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ST. MICHAEL 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

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Catherine of Alexandria
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Saturday: St. Andrew

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 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)

**Monday, November 25th**
- 7:30am ✝ Cathy Abraham
- 5:30pm ✝ Oscar Irisari

**Tuesday, November 26th**
- 7:30am ✝ Charlie Petri

**Wednesday, November 27th**
- 8:30am ✝ Frank Krynicki
- 5:30pm ✝ Ed “Ooga” Covey

**Thursday, November 28th**
- 9:00am ✝ Marie Ann & Garrett Craft

**Friday, November 29th**
- 7:30am ✝ Steven Wilson

**Saturday, November 30th**
- 7:30am ✝ Peggy & Jay Gantzer
- 4:30pm ✝ Eileen Schubert

**Sunday, December 1st**
- 7:30am People of the Parish
- 9:00am ✝ Jim Bordas
- 11:30am ✝ Ron DiLorenzo

✝ - For the repose of souls

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Many years ago my Aunt Sally sent a goofy Thanksgiving decoration to my mother. It was a hand stitched felt turkey head with two googly eyes hot-glued on it. The turkey head was designed to be placed on a pineapple. Aunt Sally had purchased it from her church craft fair. We got quite a kick out of the hilarious handmade decoration. To my surprise and delight, the next year, Aunt Sally sent a felt turkey head to me. When my mother died, my sister didn’t put up too much resistance when I requested this particular heirloom. Now, every year I buy two pineapples and proudly display my Thanksgiving pineapple turkeys.

I like the quirkiness of these decorations but most of all, I love thinking of my aunt. It warms my heart to think of her strolling through a craft fair in Farmington, Connecticut and buying a silly gift for her sister in Wheeling, West Virginia. Many miles separated those two sisters and they were never together for Thanksgiving once they moved from their parent’s home. However, 526 miles did not prevent them from thinking of each other and being thankful for the many blessings in their lives.

Times have changed. Now we have the internet and sites like Pinterest for Thanksgiving craft ideas which are much more elegant than pineapple turkey heads. And Hallmark makes greeting cards which specifically say Happy Thanksgiving from across the miles. But one thing that hasn’t changed is that Thanksgiving is a special day set aside to reflect on the many things in our lives for which we are grateful. It’s a day to be thankful.

To all of my parish family, Happy Thanksgiving. I thank God for all of you!

—Wendy F. Hinerman

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The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of Cathy Abraham. May she rest in peace oh Lord, and may Eternal Light shine upon her.

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**Book Of Intentions**

The Liturgy Committee has placed a “Book of Intentions” in the narthex of the church. You are invited to share your prayer intention with us by writing it in the book. You do not need to sign your name. At our Sunday Mass, all of the intentions placed in the book will be remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful.

Jesus said to bring our every need before God, and He assured us that “whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you.” (John 16:23)
Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mikes’ webpage.

Weekday Mass 7:30am Altar Servers:

November 25—Ava Hanson
November 26—Ava Hanson
November 27—Giannah Mueller
November 28—NEEDED
November 29—NEEDED

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.

Saturday, November 30th, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Karen Kelly
Lectors: Carole Kliner & Danielle Agcaoili
Altar Servers: Daniel Goodson, Ryan & Noah Blair, Giannah Mueller
EMOHCS: Karen & Jim Kelly, Paul Litvak, Marianne Blair, Donna Clark

Sunday, December 1st, 7:30am
Sacristan: Gretchen Wilson
Lectors: Nathan Stryker & Amanda Castle
Altar Servers: Ben Halicki & Ryan Linder
EMOHCS: Gretchen Wilson, Ed & Sally Bowie, Mark Sengewalt, Pat Plunkett

Sunday, December 1st, 9:00am
Sacristan: Phil Emmerth
Lectors: Elizabeth Wolf & Marian Mullin
Altar Servers: Adam Wolf, Luca Benson, Jack Adams, Lucan Galbraith
EMOHCS: Phil & Marybeth Emmerth, Jessica Galbraith, Isaac Smith, April Stolfer

Sunday, December 1st, 11:30am
Sacristan: NEEDED
Lectors: Nancy Ellen O’Leary & Margaret Erickson
Altar Servers: The Blatt Family
EMOHCS: Ted Erickson, Shandi Nodurft, Adrienne Michaud, Robbie DiLorenzo, Barb Varlas

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 16/17, 2019

Attendance Data:

4:30pm — 236
9:00am — 203
7:30am — 144
11:30am — 215

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 798

Collection Data:

1st Collection: $7079.60
2nd Collection: $1693.00
Miscellaneous: $842.50
Online: $526.50
Christmas Flowers: $950.00
Total: $11,091.60

*Catholic Sharing Appeal this week: $960.00
Second Collections next week: Weekly and Monthly Church Support

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

Hopefully you have received your invitation to St. Nick @ Nite. Are you wondering about the evening? Simply, it’s a celebration of our parishioners. It’s a celebration of you. The event is an opportunity for Father Carlos, Father Martin and the staff at St. Michael Parish and School to say THANK YOU! We are grateful for your devotion, prayers, and stewardship!

St. Nicholas was a fourth century bishop who was known for his generosity. The week of his feast day (December 6) is the perfect time to honor our generous parishioners. An evening of food, fun and friendship is planned. Our buffet supper will be catered by our friend Charlie Schlegel and Ye Ole Alpha. We have some holiday entertainment planned and have invited St. Nicholas to visit! St. Nick will help bless the candy canes and then he’ll stick around for photos.

This casual supper is for our parish family. The song lyrics “kids from one to ninety-two” do not apply to this event… we invite all of our parishioners… from the wee ones to the wise ones!

Please be sure to RSVP so that our lovely Christian Mothers / Christian Women will know how many cookies we need!

RSVP is easy.
You can complete a form found in the pews and drop it in the collection basket.
You can go to our website www.stmikesparish.org and click on the link.

Thanksgiving at the Parish Office

In observance of Thanksgiving, the Parish Office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 27th, and will remain closed until Monday, December 2nd at 8am.

If it SNOWS!!

December is right around the corner and that means Old Man Winter is here! In the event of snow, WE DO NOT CANCEL MASS. We do, however, need help with our property to keep it safe for our parishioners. In the event of a snowfall, we are deeply appreciative of anyone who arrives with shovel in hand! No special invitations are issued, but be assured that we are grateful for our snow stewards!

Also, we would ask that if you are able-bodied, please park at the Angelus Center when you come to the church during the week or weekends so that the infirmed and elderly can park closer to the church during these cold winter months.

Adoration Schedule in Inclement Weather

Eucharistic Adoration is held Monday 8am-5pm, 6pm-10pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am-5pm; Wednesday 10am-5pm; Saturday 8am-noon.

In the event that Ohio County Schools are cancelled, then Adoration is cancelled. School delays don’t affect Adoration hours.
Waiting for Jesus with Mary

1:00-1:40 pm Welcome and First Presentation
1:40-2:00 pm Guided Prayer
2:00-2:15 pm Break
2:15 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
2:20-2:50 pm Second Presentation
3:00 pm Rosary with meditations Scriptural Rosary
3:30 pm Evening Prayer and Benediction/Reposition

St. Michael Parish Invites You!!!
December 8, 2019 from 1 – 4 pm
Adoration, Reflection Talk, and Evening Prayer in Our Church

With Sr. Agnes Therese Davis, TOR
Ministry Coordinator
Our Lady of Sorrows Monastery
Toronto, OH
Pope Francis Message

I would also remind you of the words that Jesus once said to the disciples who asked him: “Teacher where are you staying?” He replied, “Come and see” (Jn 1:38). Jesus looks at you and invites you to go with him. Dear young people, have you noticed this look towards you? Have you heard this voice? Have you felt this urge to undertake this journey? I am sure that, despite the noise and confusion seemingly prevalent in the world, this call continues to resonate in the depths of your heart so as to open it to joy in its fullness. This will be possible to the extent that, even with professional guides, you will learn how to undertake a journey of discernment to discover God’s plan in your life. Even when the journey is uncertain and you fall, God, rich in mercy, will extend his hand to pick you up.

St. Michael Parish invites the

YOUNG ADULTS

of our church to be active!!!

Please contact us if you are interested in joining me to start a community of young adults, ready and active to serve your parish community.

Please join us in the Parish Office, the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6pm, starting January 2020. We will have a meal to share.

CONTACT ME—FR. CARLOS 304.242.1560
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!

R.E.A.P.

Mrs. Przybysz and Mrs. Wolf's sixth graders spent three days and two nights at Oglebay Park's Camp Russell as part of the REAP program. This educational initiative, Regional Environmental Action Program, teaches students about Earth stewardship through lessons in ecology, taxonomy, animal adaptation, and stream biodiversity. In the evenings, students gathered together for campfires, sing-a-longs, and skits. This was a wonderful experience for our students--they returned with many great memories of lessons learned and friendships forged. Thanks to those SMPS teachers and parents who helped with cleaning, cooking meals, and chaperoning for this special event!

CHRISTMAS SMPS BLING

Are you looking for the perfect Christmas gift? If so, please consider some SMPS Bling! For additional forms please stop in to the school office. 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.

Important Dates For The 2019-2020 School Year

- **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. 21th - Jan. 5, 2020:** Christmas Break
- **April 4 - April 14, 2020:** Easter Break
- **May 29, 2020:** Last Day of School/Picnic
Did you know that when you shop for the holidays at smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0359761, AmazonSmile donates to St. Michael Church and School?

#1 holiday hack:
When you buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.
The Angel Trees are UP! They are located within the Church, side altars and narthex. Please take a tag and support one of the 8 different organizations and/or individual families that our parish sponsors! These tags are due back with your gifts to the church next weekend, November 30th and December 1st.

The 3rd and 4th Grade Christmas Party will be on December 2nd, 2019 from 3pm until 4:30pm at the Angelus Center.

The 5th and 6th Grade Christmas Party will be on December 8th, 2019 from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Angelus Center.

The 7th and 8th Grade Christmas Party will be on December 15th, 2019 from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Angelus Center.

The High School Christmas Party will be Saturday, January 4th, 2020 at 9pm for an all night Christmas Party until 7am.

The Knights of Columbus 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 less fortunate children in our community.

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

Happy Notes...

THANKSGIVING
Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.
—Henry Van Dyke

RESTART
When you stop to think, don’t forget to start again.
—Anonymous

FORGIVENESS
The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness.
—William Blake
CHRIST THE KING, AN AFTERNOON OF WORSHIP AND GRATITUDE, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2019 FROM 1:00PM TO 4:00PM
AT
ST. MICHAEL CHURCH

November 2019
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 Waiting for Jesus with Mary
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 - Holy Day Vigil - 5:30pm

January 2020
1 - Mary, the Holy Mother of God, 10am Mass

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!

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!

Jury Rules against Daleiden, Pro-lifers, who Exposed Planned Parenthood’s Sale of Baby Body Parts

by Lianne Laurence LifeSiteNews.com

“SAN FRANCISCO, California, November 15, 2019 (LifeSiteNews) — David Daleiden and the Center for Medical Progress undercover investigators have been found guilty of multiple crimes [including illegal taping, fraud, and violating the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO)] and must pay millions [2 million] in damages to Planned Parenthood for the work they did in exposing organ harvesting on aborted babies…”

“...The case was heard by San Francisco’s U.S. District Court Judge William Orrick III, who has ties to Planned Parenthood, but refused to disqualify himself when defense requested him to do so...[and] spent six weeks influencing the jury with pre-determined rulings and by suppressing video evidence...”

“...The groundbreaking videos showed top-level Planned Parenthood executives haggling over prices of aborted baby body parts, and discussing how to change abortion procedures to obtain more intact organs, and sparked public outrage, congressional and senate hearings, and an ongoing Department of Justice criminal investigation into Planned Parenthood...”

Kindly note that the area of the parking lot beside the church alongside of the Blessed Mother statue is marked a RESTRICTED AREA AND A NO PARKING ZONE. Thank you for your cooperation.