of summary judgment to the plaintiffs.’ When courts rule against such laws, state taxpayers often are forced to reimburse pro-abortion groups for their legal fees.” (LifeNews.com)

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Pregnant & Need Help:
Northern Panhandle Gabriel Project: 304-639-5039
Birthright International: Helpline: 800.550.4900
Aim Women’s Center (Stebenville, 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

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
Technical Sergeant Andrew G Futey, US Air Force
Lieutenant Andrew Klug, US Navy
Captain Zach Lehman, US Marine Corps
Captain Seth Sleime, US Army
Warrant Officer 1 (W01) Christopher Snyder
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!
Congratulations to the 8th grade class of 2018 who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 24, 2018. A special thank you to Monsignor Annie for presiding over the Mass as Bishop Bransfield was not able to attend.

Congratulations to our 2nd graders who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 6, 2018. A special thank you to Monsignor Peterson for presiding over this beautiful sacrament.

May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within you!

Thank you for your generous participation in this year’s Amazing Raise. It was another very successful one-day of giving!

* We had 133 individual donations!
* SMPS lead the area parochial schools in donations and number of gifts received.
* An additional $250.00 was made by winning the RUSH HOUR Prize Pool.
* Out of 105 non-profit organizations competing, we completed the Raise 3rd in total money raised and 4th in gifts given.
* WE RAISED $13,841.00!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Congratulations to our 8th grade class on an amazing performance Thursday, May 3rd. SMPS is so blessed to have our wonderfully talented and dedicated staff! We are so grateful for our Music Director Mr. Wolf, Art Director Mrs. Amy Thalman, Miss Cooper, Mr. Bellevage, Miss LaRue and the parents and students that gave so much of their time! It was such a blast!
A special thank you to this week's hot lunch volunteers: Jen Decker, Julie Blake, Kathy Blatt, Terry Murphy, Janet Kelly, Jessica Frangos, Nora McGee, and Kenzie Keane.

May

May 12th: Family Movie Night
May 14th-18th: Middle School Exams
May 15th: PK 3 Program 9am & 1pm
May 16th: PK 4 Program 9am & 1pm
May 17th: TK Program 9am
May 17th & 18th: 8th Grade Class Trip
May 18th: Kindergarten Graduation
May 22nd: 8th Grade Awards & 7th & 8th Grade Dance 6pm Angelus Center
May 23rd: 8th Grade Graduation 7pm Church
May 24th: School Picnic Wheeling Park Ice Rink

Save the Date!
St. Michael Parish Community Summer Festival July 12th, 13th and 14th!

On behalf of the students and staff of St. Michael Parish School, we wish to extend our deepest gratitude for the generous gifts made to St. Michael Parish School in memory of Mrs. Rosalie Dailer Young by Jeffery and Vicki Yost, Quenton and Cathy Northcraft, Douglas and Sandy Pell, William and Rita Kolibash, John and Cynthia Bailey, Jeffrey and Mary Jane Thomas, Richard and Marian Mullin

Eternal rest grant to Rosalie, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

• Following 4:30 mass
• Saturday, May 12th
• Wall-E will be presented on the big screen in the Angelus Center.
• Hot dogs, chips, cookies and popcorn are provided for free!
• Blankets and pillows are welcome as we sit comfortably on the floor or in the bleachers.
Blair Anderson  
Luca Benson  
Romeo Blake-Livingston  
Nevaeha Bosley  
Meleia Brothers  
Ashlyn Combs  
Gabrielle Contraguero  
Bruno DeFranco  
Rocco DeFranco  
Dominic Fato  
Luchia Fato  
Zachary Hanson  
Caroline Honaker  
Dylan Hrubes  
Rocco Jerrome  
Madeleine Kirchner  
Brodie Kovalski  
Seth Mandel  
William Morris  
Giannah Mueller  
Luke Murray  
Grace Norman  
Rowen Parker  
Emerson Shafer  
Samuel Shinn  
Andrew Staron  
Aria Swartz  
Angela Thomas  
Leah Young

“**I am the bread of life...whoever eats this bread will live forever**”

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SAINT MICHAEL’S**  
**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS 2018!**

Saint Michael's Church
UNIGLOBE will escort a trip to Austria and Germany that will include the Passion Play at Oberammergau. Information Night at the UNIGLOBE office is Thursday, May 24th, 2018 at 6pm for anyone interested in this once-a-decade trip to Oberammergau. Please contact UNIGLOBE for details at 304.232.5171 or 800.825.7314. Reach us by email @ info@uniglobeohiovalleytravel.com

IMPORTANT DAYS AND KNIGHTS

Important Upcoming Dates at CCHS:

- Monday, May 21 - Senior Awards at 9:45am
- Wednesday, May 23 - Underclass Awards at 1:25pm
- Friday, May 26 - Baccalaureate Mass at 6:00pm
- Saturday, May 27 - Graduation at 11:00am

Just a reminder that if you have not returned your Form A and deposit for next year, it is now PAST DUE! Please contact Mrs. Harris in the business office if you have any questions.

Sunday, June 24 until Monday, June 25 the Youth Group will attend Camp Zion in Ohio. There are several fun events planned! All Youth Group members are welcome.

The Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R.
Open House & May Crowning

We invite you to celebrate our 30th anniversary with us at our Open House and May Crowning on Saturday, May 19th at our monastery, 369 Little Church Road, Toronto, Ohio. This family fun day includes pony rides, hayrides, a petting zoo, face painting, and more! This year’s Open House features a “Battle of the (Praise) Bands!” from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We will also have a free lunch from 11:30 am-1:30 pm, an outdoor May Crowning at 1:30 pm, and a Pentecost Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm. No reservations necessary; donations are gratefully accepted. For more information, please visit our website at www.FranciscanSistersTOR.org or call (740) 544-5542. We hope to see you there!

The St. Mike’s Pro-Life committee would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to all who brought in items for your spiritually adopted baby. We appreciate your kindness, generosity and especially your prayers. If you missed the deadline, you may still drop-off items at the Parish Office.

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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