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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

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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
William Thalman.
May he rest in peace Lord, and may eternal light shine upon him.
WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of May 24, 2020


Observances for the week of May 24, 2020

Wednesday: May 27, 2020: World Communications Day

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD
7:30 am Healthcare Workers
4:30 pm † Anthony Giannetta

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH
7:00 am People of the Parish
9:00 am † Stanley Haduch (A)
11:30 am † CMA

MONDAY, MAY 25TH
7:30 am † Raymond Lewicki
5:30 pm † Robert Morton

TUESDAY, MAY 26TH
7:30 am † William Thalman

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH
8:30 am † Barbara Deakin
5:30 pm † Della Nazzaro

THURSDAY, MAY 28TH
7:30 am † Ralph Jorden

FRIDAY, MAY 29TH
7:30 am † Rudy & Trudy Stolfer

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH
7:30 am † Angelo Paree
4:30 pm † Clara Lobaton

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST
7:00 am † Lisa Bryson Ames and June Bryson
9:00 am † Patricia Gompers
11:30 am People of the Parish

† For the repose of souls

Weekend Data Update

Collection Data:

May 17th, 2020

First Collection: $3,780.00
Second Collection School Support: $390.00
Misc. $1,140.00
Online $1,571.50
Total $6,881.50

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
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, moving from the back of the church forward.

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:

All people over the age of 2 are expected to wear a face covering as per the CDC guidelines.

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.
The Knights of Columbus, Carroll Council No. 504, are asking that you return your Baby Bottles for the Gabriel Project by Father’s Day, June 21. A return bin has been placed at a central location at the entrance of the church should you wish to return them sooner.

Please bring back your bottles for this very important fundraiser for the Gabriel Project of West Virginia at your convenience, but no later than Father’s Day. Bottles are to be returned regardless of content.

Very best regards,
Art

From Our SMPS Principal -

I have been looking to gain funds for new Science books for grades 6-8 since last year. The books have not been updated in quite a few years and certainly needed a boost. Ms. Rodgers and I worked together to find the best new series with the most resources for our students. One of the great aspects of the new book series is online access for the students. This will help us if we ever have to return to an online learning style, but will also keep students from lugging a heavy book home on a day to day basis. I would like to thank Chris Muroski, parishioner and retired chemist, for stepping up and funding the ENTIRE cost which was over $9000!!! The support of our parishioners and school families continues to amaze me! St. Michael Parish School is so blessed and I am so grateful!

Mrs. Burge, Interim Principal, SMPS

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!
Dear SMPS Families and Parishioners,

The 2020 St. Michael Parish Community Festival has been cancelled.

Fr. Carlos and the Festival Committee know this will be a disappointment to our families; however, due to COVID-19, a decision to cancel was made out of respect for the safety of our community and the volunteers that work to make the festival such a success.

“Tradition is a cornerstone of our faith, making this community tradition difficult to cancel. As a community we all understand the current situation and why it is necessary to cancel but unfortunately that doesn’t ease the disappointment. I am looking forward to seeing everyone back for the 2021 St. Michael Parish Community Festival on July 8, 9, & 10. And the band HIT PLAY has already been booked!” - Father Carlos

The St. Mike’s festival is truly a family summer tradition for many of us. Next year the tradition will continue with our kids’ games, Bingo, and a roster of great live music. Come hungry as we plan to continue our Mexican, Italian, American, and Cajun foods in addition to everyone’s favorite strawberry shortcake and funnel cakes!

Because the festival is such an important part of our school’s yearly fundraising efforts, we are considering alternative ways to provide some of your festival favorites in the upcoming months. Details will be revealed soon!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Shandi Nodurft
Advancement Coordinator, SMPS
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.

Thank you to our friends who have generously helped with our campaign:

- Father Carlos
- Pat and Julia Plunkett
- John and Donna Clark
- Mark and Helen Skypack
- John and Dorothy Dudzik
- Maureen McNabb
- Ralph and Debbie Lucki
- Chad and Jennifer Carter

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