Jesus said
to the chief priests
and elders of the people,
“Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering into the
kingdom of God before you.”

Matthew 21:31
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WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi;
Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset
Thursday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Friday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher;
First Friday
Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary;
First Saturday

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 Dieffenbaugher 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: Sept. 23/24, 2017

4:30pm— 229 7:30am— 138
9:00am—226 11:30am— 220

TOTAL—813

1st Collection: $13,514.27
2nd Collection
(Maintenance): $1,902.72
Misc. Collections: $2,281.05

TOTAL: $17,698.04
**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, September 30**
- 7:30am: Thelma C. McCulloch
- 4:30pm: People of the Parish

**Sunday, October 1**
- 7:30am: Sevcik Family
- 9:00am: Joseph & Patrick Grella
- 11:30am: Edward W. Rapp

**Monday, October 2**
- 7:30am: Edward Covey
- 5:30pm: Michael Zoeckler

**Tuesday, October 3**
- 7:30am: Vivian Shutler

**Wednesday, October 4**
- 8:30am: Jovieta Gornik
- 5:30pm: Albert J. Engelmeier

**Thursday, October 5**
- 7:30am: Steve Carter (A)

**Friday, October 6**
- 7:30am: Commemorative Mass Association

**Saturday, October 7**
- 7:30am: Bonnie Smith
- 4:30pm: Albert Bucon

**Sunday, October 8**
- 7:30am: People of the Parish
- 9:00am: Bob Emmerth
- 11:30am: Anthony Lamb Family

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*The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (October 1 - October 7) in memory of:*

**Steve Carter**

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**
The Parish Office hours have been adjusted. The office will be open Monday – Thursday, 8am – 4pm, and Friday 8am – noon. The office does not close for lunch.

*On October 17 & 18, the Parish Office will be closed as the staff will be attending the diocesan PACE Conference in Charleston!*

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**“Give your Hands to Serve and your Hearts to Love”**
Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the Church.

As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the Church no later than October 22 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the Church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving.

For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the Church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

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The flowers on the altar are in honor of our Patron:
**St. Michael the Archangel!**

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Thank you to all parishioners who have brought us to 48% 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

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**Congratulations to:**

**Dexter & Molly (Starkey) Hazel**

married on September 23 at St. Michael Parish, Wheeling WV
LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, October 7, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Karen Kelly
Lector: AJ Bucon
Altar Servers: Joey & Alex Carter, Dawson Zwack, Daniel Goodson
EMOHCS: Jen Carter, Marianne Blair, Donna Clark, Rose Zende, Ava Zende

Sunday, October 8, 7:30am
Sacristan: Mike Rempe
Lector: Amanda Castle
Altar Servers: Isaac Smith, Ryan Linder
EMOHCS: Mark Sengewalt, Pat Plunkett, Gretchen Wilson, Kathy Ulevich, Rudy Conti

Sunday, October 8, 9:00am
Sacristan: SMPS
Lector: SMPS
Altar Servers: SMPS
EMOHCS: SMPS

Sunday, October 8, 11:30am
Sacristan: Kristy Riedel
Lector: Jason Rine
Altar Servers: Maddie, Kelly & Abie Riedel, Levi Rine
EMOHCS: Adrienne Michaud, DJ Daugherty, Kristy Riedel, Barb Valas, Chris Tiu

Father Bill especially thanks everyone for their support to help his seminary classmate and good friend's church and school buildings. Thanks to your INCREDIBLE generosity, we have raised over $20,000. If you still wish to contribute, please use one of the Disaster Relief envelopes or send your donation to the Parish Office marked as “Disaster Relief.” Please make checks payable to St. Michael Parish.

All donations must be received by October 1!

Journey of the Chalice schedule:
In the month of October the chalice will transfer at the 11:30am Mass.
10/1: Kristy & Rick Riedel
10/8: Pat & Cathy Wood
10/15: Tom & Nancy Coni
10/22: Missy & Jeremy Tiu
10/29: Adrienne Michaud

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.

PARISH OFFICE

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Registration is easy and free to all parishioners (and your friends). Simply type in the parish code and you will have access to a variety of Catholic resources to keep you close to our faith.
Parish School of Religion (PSR)

We are in full swing!!

Students and teachers in the PSR program met last Sunday for their first full session. Each class explored the challenge presented by Sunday’s vineyard gospel parable in their own way. For example, our 3rd/4th grade students grilled their teacher, Luke, about the reading’s surprising conclusion, exclaiming “but that’s just not fair!!” Our 2nd graders also began preparations for their upcoming First Reconciliation.

If your family has PSR eligible students (K-8, not currently attending a Catholic school) and wishes to enroll them in PSR, it is not too late! Contact the PSR coordinator, Nick Mayrand, at mayrand.nick@outlook.com or 937-304-9543 for registration information.

Our next Mustang Mass will be held on Sunday, Oct. 8, at the 9am Mass. The Mustang Mass is a way to gather all of our school families together at one particular weekend Mass per month during the academic year (usually the 2nd weekend of the month).

While the students in our parish school worship together every Wednesday morning at the 8:30am Mass, most of our parishioners are not able to participate in this Mass because of work schedules and other commitments. So, once a month, the school children (wearing their uniforms) are encouraged, along with their families, to attend a specific weekend Mass at the Parish so that all can celebrate our Catholic Grade School and our students can thank our parishioners who help to support Catholic education in so many ways. While different classes take turns having the students serve in the various ministry roles at these Masses, ALL students and their families are asked to come to this designated Mass on the scheduled weekend. We have been blessed with SMPS and we have much to celebrate!!

In honor of the October 4th Feastday of St. Francis of Assisi, our parish will celebrate its annual Blessing of Pets:

October 4 @2:30pm Angelus Center
(parents are asked to bring their child’s pets)

October 7 @10am in the Church Yard

Hopefuly we will have a beautiful day — we don’t want it raining cats and dogs!!

Do you want to stay up-to-date with current events in the Parish or the school? Want to preview the parish bulletin on Friday? Be sure to “Like” us on Facebook; we have two different pages: #1. St. Michael Parish-Wheeling, “Almost Heaven” West Virginia #2. The Official Site of St. Michael Parish School
ONE IN FIVE. Interesting odds, right? Imagine if that was your chance of winning a raffle, or finding a perfect pearl in an oyster? That statistic is also the number of adults who experience mental illness in a given year. Standing at a tailgate party…look around…one in five. Our 800+ parishioners at the weekend Mass…over 160 have a personal struggle with mental illness. I’m willing to say the odds are…all of us have had a close friend or family member who suffered from a mental illness.

My father had bipolar disorder. He was diagnosed in his early twenties. For the remainder of his life, he struggled with extreme shifts in mood. We all have an occasional case of the blues or experience a wildly exciting moment. For my Dad, those “feelings” would last for weeks, sometimes months, at a time. And they were disabling. His “blues” sent him retreating to his bed for endless days that blurred into weeks and his manic episodes brought about irrational behaviors which caused great hardship for our family. And most of all, his illness brought heartache.

I loved Dad dearly, we named our son after him. Unfortunately, mental illness contorted my brilliant, handsome, funny, and creative dad. The disorder was challenging, and the challenge was multiplied by Dad’s effort to keep it hush-hush. Sadly, he felt shame that anyone might know his diagnosis. It really wasn’t a secret; anyone who knew him could sense that something was wrong. But he felt the embarrassment that frequently comes with mental illness. He didn’t want anyone to think he was crazy or looney. He did not want all of us to have to deal with the stigma of mental illness. The stigma did exist, and it still does. However, the stigma is slowly being dissolved, in large part through the efforts of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Our friends, family and neighbors who suffer with mental health problems need our love, support and our prayers. On Tuesday, October 3, at 6:30pm, we will join with NAMI for our Annual Mental Illness Awareness Vigil. You can read about it on page 7 of this bulletin. I encourage you to join us and please invite friends and neighbors. All are welcome. At the conclusion of the prayer service, we have the opportunity to light a candle in honor of a friend or loved one who suffers from mental illness. I’ll be lighting a candle for my one in five, my Dad.

-Wendy Hinerman, Business Manager
WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

SACRAMENTS  These Christians celebrate all seven sacraments:
A. Baptists
B. Lutherans
C. Methodists
D. Orthodox

Last week’s answer: Saint Joan of Arc is not a Doctor of the Church.
Our Seventh Annual Angel Walk--one of the school's largest fundraisers--will be held on Friday, Oct. 13. We thank Wheeling Jesuit University for once again sponsoring this annual event and for serving as the host site for this special event!

This year we are asking SMPS Alumni to join the walking fun and fellowship. We would like to honor our alumni at the Angel Walk. Look for more details soon!

Parents, as we have done in the past, we are asking each family to complete 12 Request for Sponsorship mailers and return them to the school. The school will provide the postage and send the mailers out to the potential sponsors.

There will be forms inside the school doors for anyone wishing to donate to the Angel Walk that doesn’t receive one from a school family! We are looking forward to another great Angel Walk! Thank you for your support!

Sponsor a Student

The 2017-2018 school year finds several school families in need of tuition assistance. We are asking those parishioners who are willing and financially able, to consider sponsoring a child for the school year. Tuition for one child is $3480; for two children $6000; and for three or more children $8110.

If you able to provide assistance or have questions regarding this program, please call Shandi Nodurft for further information at 304.242.3966. If your child has benefited from a quality Catholic education at St. Michael Parish School, perhaps you would consider offering that gift to another child. Many families are struggling in our present economy and could truly use some help. Thank you for your consideration!
St. Michael Parish School would like to introduce our new preschool 4 teacher, Kathleen Yelenic. Kathleen grew up in Charleston, WV. She is a graduate of Charleston Catholic and a college graduate of Concord University. She and her husband John have been married for 31 years and have 2 grown sons. They both have a long history here in Wheeling. She taught in Wheeling for 5 years at Our Lady of Peace. She and John moved to North Carolina to be closer to their son. While she was in North Carolina, she taught kindergarten. She has 42 years of teaching experience. Kathleen likes to read in her free time. She is a member of St. Vincent's Parish. Please join us in welcoming Kathleen to our St. Michael Parish School family!

We are 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. The cost of the book is ONLY $40.00.

News From The Parent Association
Craft Fair 2017

The annual SMPS Craft Fair will be held on December 2, 2017 in the Angelus Center. The table fee is $50 for one 8-ft table or 2 tables for $65. Table reservations are due by October 30, 2017. If you would like more information, please contact Lisa Mullin by sending an email to: smpscraftfair@gmail.com or calling 304.242.3966, ext. 1 to leave a message.

Special thanks to this week’s hot lunch volunteers: Kathleen Dieffenbaugher, Marybeth Emmerth, Jennie Adams, Rose Zende, Beth Schmidt, Sandy Pell, Theresa Stall, Elena Santini and McKenzie Keane.
The parish office staff often has difficulty contacting parishioners because we have incorrect phone numbers. Many of those who have discontinued their landline phone have not provided us with their cell phone number. Please contact Cindy Barone, our new secretary, at 304-242-1560 ext 0 to provide us with the new number.

Also, if you are not receiving weekly parish emails, we do not have your email address. You may also call Cindy with your email address so that our records can be updated accordingly!
CCHS TRIVIA NIGHT
Friday, October 20
7:00 PM
Great Hall of Wheeling Central
*Teams range from one to eight players; All age levels welcome
*Cost: $10 for adults, $5 for students 18 and under
*Mulligans available for sale; 4 toss-up questions for extra points
*Prize for best table decoration/team costume
*Trophies for first, second, and third
*Please register your team in advance by emailing: simer@cchsknights.org

Shirt & Apron Orders: Carroll Council #504 is taking orders for blue and/or white polos, oxfords, T-shirts, sweatshirts, and aprons.
For cost and size information, please contact Matt Koval, 304-242-4764, campman318@yahoo.com.

October Rosary: Since October is dedicated to the rosary, the Knights will pray the rosary together at the council home on Edgington Lane each Sunday of the month at 7:00 PM. All persons and families are invited. Leaders will be: October 1 – Msgr. Kevin Quirk; October 8 – Msgr. Paul Hudock; October 15 – Fr. Arul Anthony; October 22 – Deacon Doug Breiding; October 29 – Fr. Bill Matheny.

The West Virginia Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a weekend retreat on October 27-29, 2017 at Huttonsville Pastoral Center. The retreat is a combination spiritual retreat for the men of the diocese and a service weekend assisting the camp in closing up for the winter. Hopefully we can gain many man hours of work to assist the center in its repairs and winterizing. For more information contact Rev. Mr. Helgi Nelson, Sr. at helginelson@comcast.net or (304) 620-2965.
CARING FOR THOSE WITH MEMORY LOSS
October 11, 2017 (9:00am sign in)
Program: 9:30am – 2:00pm
Fee: $10.00 (scholarships available)
First Christian Church, 1343 National Road, Wheeling WV (Fellowship Hall)

This training is for those who are caring for loved ones with memory loss. Speakers will represent community services and programs that could benefit families and care receivers. Lunch will be provided. Contact Regina Mayolo with WVATS at their toll-free line 1-800-841-8436 or Altenheim Resource Services at 304-243-0996 to register. Checks may be made payable to CLIC and mailed to: CLIC, PO Box 674, Morgantown WV 26507-0674. Contact CLIC at 304 292-0186 to request a scholarship.

This training is part of the WVBOSS Dementia Training Outreach & Training Services (DOTS) project and is held in partnership with West Virginia Assistive Technology System (WVATS), the Community Living Initiatives Corporation (CLIC), Family Service – UOV, and Altenheim Resource & Referral Services.

*Remember that you can follow all the action of the Maroon Knights by going to NFHS.com and searching for CCHS events. If you can't make it to a game, our students bring it home to you!

*The CCHS Hockey Team is sponsoring a Steak Fry on Saturday, October 14 at Sonneborn Shelter, Wheeling Park. There's live entertainment and a cornhole tournament. Cost is $20 per person. Tickets are available at the Hair Loft, 540 National Road in Wheeling or contact any hockey parent!

*The CCHS Hall of Fame Induction is set for Saturday, October 21. If you're interested in tickets, contact Maggie at 304-233-1660 or mespina@cchsknights.org.

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