O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

Psalm 63:2
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WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19;
Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135,
175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Wednesday: St. Albert the Great
Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne;
Blessed Virgin Mary

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: Nov. 4/5, 2017

4:30pm — 262 7:30am — 136
9:00am — 234 11:30am — 185
TOTAL — 817

1st Collection: Not available at press time
2nd Collection: N/a
Misc. Collections: N/a

TOTAL: N/a
MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 11
7:30am  †Barbara Rempe McFadden (A)  
4:30pm  †Rita Dunn

Sunday, November 12
7:30am  †Recently Deceased  
9:00am  People of the Parish  
11:30am  †Beverly Dumas

Monday, November 13
7:30am  †Rosemary McGee  
5:30pm  †Kerri Gilligan

Tuesday, November 14
7:30am  †Deceased Members of the Lucey Family

Wednesday, November 15
8:30am  †Carolyne Zimmerman  
5:30pm  †Dorothy Boyle (A)

Thursday, November 16
7:30am  †Beverly Dumas

Friday, November 17
7:30am  †Catherine Grubler Freismuth

Saturday, November 18
7:30am  †Angie Palmer  
4:30pm  †Kenneth Tillman

Sunday, November 19
7:30am  †Lucille Rapp  
9:00am  †Kate Miller  
11:30am  People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (Nov. 12-18) in memory of:

June & Thomas Lynskey

St. Michael Parish welcomes:

PALMER GEORGE ZITZELSBERGER  
son of Robert and Caroline Zitzelsberger  
who was baptized at St. Michael’s  
on November 4, 2017

Within the next couple of weeks, you will receive a Summary Report detailing the results of our Increased Offertory Program. Several weeks ago we began this program. We are beginning to see the signs that our Sunday offertory collections are growing through the generosity of many, many parishioners. Thank you so very much to all who have chosen to participate in this important program. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be part of the ongoing mission of St. Michael Church.

“Give your Hands to Serve and your Hearts to Love”
Thank you to the 138 parishioners who have brought us to 77% of our goal, BUT we need more of you to respond to this appeal which supports programs that benefit parishes throughout the diocese (including our own parish!) Please consider making a gift today at this link: www.dwc.org/CSA

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

† Mary “Susie” O’Donnell

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.
St. Michael Parish warmly welcomes any guests or visitors who are joining us for Mass. If you are new to the area and looking for a parish home, we kindly invite you to join our parish. Please visit our website or contact the Parish Office for registration information. If you are traveling through Wheeling, we are happy to have you with us. Please know that you are always welcome and be assured of our prayers for your safe travel home.

Journey of the Chalice schedule:
In the month of November the chalice will transfer at the 4:30pm Mass.
11/11: Doug & Kaleb Pell
11/18: Joe & Sharon Bourgo
11/25: Kathleen & Adam Combs

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. When we pray for vocations, we lift up to our Father those men and women whom He is calling to follow Him in a special way.

WAYS I CAN MAKE MY PARISH BETTER

“Think of yourself as part of a parish family”

Parishioners are expected to feel a true sense of ownership in their parish. That means looking at your parish as more than just a place where you go to Mass. A parish can be:

* A sacred place where the human and the divine meet, where people of all ages grow in the knowledge and understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
* A place where people receive spiritual nourishment, guidance, inspiration, and strength—not just from the priests but from other members of the parish as well.
* A spiritual home where people share in each other’s joys, support each other in times of sorrow, offer encouragement to those who are struggling, and help to anyone who feels battered or broken by life’s trials and tragedies.
* A social place where people make new friends, reach out to those less fortunate, and invite others to become part of a community of believers who try their best to live the Gospel message.

Family members share a common heritage and history. They are grounded in the same beliefs, values, and traditions. They embrace new members of the family with a spirit of love and acceptance. Family members don’t always agree, but they do feel a strong commitment to one another and to the family as a whole.

-Fr. Bill Matheny
Parish School of Religion (PSR)

PSR Update: 1st Reconciliation and Virtus

PSR and SMPS 2nd graders will join one another on Tuesday, November 14th to experience their First Reconciliation. Families are asked to arrive in the church by 6pm so that the service can commence promptly at 6:15pm. Remember to pick up your child’s certificate in the back of church on your way out.

PSR students will receive Virtus training on December 3 during their usual PSR meeting time. Parents who wish to opt their children out from this training are reminded that they need to return the opt-out forms. Contact Nick Mayrand at nmayrand@dwc.org with any questions.

DECEMBER 6

5:30pm Mass in the Church
6:30pm Dinner in the Angelus Center

This evening event with St. Nicholas will include dinner, an appearance by St. Nick himself, Christmas cookies, caroling, photo ops, and of course—blessing of the candy canes!

We hope you can attend this event as the parish wishes to show its appreciation for your generous stewardship!

Please let us know you are coming by going to www.stmikesparish.org and clicking on the RSVP button OR by completing an RSVP card located in the pews.

Advent Wreath Making Workshop

Sunday, Nov. 19th to follow the 9:00am Mass. Wreath making will be held in the school cafeteria; all are welcome. For $10 you will be provided with a wreath, (4) Advent candles, and all of the supplies to decorate your wreath. To reserve a wreath kit, please contact Kathleen Dieffenbaugher at 304-242-1560 Ext. 9 or kathleen@stmikesparish.org.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

9:00am

The Faith Sharing Group will begin a study of the Gospel of John on Wed., Nov. 15th. Martin and Wright are the authors of The Gospel of John which is the text we will use (available on Amazon). The group meets from 1:00-2:30 in the Parish Office. For more information please call Janell Knorr at 304.242.0020.

The Gabriel Project is in need of coats for newborns to size 4. Please help the little ones in the Wheeling area stay warm in the winter.

If you have an extra coat, please drop it off at St. Michael Parish Office or call Faith Hicks at 304-280-7819 to arrange a pick up. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!
Pics from All Saints Day
WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

OLD TESTAMENT  He was the third son born to Adam and Eve:
A. Saul
B. Seth
C. Shem
D. Suri

Last week's answer: The priest wears green vestments the majority of the Church Year

Prayer for the Strengthening of Marriages

Blessed Mother, take into your hands the knots that affect married couples, and with your long fingers of love and grace undo these knots for the glory of God. Visit married couples with your grace, renew their sacramental covenant, increase God's love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for us. Amen.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

There are many ways to participate in the celebration of the Mass either on a daily basis or only on the weekends. Our clergy rely upon parishioners to volunteer as ministers in several different roles for the celebration of Eucharist. Liturgical Ministers include the positions of altar server, sacristan, lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

While the role of altar server is typically done by students of the parish, it is certainly not limited to them. Adults are always welcome to be trained and to participate as an altar server. We typically use 3-4 altar servers for a weekend Mass. In addition, altar servers are needed for weddings, funerals, and special services during the year such as Stations of the Cross.

The role of sacristan is for individuals that like to work behind the scenes. The sacristan has 2 primary responsibilities: making all the preparations for the celebration of the Mass, and ensuring all items used in the liturgy are properly disposed of after the celebration of the Mass.

The lector, or Minister of the Word, is the minister within Mass who proclaims the word of God. The job of the lector is to facilitate the public prayer of the Church. This person is responsible for the reading of the announcements before Mass begins, reading of the first and second readings, as well as the Prayers of the Faithful.

Finally, the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is the lay person that assists the priest with the distribution of Holy Communion at all Masses. We typically use 5 extraordinary ministers at each weekend Mass. In addition, extraordinary ministers can be trained to take Holy Communion to the sick and homebound.

Any parishioners that have any interest in participating as a Liturgical Minister can contact Stewardship Director, Kathleen Dieffenbauger at 304-242-1560 Ext. 9 OR kathleen@stmikesparish.org.

SCHEDULING WEDDINGS AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

If you are looking to schedule an upcoming wedding at our parish, please note that while weddings are typically scheduled on Saturdays @ 1:00pm, we also permit weddings to be scheduled on Friday evenings as well. Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance to secure a date.

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
- 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
- Sgt. Christopher Snyder, US Army
- 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!
**Shoe-vement**

In conjunction with St. Michael Parish School Christmas Show on Dec. 14th, we are collecting gently used and new shoes. We have partnered with **Funds2Orgs**. This organization is a for-profit social enterprise. The core of its business model is shoe drive fundraisers. The other components are providing an economic opportunity for workers in developing nations and helping the environment. The shoes we collect serve as a philanthropic bridge to give people a hand-up and work opportunity. Micro-entrepreneurs set up small businesses. They sell the shoes we gather, which creates business and commerce opportunities leading to sustainability. Lastly, our school is given a monetary donation from the Funds2orgs, provide bags for the shoes and pick-up the shoes once the collection process is complete.

If you have any shoes you would like to donate to this collection, please send them to Mrs. Nodurft’s office or to Miss Graytok’s music room. If you have any questions please contact Shandi Nodurft at mrsnodurft@smpswv.org or 304.242.3966, ext 4.

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SMPS is selling the 2018 Enjoy Coupon Book. The Enjoy Coupon Book fundraiser generates an income of $10 per book for us. $5 of this income will be retained by us and $5 can be credited to a family towards their hot lunch account. If a family is not designated the $10 will go directly to SMPS. Forms and books will be available in the school office.
Boatsie's Boxes!

Thank you for all for donations to the Halloween candy collection for our troops. So far we have collected over 30lbs. of candy!

All Saints' Day

Christmas Items Only Rummage Sale
November 18th 8am-noon.
CM/CW will be accepting, sorting and pricing donations Nov. 15, 16 and 17th from 4-7pm in the Angelus Center. Volunteers needed. A bin will be in the preschool lobby as well as in the main entrance of the school for donations.
Please direct questions to Sandy Pell at 304-281-9459. All the proceeds will go to purchase a new warmer for the school cafeteria.

November 15th & 16th: Parent/Teacher Conferences Preschool-4th
November 17th: No school for Preschool-4th
November 20th: Turkey Trot 3-5pm
November 21st: TK/K Thanksgiving Program 11:00 am
November 21st: Noon dismissal, No Extended Care
November 21st-24th: Thanksgiving Break

December 1st: Wear your wings; earn your halo! T-shirt Dress-Down
December 1st: Angel Tree
December 2nd: Craft Fair
December 6th: Grandparent’s Day for 6th-8th grades
December 14th: First Reconciliation 6:15pm
December 14th: SMPS Christmas Play
December 15th: Bake Sale
December 18th-20th: 7th & 8th Grade Exams
December 21st-January 2nd: Christmas Break
January 3rd: School Resumes

Special thanks to this week’s hot lunch volunteers:
Missy Tiu, Beth Schmidt, Jennie Adams, Julie Blake, Kathy Blatt, Larry Teufel, Jen Decker, Marybeth Emmerth, Jessica Frangos, Susie Nau, Janet Kelly and McKenzie Keane.

SOCK-TOBER
SOCK-TOBER brought in 284 pairs of socks. Project Hope will receive these socks to be distributed to the homeless in the Wheeling area. Thanks again everyone!
UPCOMING EVENTS

* Nov. 16—19: High School Youth Group students will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis

* Nov. 25: The Angel Trees begin — ornaments will be on the trees until Dec. 10

* Dec. 3: Youth Group Fundraiser: The Polar Express from 1-4pm

* Dec. 10: Youth Group Christmas Party (5th-8th grade) @ Angelus Center from 5-7pm

* Dec. 16-17: Youth Group Christmas Party (High School) @ Camp Zion

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Upcoming Events:

40 Days for Life Update: Local campaign leaders tell us that so far, since Day 1 on September 27, they can report 112 babies saved — that we know of! Thanks be to God!

National News: The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday passed H.R. 36, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act—which now goes to the Senate—and President Donald Trump promises to sign the bill if it reaches his desk. “For little babies to feel the crushing agony of the abortionist’s tools as they undergo ‘dismemberment abortion’ in the land of the free and the home of the brave is a disgrace that defies human expression.” (Rep. Trent Franks, R-AZ, bill’s author).

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Pregnant & Need Help:
Northern Panhandle Gabriel Project: 304-639-5039
Birthright International: Helpline: 1.800.550.4900
Aim Women’s Center (Steubenville, OH): (740) 283-3636

Post Abortion Support:
Rachel’s Vineyard: 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)
Silent No More: 888-735-3448

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

oversees the corporal and spiritual needs of the parish. Members promote prayer, growth in faith, and faith sharing among the parish community. They plan for future parish needs and meet monthly on the third Wednesday (except July and December).

Our members are: Leslie Kosanovic – Chairperson, Melissa Michael – Secretary, Amanda Castle, Margaret Erickson, Robin Galloway, Katrina Mosman, Lynne Petchar, Laura Reed, Isaac Smith – Youth Rep.

If you want to serve on the Council, please contact any of these representatives or Msgr. Peterson or Father Bill.

December 3: 1-4pm @ The Angelus Center

Children TK through 4th grade are invited to enjoy viewing the Polar Express Movie, a treat and a visit from Santa. Children can wear their pajamas and bring a blanket too.

This fundraiser is being hosted by our parish youth group; please help support them with your donations!

Prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away: God never changes.
Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.
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Second place: **Central Elite**--Mariah and Phillip Bender, Dave Hanes, Tami and Rob Magruder, Frank Przybysz

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Registration fee: $40.00 per person
(includes materials and two lunches)
This is a local retreat but out-of-town commuters are welcome to attend.
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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 the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

**Wheeling Vicariate Advent Reflection: “The Joy of the Gospel”** - Join us on Friday, December 1st and Saturday, December 2nd in the Parish Centre of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Wheeling for an opportunity to study and reflect on Pope Francis’ message on living and sharing the Gospel with joy. Hear from local Catholic speakers and national Catholic leaders (via video presentations) as we explore the “Francis effect” and the Holy Father’s call for us to live our Catholic faith in ways that help others come to encounter our Lord Jesus. Friday evening begins with a soup supper at 5p.m., features an introduction to Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), and concludes with prayer and adoration. We pick back up on Saturday morning with a pancake breakfast from the Knights of Columbus, followed by a full day of presentations, guided discussions, and a panel of local Catholics. We conclude with the Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. There is no cost for the event, but please register at https://dwc.org/thejoyofthegospel/ so that we can plan for the meals. Donations will be accepted for the cost of the meals. Questions?
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