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: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25;Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Lk 10:1-9
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43;
Lk 12:8-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Sukkot (Jewish Festival of Tabernacles)
begins at sundown
Monday: St. Callistus I; Columbus Day;
Canadian Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday: St. Teresa of Jesus
Wednesday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque;
National Boss’s Day
Thursday: St. Ignatius of Antioch
Friday: St. Luke
Saturday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and
Companions; Sweetest Day

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.
If you’ve ever visited the Parish Office, you may have noticed that it’s fairly busy. Parishioners and guests are in and out for visits, to schedule a Mass, or to have a meeting. Folks drop off pop tabs and whatever else the Stewardship Council is collecting. The mail delivery is daily and the UPS deliveries are frequent.

Over the years, there have been a few days when we stop and think…hmmmm. That’s odd. It’s very quiet. If it’s two days before Christmas, it’s no surprise. The church staff is here, but the campus becomes very still. However, during a typical work week, something is wrong when it’s quiet.

A couple of weeks ago, one of my colleagues asked about an email. I guess I hadn’t particularly noticed, but I had not been receiving email. Cindy and I were not able to send or receive email. We reached out for tech support, but were unable to have the situation resolved promptly. And, in an unfortunate timing issue, I was out of the office for the following week, and unable to set-up an out-of-office email reply.

Upon my return to the office, the email issue seems to have been resolved for Cindy’s computer, but mine remains a bit sporadic. I did receive some of the backlog of emails, but it has come to my attention that several remain unanswered. Seemingly, I have been unable to view some time-sensitive emails, several requests for bulletin announcements, some scheduling requests and a few critical announcements. If you happen to have sent an email to me, my apologies if it has gone unanswered.

It’s clear that sometimes we are attempting to communicate, but there’s a block.

What’s the best way to communicate with you, our parishioners? As old fashioned as it sounds, the bulletin remains our best option. You will note that the bulletin has the Mass schedule with intentions, the Liturgical Minister schedule, St. Michael Parish School has two pages of news, numerous announcements regarding current happenings and a three-month calendar of events for easy reference.

What’s happening? It’s in the bulletin!

—Wendy F. Hinerman
Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mikes’ webpage. Weekday Mass 7:30am, October 14 - 18, 2019 Altar Server: Liam Shinn

Saturday, October 19th, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Karen Kelly
Lectors: Danielle Agcaoili & AJ Bucon
Altar Servers: The Blatt Family
EMOHCS: Karen & Jim Kelly, Charlene Kirkpatrick, Lucille Otte, Sharon Bourgo

Sunday, October 20th, 7:30am
Sacristan: Gretchen Wilson
Lectors: Shaunna Hershberger & Benjamin Beckett
Altar Servers: Isaac, Mason and Kendall Schmitt
EMOHCS: Gretchen Wilson, Ed & Sally Bowie, Mark Sengewalt, Pat Plunkett

Sunday, October 20th, 9:00am
Sacristan: Phil Emmerth
Lectors: Marian Mullin & Camille Basinger
Altar Servers: Tyler Dean, Grant McCabe, Pam Wurtzbacher, Jack Adams
EMOHCS: Phil & Marybeth Emmerth, Dee Dean, Mollie Tolbert, Cameron McCabe

Sunday, October 20th, 11:30am
Sacristan: Kristy Riedel
Lectors: Tom Conti & Melissa Michael
Altar Servers: Kelly & Abie Riedel, Emma & Joseph Nodurft
EMOHCS: Kristy & Madie Riedel, Shandi Nodurft, Barb Varlas, Robbie DiLorenzo

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.

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.

A CATHOLIC LIFE
acatholiclife.blogspot.com Salus animarum, suprema lex

Have you experienced divorce and would like to know more about the annulment process? Are you divorced and remarried outside the Catholic Church? Would you like to know how to make your marriage valid in the Church so you can receive the Sacraments again?

Please contact Fr. Smay: 304-242-1560, x5 or msmay@stmikesparish.org about the annulment process.

Unfortunately, a lot of people have erroneous ideas about the process. It is doable and Father Smay will help you throughout the process.

There will be a Bishop’s Collection on this weekend for our suffering brothers and sisters in the Bahamas, who are victims of Hurricane Dorian. God bless you for your generosity.

Weekend Data for October 5-6, 2019

Attendance Data:
4:30pm — 194 7:30am — 119
9:00am — 248 11:30am — 164
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 725

Collection Data:
1st Collection: $9,819.00
2nd Collection: $3,644.00
Miscellaneous: $247.21
Online: $391.50
Total: $14,101.71

Second collection for October 19/20 - Church Building Fund
Universal World Missions Oct 20
October 2019

13 - Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner
13 - “Unplanned” showing at Church
14 - Stewardship Council Meeting
15 - Pastoral Council Meeting
16 - Finance Town Hall Meeting
17 - Finance Council Meeting
20 - Trunk or Treat
21 - Liturgy Committee Meeting
23/24 - PACE Conference for Parish Staff - the parish office will be closed
31 - All Saints Day Vigil

November 2019

1 - Solemnity of All Saints
3 - Donut Social after 9am Mass
3 - Cooking with Carlos
7 - Evening Prayer for the Dead
11 - Veteran’s Day Service
13 - Leadership Council Meeting
16/17 - Angel Tree Project begins
20 - Pastoral Council Meeting
21 - First Reconciliation
28 - Thanksgiving Day
30 - Angel Tree Gift Returns

December 2019

1 - Angel Tree Gift Returns
4 - St. Nick @ Nite
24 - Christmas Eve Masses @ 4pm, 7pm, and 10pm
25 - Christmas Mass @ 10am
Dear Parishioners,

In an effort to help you understand our church finances, please take a moment to read the following explanation of how your contributions are “taxed” by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

The document was created with the help of Mr. Alex Nagem, CFO of our Diocese.

Wendy F. Hinerman
Business Manager

Priest’s Health and Retirement Fund (PHRA) is a 6% tax of “assessable” income and is used to fund the retirement and health benefits of priests who have served in the Diocese. The PHRA does not benefit retired bishops, including Bishop Bransfield.

Cathedraticum is a tax of “assessable” income of a parish which is paid to a Diocese to be used for general operations of the Diocese. Our Diocese does not use the Cathedraticum for diocesan operations but instead returns it to parishes in need, such as mission parishes or parishes in need of support for priest’s wages and benefits if collections are not sufficient to sustain operations of the parish. The following rules determine what is, and is not, assessable income:

Memorial contributions are assessable income.

Parish fundraisers are assessable income (net).

Second collections retained by the parish for general operations, such as building funds or utility collections, as well as Youth Groups and Campus Ministry Support.

Second collection for Social Concerns is non-assessable if the funds for emergency assistance are spent in the current year or held by the Diocese in a savings account restricted for assistance.

Tuition Assistance is non-assessable.

School Support is non-assessable.

Special collections which are scheduled by the Diocese are collected for specific agencies outside the Diocese and the parish are non-assessable. For these collections, it is strictly a pass through...the funds are not retained by the parish or the Diocese, but forwarded to the appropriate agency. The 2019 DWC sponsored appeals are: Church in Latin America, Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Black and Indian Missions, Diocesan Priests’ Retirement Fund, Catholic Relief Services, Holy Land Collection, Education of Seminarians, Peter’s Pence, Communications, Diocesan Scholarship Association--Membership Drive, Catholic University, Universal World Mission Collection, Benefit of the Archdiocese of the Military Services, Campaign for Human Development, National Appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and Catholic Charities West Virginia.

School fundraisers (Festival, Angel Walk, etc.) are non-assessable.

Donations for Catholic Charities West Virginia are non-assessable.

Donations for Catholic Sharing Appeal are non-assessable and the return of Catholic Sharing Appeal funds by the Diocese are non-assessable.

Distributions from the West Virginia Catholic Foundation to the parish are non-assessable.
Rules Reducing Assessments Beginning January 1, 2018

The following changes were established by the DWC Finance Office in 2018. The objective of the changes is to reduce the amount of assessable income in each parish. The following changes to the calculation of assessable income apply the same to both PHRA and the Cathedraticum.

Under the present parish financial report in place:

1. The first $100,000 of offertory and memorial contributions are exempt from the 3% and 6% assessments.
2. The first $150,000 of parish support given to the school is deducted from assessable income.
3. The first $50,000 of parish support given to a Catholic high school is deducted from assessable income.
4. The first $100,000 of total bequests received in a calendar year are exempt.
5. The first $750,000 of principal and interest paid on a DWC or bank loan is deducted from assessable income.
6. Approved (by Bishop in writing) capital campaign donations are exempt from assessment.

The exemptions for the first four above for any one parish if the maximums are achieved would reduce the assessments by $36,000.

Please join us on Wednesday, Oct. 16th at 6:30pm in the church for our Finance Town Hall. Fr. Carlos and the Finance Council will be available to answer questions and to explain the finances of our parish and school.
Thank you to the following corporate sponsors for their financial support of this year’s Angel Walk. If you didn’t give a personal donation and you would like to, please contact Mrs. Nodurft @ mrsnodurft@smpswv.org or 304-242-3966 ext. 4.

2019 Angel Walk Corporate Sponsorships

**Platinum Premium**
Matt Jones Preowned Auto

**Platinum Plus**
Rebecca L. Bench, Law Office, LLC
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Anonymous Donor

**Gold**
Smash Multimedia
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Dr. Christopher Tiu, MD, LLC
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Dr. Jeremy J. Tiu, MD, PLLC
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Central Catholic High School

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Carroll Council #504
Dream Clean
Dr. Joseph Saseen

**Other Donors**
Richardson Copy Concepts

Grand-person’s Day TK-1st Grade!

Our first Grandperson’s Day will be held on Wednesday, October 16th. Invitations came home with students in TK-1st grade. *(This is a change from last year. We have moved 2nd grade to the 2nd Grandperson’s Day.)* Grandpersons are asked to arrive at the school at 8:15. Students will escort you to your loved one’s classroom for a quick visit. Students along with their grand-person will go to the church together for Mass. Following Mass all will proceed to the Angelus Center for a little entertainment, a craft and a sweet treat. We will conclude the morning at 10:30.
IN LOVING MEMORY
On behalf of the students and staff of St. Michael Parish School, we wish to extend our deepest gratitude to Lucille Otte, Adam & Wendy Vavrek, Michael E. and Kathryn M. Kelly for their gifts in loving memory of Mr. Jim Bordas. Eternal rest grant to Jim, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

THANK YOU CM/CW!
We would like to once again thank the Christian Mothers and Christian Women for giving so generously to our school. They donated $2500.00 this week. With these funds, we were able to purchase new books for grades K-5th and new teacher’s manuals for grades 3rd-5th. Kindergarten and 2nd grade were able to purchase their consumables.

LOCKER BUDDIES
A special thank you to EJ Nodurft for using his computer and routing skills to create locker buddies! He has made 20 locker buddies for our 5th and 6th grade students. These locker buddies help the students with their locker organization.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS & SMPS BANDANAS
Blessing of the Animals on Saturday was so beautiful and a bit chilly! Thank you to everyone who was able to join us! A special thank you to Mrs. Heather Kovalski, mother of kindergartener Liam Kovalski and owner of THE DOGWASH in St. Clairsville, for making 60 pet bandanas for our pets. If you would like a bandanna please stop by school. We have small and large sizes. A free-will donation is appreciated!

Do you hand your child your iPad or smartphone to “play with”?
Do you understand the sexual predation risks associated with your child playing otherwise benign games like Clash of Clans or Words with Friends?
Do you realize that your very young children (ages 6-10) have probably already been exposed to online pornography?
If any of these questions surprise you, come and learn more at the Internet Safety for Parents presentation on Thursday, November 14th @ 6:00 PM in the Angelus Center!
Come and See!

An Invitation to Learn about the Catholic Faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) Program

Are You . . .

An unbaptized adult wishing to learn about the Catholic Faith?
A baptized Christian of another denomination interested in learning about the Catholic Faith?
A baptized Catholic who has never been confirmed?
A Catholic wanting to more deeply investigate and participate in the faith?

Please come to our sessions after the 9 a.m. mass (around 10 o’clock) on Sunday in the Angelus Center. You are welcome to attend with no obligation to pursue the program. Invite a friend to come with you!

For further information contact Fr. Martin Smay at 304-242-1560 extension #5, in the Parish Office.

Compassion in Action

Join Bishop Brennan and the Catholic Charities family in celebrating our honorees’ dedicated volunteer service to families in need in West Virginia.

It is Catholic Charities’ privilege to recognize Dick Ash, a champion for adult learners; Sandy Koncir, long-standing support for our mobile food pantries; and Donna Smith, an advocate for refugee families.

Come hear their stories. Together we celebrate our mission to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and to work toward lasting and meaningful change.

Catholic Charities West Virginia will host our Charity in Action Awards Luncheon at the Embassy Suites in Charleston on Fri., Oct. 25, 2019. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at 12:00 p.m.

Tickets are $50 each and sponsorships are available. Proceeds from the event support the programs and services of Catholic Charities in the surrounding area. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

Looking for a way for your family to help others?

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center needs people to deliver meals to shut-ins. There are three different ways you could help.

Drivers are needed on Thursdays for a route that includes three downtown high rise apartment complexes for elderly people, and three private homes.

Drivers are needed one or two Saturdays a month to deliver the Pike route, which includes three senior citizen apartment complexes near St. Michael – Brookpark, Petroplus Tower and Welty Apartments - and six private homes.

Backup drivers are always needed. If you are flexible and willing to be called at the last minute if the regular driver can’t make it, please let Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center know.

Volunteers pick up meals at the Neighborhood Center between 10:30am and 11:30am. The routes should take about an hour to complete.

This is a wonderful way to thank God for all the blessings in our lives. If you can help, please call Keith Miller, the new Neighborhood Center volunteer coordinator, at 304.650.9608.
On the Most Holy Eucharist, by Father Martin Smay

As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, the folks at Pew Research did a study and found that 1/3rd of American Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The percentage of believing Catholics jumps to 2/3rds if the person attends Mass at least once a week.

The Eucharist is a mystery in the Catholic sense of the word: it is something that we can never fully understand, never fully grasp although we can come to a limited, incomplete understanding of the mystery. This is rather different that something that is un-known or un-knowable.

The Council of Trent, speaking about the Eucharist, put it well: “We can hardly find words to express this way of existing; but our reason, enlightened through faith, can nevertheless recognize it as possible for God, and we must always believe it unhesitatingly.”

There are two concepts which are important for beginning to understand the Mystery of the Eucharist. The first is the idea of an accident. This is a technical philosophical term which basically just means an “adjective.” An accident has no being or existence on its own. For example, the color red. Red is not something that ever exists “on its own” but is always found “in another thing.” We never say “there is brown!” Brown is a word which helps describe a book, a leaf, a car, or something else.

In what is an accident found? Accidents are found in substances. Substance literally means “that which stands under.” The substance “stands under” the accidents. We do not directly perceive the substance of a thing, but rather infer it by the accidents.

Thus, ordinarily, we perceive a color, a taste, a texture, a temperature and infer from those things that the substance of the thing is a book, bread, water, wine, wood, etc. With the Eucharist, however, we know from Divine Revelation and the constant teaching of the Church that what appears to be bread and wine has been transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. While the accidents remain, the very substance and being of the bread and wine has been transformed into Christ Who is sacramentally present to us.

If you do not really understand, that should not come as a surprise since it is a mystery. We cannot grasp the whole thing. Præstet fides supplementum sensuum defectui – let faith supply where the senses fail!

God love you and keep the Faith,
Fr. Martin Smay

The 2020 Edition of the Enjoy Coupon Books ARE HERE! If you have not purchased one in the past, you are missing out! It is chock full of BOGO deals for area restaurants, entertainment, sporting events, theater, pizza and services. For example there are 50% off dry cleaning coupons each month, Pittsburgh Airport parking, the new River’s Edge Restaurant, Generations Restaurant, Figarettis, Greco’s, Denny’s, Silver Chopsticks, WLU Hilltop Players, Towngate Theatre/Oglebay Institute, the Nailers and the list goes on and on. The Enjoy Coupon Book is a fundraiser for the school and still is only $40. SMPS earns $10 per book sold and upon request generously offers to credit half their profit to the hot lunch account of your family (or that of a relative, friend, neighbor, or a family in need). Though not required, families may (and are encouraged) to sell books to family, co-workers, friends and neighbors, too, and earn extra hot lunch credit while supporting our school. Grab your copy now by contacting the school office, the Parish Office or Donna Clark (304.281.7467 leave voice message or text).

Powerful Prayer Event!

Gethsemane Hour

This Eucharistic Devotion in honor of the Precious Blood at St. Michael Church began on July 18th and continues on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 11pm until 3am in our Eucharistic chapel. You may only enter through the Eucharistic chapel door.

Please join us at this powerful devotion!

Bring your family and friends. All are welcome.
We are on the hunt for the creative, the clever and the crafty! Showcase your centerpieces, hand-painted items and much more at the 2019 SMPS Craft Fair!

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2019
Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm
Location: St. Michael Parish Angelus Center

Table fee is $50.00 (includes one 8ft. table); or 2 tables for $65.00. Table reservations are due by October 31, 2019.

For an application or for more information, please contact Johnna Hutnick by email - smpscraftfair@gmail.com.

The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents – One-Day Retreat

This retreat is designed for grieving parents whose precious children of any age (from conception to old age) have died by any cause (miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, illness, accident, suicide, murder, overdose, etc.), no matter how long ago.
The retreat agenda includes prayer services, spiritual reflections, breakout sessions, Emmaus Walk, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and time for reflection. Find compassion, rest, and peace...at least for a time.

Saturday, October 19, 2019, at St. Mary Church, 3334B University Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26505
Suggested donation: $25/individual; $40/couple. Donation includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available.

For more information call Diane or Charley, parents of Paul, at 800-919-9332 or 617-542-8057, or register at https://www.emfgp.org/10-19-19-morgantown/.

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
- Airman First Class Sierra E. McKenna, US Air Force
- PVT Jacob Ulevich, US Army

God Bless Our Military!

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.