"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a
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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.

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THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week

in memory of
Patricia Gompers.

May she rest in peace Lord, and may eternal light shine upon her.
WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of May 17, 2020

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20


Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28


7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Observances for the week of May 17, 2020

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses); St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

Weekend Data Update

Collection Data:
May 10th, 2020

First Collection: $5,816.00

Second Collection School Support: $10,118.00

Misc. $338.00

Online $1,116.50

Total $17,388.50

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

Thank you!
St. Michael Parish Church Re-Opening

Plans are in process for getting us all back to Mass! We have been working for the past weeks on a proposal that will be submitted to the Bishop that outlines our procedures for the return of public Masses. This proposal includes using volunteers at the entrances to the church to assist with counting of people, provision of masks, and escorting congregants to their seats. In addition, the volunteers will assist with the Communion process, escorting congregants out of the church at the conclusion of Mass, and assisting with cleaning of pews after the Mass.

We need your help!

We are in need of (6) Hospitality Volunteers per Mass. In addition to the recruited Hospitality Volunteers, there will be at least 1-2 church staff members present at each Mass to oversee the process.

Please contact me if you are interested or willing to be a Hospitality Volunteer. Our proposed Mass schedule will be as follows: Saturday at 4:30pm (vigil), Sunday at 7:00am (*note change of time), 9:00am and 11:30am.

Please know that we understand that many of you are in the high-risk categories or are concerned for your own safety. We understand this and do not expect you to volunteer if this applies to you. If you are NOT one of those people, we ask you to consider being a part of the team that brings our Masses back!

I look forward to working with our community to bring back public Mass in a way that is responsible and considerate of the health and safety of all of our parish family!

I can be reached by email (kathleen@stmikesparish.org) or by phone (304-242-1560 ext. 9).

Please contact me to sign up or with any questions you may have!

Kathleen Dieffenbaugher
Stewardship Director
Please see Mass Schedule on page 3 with new Mass times in red.

Please read and familiarize yourself with the following procedures for Mass as we plan for re-opening to the public. Please especially consider the following:

*Parishioners in the vulnerable category (due to age or health) are encouraged to still remain at home; those who are fearful about attending Mass because of the spread of the Coronavirus should remain at home. *The faithful of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice.

*Parishioners who feel sick in any way and those with any form of a cough should remain at home.

*Anyone attending Mass or present in the church for private prayer must wear a mask/face covering which covers the nose and the mouth.

*The seating capacity of the church is very limited now with seating only in every other pew and social distancing between congregants.

*Our churches ask for the patience and understanding of parishioners during these initial weeks as all adapt to the new directives for the public celebration of Mass.

In St. Michael Church, to maintain the mandated six foot distancing, we will use every third pew. Pews which cannot be occupied are clearly blocked off with caution tape.

Persons wishing to attend Mass will be seated by Hospitality Volunteers (HV) who are 65 years of age or younger and have no underlying health conditions according to CDC guidelines.

The HV team members will be appropriately trained regarding social distancing and acceptable seating and spacing in our pews based upon our measured calculations of sufficient distance between people who are not from same household.
We will allow two entrances to the church: the front doors which face National Road and the Seibert Street entrance which is handicapped accessible.

Hospitality Volunteers will be stationed at each entrance with mechanical tally counters to track number of people admitted. Team members stationed at entrances will communicate frequently to closely monitor number of people entering church. Our HV team will use 2-way radios to communicate which will enable real-time communications to all radio carrying team members.

We have been granted permission to use St. Michael Parish School cafeteria to seat potential overflow of people. Mass will be live-streamed at this location. All social distancing and sanitizing policies and procedures in effect at the church will be mirrored in the cafeteria. HV team members will be stationed in the cafeteria. During Communion, an HV team member will usher people from the cafeteria in and out of the church via the front doors.

People who arrive at the church prior to the doors being opened will need to remain outside and must follow social distancing.

Hospitality Team Members will receive training regarding proper sanitization. After every Mass, the HV Team will clean the church following CDC guidelines.

In the event that you or a family member must use the restroom during Mass, a table has been set up by the door with paper towels and sanitizer for the door knobs. Soap, sanitizers and paper towels will be provided. A sign will be posted on both sides of the door to remind anyone using the restroom to sanitize the door knob and hands for the next person to use it.

Father Carlos will oversee cleaning and sanitization procedures.
Distribution of Communion

Hospitality Volunteer will help facilitate people exiting pew to walk towards front of church.

The center aisle has 6’ tape marks on floor to help people maintain social distancing when approaching the priest.

Priest will distribute the Holy Communion to the people following social distancing guidelines. A table will be placed between the priest and the communicant.

Verbal review of procedure will be explained prior to distribution of Communion to help the congregation fully abide with the norm.

1. As always, Catholics in the state of grace are welcome to receive the Sacrament although no one is obliged to receive it. Those not receiving sacramentally are urged to make a spiritual Communion, inviting the Lord into their hearts, as they come forward for a blessing.

2. During Communion, all people seated in a pew are asked to exit the pew and come forward. This policy includes anyone who will not be receiving Communion. This procedure must be followed to facilitate the good order and to avoid the possibility of someone needing to “squeeze by” and violating social distancing.

3. When approaching for Communion, form a single line in the middle of the center aisle and remain six feet apart from others, observing the markings on the floor. After the priest says, “The Body of Christ” and you say “Amen”, approach the priest, stopping an arm’s length from him. Although you may receive either in the hand or on the tongue, the weight of medical opinion is that it is safer to receive in the hand.

4. If you receive in the hand, extend your arms and open your hand up fully, keep your mask on until you step away from the priest, then lower the mask to consume the Host. If you receive on the tongue, lower your mask, extend your tongue fully and then move to the side. The priest must sanitize his hands after each person who receives on the tongue; otherwise, the priest only needs to sanitize his hands if he inadvertently touches someone’s hand when communion is received in that manner.

5. Return to your pew by the side aisle, maintain social distancing.
Additional points to remember:

We plan to distribute blessed palms following Mass on our first few weekends. Please look for the palms on a table at the exits.

We ask that parishioners coming to Mass DO NOT wear gloves within the church. Hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes will be available at multiple locations throughout the church if needed for use.

Please try to lower and raise your kneeler with your foot rather than touching with your hands.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this time.
Well, it is time for the 4th installment of Turn-Back Tuesday! Last week's mystery person was Mrs. Jen Carter one of our 1st-grade teachers. Can you guess who it is this week?
Connecting With Carlos

Father Carlos has recently launched a financial campaign to install Wi-Fi and monitors in the church which will enable us to project the hymns and responses during Mass. The equipment will also be beneficial in the future as we continue to livestream our Mass as part of our effort to stay connected to those who are unable to physically join us in the church.

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

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 Marine Corps
- 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!

Nothing can separate us from His love.
ROMANS 8:38

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