St. Michael Parish Mission Statement:
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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PARISH COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

Pastoral Council - Leslie Kosanovic, Chairperson
Stewardship Council - Janet Boyle, Chairperson
Buildings & Grounds - Denny Wilson, Chairperson
Finance Council - Tom Galinski, Chairperson
Personnel Council - John Moore, Chairperson

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is held
3pm-4pm on Saturday, 8am on First Saturday, or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration is held Monday 8am-5pm,
6pm-10pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am-5pm Wednesday
10am-5pm; Saturday 8am-noon.
Please contact Cindy Barone at the Parish Office if you are interested in Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Christian Initiation of Adults, joining the parish, bulletin announcements, a pastoral visit for homebound or hospitalized parishioners, or Weddings (six months prior to the desired wedding date).

Your Parish Office is open 8am until 4pm
Monday-Thursday and 8am until noon each Friday.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bed, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20;
Lk 23:35-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Thursday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Cecilia
Saturday: St. Clement I; St. Columban;
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro;
Blessed Virgin Mary

CANDLE OF PEACE

This candle burns in spirit with everyone whose trust was betrayed by the Church that we love.
We pray for the grace to forgive and to act with justice. Grant that all who have been harmed may find peace.
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, November 16th**
- 7:30am  †Special Intention
- 4:30pm  †Kate Elizabeth Miller

**Sunday, November 17th**
- 7:30am  †Rosemary Wasemann
- 9:00am  People of the Parish
- 11:30am  †Katherine Grubler Freismuth

**Monday, November 18th**
- 7:30am  †James Stahl
- 5:30pm  †Kenneth Tillman

**Tuesday, November 19th**
- 7:30am  Laurie Bosshard

**Wednesday, November 20th**
- 8:30am  †Jamie Hannig
- 5:30pm  †Christi Chanoski

**Thursday, November 21st**
- 7:30am  †Jacklyn Sebulsky

**Friday, November 22nd**
- 7:30am  †Edward Wilhelm

**Saturday, November 23rd**
- 7:30am  †Mary Lou Naples
- 4:30pm  People of the Parish

**Sunday, November 24th**
- 7:30am  †Charlie Bishop
- 9:00am  †Cecilia Ciripompa
- 11:30am  †Matt Velez (A)

† - For the repose of souls

The Rosary is said every weekday after morning Mass at St. Michael Church. This week’s Rosary leader is Anita Smith.

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Many, many years ago, my sister and I learned some important lessons from bees. My father bought a bee hive and asked a contractor to remove one side of it and replace it with glass. I think it was my father’s version of an ant farm. The hive was mounted on a shelf outside of the second floor family room. My father acquired a swarm of bees and the beekeeping adventure was inaugurated.

It was fascinating. We sat for hours watching the bees flying in and out of their home. They would return with colorful pollen pellets on their legs. My dad called them saddlebags. We learned that flowers had different colors of pollen. With our window into their hive, we could watch those worker bees travel through the honeycombs and work together to keep the colony alive. You probably know the basics about honey bees, but did you know that on a hot day, worker bees will stay at the entrance of the hive and fan their wings to create air circulation? Cool, right?

My father’s goal was to teach us about the important role of the honey bees as pollinators. My mother used the same bee hive to teach us the importance of working together as a community. Each bee has a job to perform for the well-being of the “family”.

I thought of that bee hive when I was at the Angelus Center for the Cooking With Carlos dinner! There were many worker bees who helped Father Carlos prepare for the event and many more who helped the day of the event. They were buzzing along all day! Thank you to each and every one of our worker bees. And thank you to the many guests who joined us for dinner. One more thank you goes out to our friends who were unable to join us, but filled their saddle bag with a financial donation and sent it our way.

—Wendy F. Hinerman

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**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Third banns:

Gianna Goffredo and Kirk Shriver to be married at St. Michael Parish on November 23, 2019.
Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mikes’ webpage.

Weekday Mass 7:30am Altar Servers:
- November 18—Paige Wurtzbacher
- November 19—Still Needed
- November 20—Giannah Mueller
- November 21—Still Needed
- November 22—The Shinns

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.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
is held each Sunday during 9am Mass. All 3 year olds through 1st graders are welcome to attend. The presider will call the children up to the front of the church after the opening prayer, before the First Reading.

Weekend Data for November 9/10, 2019

Attendance Data:
- 4:30pm — 201
- 7:30am — 107
- 9:00am — 265
- 11:30am — 170

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 743

Collection Data:
- 1st Collection: $7,814.00
- 2nd Collection: $2,608.81
- Miscellaneous: $892.16
- Online: $391.50

Total: $11,706.47

*Catholic Sharing Appeal this week: $675.00

Second Collections next week:
- DWC - Campaign for Human Development
- St. Michael - End of Year Gift

*All money donated to the Catholic Sharing Appeal from now until January 31, 2020 will be returned back to the parish 100% - without any diocesan taxes. Simply put - every penny contributed to the Catholic Sharing Appeal will be used for St. Michael Parish! All end of the year donations to St. Michael Parish will be processed through the Catholic Sharing Appeal.
St. Michael Parish provides a wonderful ministry to the families of our deceased parishioners.

Upon the death and funeral of a parishioner, we have several teams of women that take turns providing a funeral luncheon for the family and friends of the deceased. These wonderful women (and men) are hoping that YOU would like to help with this ministry!

You can be involved as little or as much as you choose. If you would like to be added to the list of people that can be called when help is needed, please contact Kathleen in the Parish Office @ kathleen@stmikesparish.org OR 304-242-1560 Ext. 9.

Every hour of your time is helpful!

The frost is on the pumpkin which means that the holidays are right around the corner!

Advent and Christmas are beautiful times within our church. We have several church “angels” that work very hard to highlight the beauty of the season in the decorations that you see in the church. From lighted Christmas trees to wreaths and bows, we love to accentuate the beauty of our church for the season! Our decorating “angels” would love to have your HELP! With a few more people added to our crew, our decorating projects become much easier! “Many hands make light work!”

If you are interested in helping with church decorating, you can reach out to Kathleen in the Parish Office OR you can just SHOW UP on November 30th @ 9:00am OR December 23rd @ 10:00am! We will be there with “bows” on!

Have you ever looked at the Social Concerns envelope and wondered about the distribution of those funds? We pledge $500 per month to Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center. Our church has also helped the community with donations to Catholic Charities West Virginia, Youth Services, Wheeling Health Right’s Congregations for Caring, sponsor of Youth Services Good Samaritan Dinner (honoring our friend, Charlie Schlegel), the Angel Tree project and support for Ziegenfelder Company when they had a fire. We also provide financial assistance to parishioners who need a bit of help in an emergency situation.

The funds in our Social Concerns account come from the second collection envelope three times per year, the Thanksgiving collection, and this year, the proceeds from the Rummage Sale. If you have any questions about this fund, please contact me.

Thank you,
Wendy F. Hinerman

SAVE THE DATE!!
Our 3rd annual St. Nick @ Nite Christmas Dinner and Celebration of Stewardship is on for Wednesday, December 4th at our Angelus Center!!

Pictured Mark Phillips, Northern Regional Director, Catholic Charities West Virginia, Father Carlos Melocoton, Pastor, St. Michael Church.
Knights of Columbus Leap Hunger:
Saturday February 29, 2020

An estimated 795 million people in our world go hungry each day. Imagine that when you lay your head on your pillow tonight; that is nearly 1 billion people! To help fight the scourge of hunger in developing countries, Cross Catholic Outreach is partnering with the Knights of Columbus in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia to pack Vitafood: a fortified rice and bean product, to be shipped to needy families in developing countries. But we need your help. The lay-missionaries, priests, and nuns ministering to the poor families overseas are grateful for every packet which we send to nourish and fill empty bellies. Your gift and your support of the efforts of the Knights of Columbus will help us fight physical and spiritual hunger in the name of Jesus!

On Saturday (Leap Year Day) February 29th, 2020 your local Knights of Columbus will be leading the charge to pack a minimum of 40,000 meals at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Wheeling WV. We invite families, friends and parishioners from the Ohio Valley to come and join the movement to feed the hungry. Remember, 20% of our efforts will go to local food banks here in West Virginia to fulfill our mandate to feed the hungry at home as well as abroad. Can we count on you? At $0.25/meal, $1.00 covers 4 meals, $100 covers 400 meals and $1,000 will take care of 4,000 meals!

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Donate Online:
CrossCatholic.org/LeapHunger

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KOC 504 LEAPS HUNGER
118 Edgington Lane,
Wheeling, WV 26003

On behalf of your Knights of Columbus Team, thank you!

Sincerely,

Jerry “Jermac” McGlumphy
KOC Leaps Hunger
Team Chairman, (304) 215-2952 / jermacjermac@gmail.com
EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS
Submitted by Shandi Nodurft

2019 CRAFT FAIR!

Please join us for the St. Michael Parish School Parent Association 2019 Craft Fair on Saturday, December 7th from 9-3 pm in the Angelus Center. Come see the creative, the clever, and the crafty items that will be for sale! There will be unique creations, as well as handcrafted items such as holiday themed merchandise, unique accessories, gourmet treats, tote bags, centerpieces, hand painted items and much more. This is an important fundraiser for the Parent Association. Please come out and support this annual event!

8TH GRADE CHRISTMAS SALE

Are you ready to start thinking about decorating for Christmas? If so, make sure to come out on November 22nd and 23rd to the annual Christmas and bake sale. The 8th grade class is taking over the sale this. Donated items will be accepted Nov 20-22 from 4:00-7:00 pm in the Angelus Center. Shopping times are November 22 from 4:00-7:00 pm and November 23 from 8:00 am-Noon. Please support this fundraiser and get a few new decorations for yourself! Proceeds benefit the 8th grade class trip.

9TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN DROP!

The 9th annual Pumpkin Drop was a success! We had 23 groups that tried their best to have their pumpkin survive the drop from the school roof. There were several very creative and new ideas of how to protect the pumpkin. We had 7 groups make it to round 2, to be dropped a second time. The winning team was comprised of 6th grade boys: Finn O’Connell, Michael Steiniger, Luke McCabe, Matthew Criniti, and Liam Shinn.

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Mark Voellinger for the many things they do for our school. Recently they donated an industrial bubble machine and a gallon of bubble juice! Thank you for filling my bucket and buying this machine! It is going to bring an added component of fun to many future events!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to SMPS 2017 grad Eric Mehlman for earning his Eagle Scout award. He is a Junior at Trinity High School in Washington, PA. Well done Eric!
Important Dates For The 2019-2020 School Year

- **November 21st**: First Reconciliation
- **November 26th**: Noon Dismissal & TK/K Program @ 10:00 am
- **November 27th – 29th**: No School! Happy Thanksgiving!
- **December 4th**: St. Nick @ Nite
- **December 11th**: Grandparent's Day 5th-8th grades
- **December 19th**: PK4 Christmas Program @ 9:00 am & 1:00 pm
- **December 20th**: Noon dismissal
- **Dec. 21st - Jan. 5, 2020**: Christmas Break
- **April 4 - April 14, 2020**: Easter Break
- **May 20, 2020**: Last Day of School/Picnic


Are you looking for the perfect Christmas gift? If so, please consider some SMPS Bling! This gift opportunity will run today through Friday, November 15th. Casey Griffin, a school parent, is offering an incentive. For each $50.00 your family sells in merchandise your name will go into a drawing for a free sitting fee with CaseyLeighG Photography. The winner will be announced on November 18th. The chairperson of this fundraiser is Mrs. Casey Griffin. If you have any questions about the sale please contact Casey via email griffin920@comcast.net.

SMPS Christmas Bling!
November 17th - Mandatory meeting for all parents and students attending NCYC at the Angelus Center at 7:00pm.

November 21st-24th - National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC).

Angel Trees are UP! They are located within the Church. Please take a tag and support one of the 8 different organizations and/or individual families that the Youth Group sponsors! These tags are due back with your gifts to the Church on the weekend of November 30th and December 1st!

Be on the lookout for the St. Michael Parish Handbell Choir!!

Over these next weeks leading up to Advent and Christmas, our handbell choir will be out in the community providing music for various events. On November 20 at 6:30pm, the bell choir will be part of the City of Wheeling’s “Winter On The Plaza” at the Market Street Plaza in downtown Wheeling. In addition, the handbells will again play in the lobby of Wesbanco Arena prior to the Symphony on Ice event on December 5, 2019. We are excited to represent our parish in these community events!!

The Coats for Kids Drive is on! You will see the bins in the back of the church. We will be collecting your donations thru the month of November. Please be generous as you always are to the less fortunate children this holiday season.

Thank you in advance, and have a wonderful holiday season!

Did you know that our Angel Tree supports 8 charities and individual families as well?

The following organizations directly benefit from your generosity:

- Wheeling Health Right
- Wheeling Freeze Shelter
- Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center
- Children’s Home of Wheeling
- Augusta Levy Learning Center
- Wheeling Soup Kitchen
- Women’s Abuse Shelter
- Harmony House

That’s a whole lot of Christmas Spirit to our community, thanks to YOU!!
November 2019

16/17 - Angel Tree Project begins
20 - Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm
20 - Finance Council Meeting 4pm
21 - First Reconciliation 6:30pm
24 - Christ the King Adoration 1pm - 4pm
28 - Thanksgiving Day 9am Mass
30 - Angel Tree Gift Returns
30 - Church Decorating for Advent 9am

December 2019

1 - Angel Tree Gift Returns
4 - St. Nick @ Nite 6pm
8 - Advent Retreat
9 - Personnel Committee Meeting 2:30pm
9 - Stewardship Committee Meeting 4:30pm
16 - Lessons & Carols 7pm
17 - Communal Penance Service 7pm
23 - Church Decorating for Christmas 10am
24 - Christmas Eve Masses @ 4pm, 7pm, 10pm
25 - Christmas Mass @ 10am
26 - 7:30am Mass
31 - New Year’s Eve Vigil - 5:30pm

January 2020

1 - Holy Day - 10am Mass

CHRIST THE KING, AN AFTERNOON OF WORSHIP AND GRATITUDE, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2019 FROM 1:00PM TO 4:00PM AT ST. MICHAEL CHURCH.

St. Michael Parish
ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

December 16, 2019
7:00pm

Join the Pastoral Council, Parish Choir, Handbell Choir, and Music Ministers in a festive celebration of Advent Lessons and Carols.

This evening service combines seven scripture readings (Genesis, Isaiah, Baruch, Gospel of Luke, Gospel of Matthew) with various Advent carols foretelling the Birth of Christ and his second coming.

The service will conclude with a candlelight procession to the outdoor nativity scene where we will bless the creche and officially light it for the first time this season. Please plan to join us for this event — what a wonderful way to prepare for the upcoming Christmas Season which will only be one week away.
Please pray for these men and women serving and those who have served 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
- 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
- Warrant Officer 1 (W01) 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!*

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**Help Wanted at St. Mike’s**

**School Custodial Maintenance Worker**

Keep parish and school buildings and campus in clean and orderly condition.  
*Job Type: Part-time - 3pm - 8pm Monday - Friday*

**Maintenance and Custodial Worker**

Ability to fix and maintain mechanical equipment, buildings, and machines.  
*Job Type: Full-time*

If you are interested and would like to inquire about either of our positons, please contact Wendy Hinerman at 304.242.1560, extension 4 or whinerman@stmikesparish.org

Thank you!