THE KING SAID TO HIS SERVANTS,
“THE FEAST IS READY, BUT THOSE WHO WERE
INVITED WERE NOT WORTHY TO COME.
GO, THEREFORE, INTO THE MAIN ROADS AND
INVITE TO THE FEAST WHOMEVER YOU FIND.”

Matthew 22:8-9
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Buildings & Grounds - Denny Wilson, Chairperson
Finance Council - Brann Altmeyer, Interim President

ST. MICHAEL PARISH ADVISORY BOARD
Danielle Doerr - President

WEEKLY READINGS

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: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43;
Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;
1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque;
National Boss’s Day
Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch
Wednesday: St. Luke
Thursday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues,
and Companions
Friday: St. Paul of the Cross
Saturday: 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 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: Oct. 7/8, 2017

4:30pm— 203
9:00am— 289
TOTAL— 843

1st Collection: $11,565.60
2nd Collection (School Support): $2,698.25
Misc. Collections: $762.66

TOTAL: $15,026.51
**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, October 14**
7:30am  🙏 Bill Freeman  
4:30pm  🙏 Dr. William Grubler

**Sunday, October 15**
7:30am  🙏 John & Mary McFadden (A)  
9:00am  People of the Parish  
11:30am  🙏 Leah Reisinger

**Monday, October 16**
7:30am  🙏 W. Curtis Hamm  
5:30pm  🙏 Deceased Members of  
        John & Donna Clark Family

**Tuesday, October 17**
7:30am  🙏 Fred Kirchner

**Wednesday, October 18**
8:30am  🙏 Kerri Gilligan  
5:30pm  🙏 Ralph Sengewalt

**Thursday, October 19**
7:30am  Ryan Mark Lancellotti

**Friday, October 20**
7:30am  Rita Ann Bischof-Meyer

**Saturday, October 21**
7:30am  🙏 Sr. Carol Hannig, CSJ  
4:30pm  🙏 Lynskey & Merckle Families

**Sunday, October 22**
7:30am  🙏 Fr. Walter Buckius, SJ  
9:00am  🙏 Suzanne Sengewalt  
11:30am  People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (October 15-21) in memory of:

**John & Mary McFadden**

St. Michael Parish welcomes:

**QUINN HARPER FAHEY**
daughter of  
Michael and Timorie Fahey  
who was baptized here on  
October 7

You have put on Christ – In Him you have been baptized. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Within the next couple of weeks, you will receive a Summary Report detailing the results of our Increased Offertory 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.

**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!*

“Give your Hands to Serve and your Hearts to Love”
Thank you to the 128 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
LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, October 21, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Karen Kelly
Lector: Carole Kliner
Altar Servers: Faith & Sara Zende, Thomas Komorowski, Isaac Smith
EMOHCS: Jen Carter, Marianne Blair, Donna Clark, Ava Zende, Rose Zende

Sunday, October 22, 7:30am
Sacristan: Mike Rempe
Lector: Benjamin Beckett
Altar Servers: Isaac, Mason, Kendall Schmitt
EMOHCS: Jeep Naum, Ed Bowie, Sally Bowie, Mark Sengewalt, Pat Plunkett

Sunday, October 22, 9:00am
Sacristan: Phil Emmerth
Lector: Margaret Zoeckler
Altar Servers: John Emmerth, Elizabeth & Adam Wolf, Paige Wurtzbacher
EMOHCS: Phil Emmerth, Marybeth Emmerth, Emily Emmerth, Adriana Wolf, Camille Basinger

Sunday, October 22, 11:30am
Sacristan: Jamie Kovalski
Lector: Danielle McCracken
EMOHCS: Jamie Kovalski, Tom Conti, Nancy Conti, Rebecca Petrosino, Claire Dieffenbaugher

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

"THE ROSARY IS A SCHOOL OF PRAYER, THE ROSARY IS A SCHOOL OF FAITH!" -Pope Francis

Journey of the Chalice schedule:
In the month of October the chalice will transfer at the 11:30am Mass.
10/15: Tom & Nancy Conti
10/22: Melissa & 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.

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 warmly 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.
Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Each week, the PSR students learn more about their faith through a program that connects with Sunday’s Gospel reading. Last weekend’s Gospel about the vineyard of the Lord was a challenge for the students. For example, one third grader’s concerned response to the story (“Someone died?!?”) led their class deeper into the significance of Jesus’ life and death. In particular, the students wrestled with what Jesus’ life and death mean for their own relationships with family members and friends.

Questions about PSR? Interested in enrolling your child? Contact Nick Mayrand at 937-304-9543 or mayrand.nick@outlook.com.

October 28/29: Special Collection for Diocese of St. Thomas - US Virgin Islands
In response to the critical need of our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands following hurricanes Irma and Maria, Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield, bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has asked for each parish in the diocese to conduct a special collection Oct. 28 and 29 to assist in the relief efforts.

Special envelopes will be in the pews on the designated weekend. Please make checks payable to St. Michael Parish. Thank you for your generosity.

Congratulations to:
Blake & Valerie (Palmer) Lindell
married on October 13
at St. Michael Parish,
Wheeling WV

Monsignor’s 75th birthday is October 17th!!

Let us wish him “Breithlá sona duit”
If you wish to send him a card, his address is:
1276 National Rd. #408 Wheeling WV 26003
I think I’ve seen the last of the hummingbirds for 2017. I will miss seeing them dart around the yard. But, it was time to take down the feeder. Fortunately we still have flowers in bloom for any hummer who is running behind schedule. While I washed the last of the sticky red syrup from the feeder, my husband put up the sunflower feeder for the song birds. (It goes without saying that the squirrel food is out year round!)

Within minutes of setting up the feeder, we had plenty of new friends. Many of the birds are around all summer, but there was a definite uptick in the population when the snacks were served! I watched the birds return to their hangout and I enjoyed listening to their calls and songs. Then I stopped to ponder. Are they singing because they’re happy? Are they calling out to their friends to tell them the good news that the food is available? Are they greeting one another? I suppose I could google the answer, but I’d like to think it’s all of those things.

So, what’s your song? Do you sing in church because you’re happy to be there and it’s a beautiful form of praise and worship? Do you call your friends and invite them to join us for Mass and the other wonderful events we have at St. Michael? Do you say hello to people when you see them at Mass? How do you spread the joy of the Gospel? Perhaps we need to take a cue from the chickadees and cardinals?

-Wendy Hinerman, Business Manager

In 2007, our Parish School of Religion started collecting pop tabs for the Morgantown Ronald McDonald House. The collection is a great way to encourage stewardship, teach the importance of recycling and demonstrate the value of working as a community. The PSR catechists and students encouraged the entire parish community to collect tabs. The response was enormous!

The project has continued for over a decade and we have “pulled together” to donate hundreds and hundreds of pounds of tabs. We stopped weighing the tabs when we hit 500 pounds — and that was several years ago!

It’s been a decade, but we’re still collecting. Tabs can be brought to PSR, the Parish Office or St. Michael Parish School. We encourage you to recycle the entire aluminum can, but can we please pick up the tab?
WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

NEW TESTAMENT  This many gospels speak of Jesus washing the apostles’ feet:
A. 1  
B.  2  
C. 3  
D. 4 

Last week’s answer: The bishop receives the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders at his ordination. The Pope is the Bishop of Rome.

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. Bill: 304-242-1560, x7 or wmatheny@dwc.org about the annulment process. Unfortunately, a lot of people have erroneous ideas about the process. It is doable and Fr. Bill will help you throughout the process.

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

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 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 Franken, 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!

Evening Prayer for the Dead  
8 November @ 7pm: St. Michael Church

Each November, our Parish holds a special Evening Prayer service to remember our beloved family members and friends who have gone to their eternal rest.

During the service, we invite the families of our parishioners who have died, since November 2016, to come forward and light a candle in their memory. As well, we also invite all present to come forward and light a candle to remember their special friends and family members who are no longer with us.

Special music is provided by the Voices of Freedom Vocal Ensemble from Wheeling Park High School.

Why do we light a Candle?  
‘Cause the golden Glow of Light Can be seen to the Gates of Heaven By the ones We’ve Loved & Lost
Our Seventh Annual Angel Walk--one of the school’s largest fundraisers--was 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! We also thank all of the parents, students, parishioners, volunteers and businesses that supported this year’s walk!

TRUNK OR TREAT

"TRUNK OR TREAT!" will be here before we know it! It’s time for some fun, family friendly activity in the Angelus Center parking lot.

"TRUNK OR TREATING" is a new spin on trick-or-treat. Families host a treat station out of the back of their cars (that’s the TRUNK part). Kids then trick-or-treat in a safe environment around a parking lot. In our case, it will be held in the Angelus Center lot. Hot dogs, popcorn, and drinks are also available!

This year, our event will be held on Sunday, October 22nd from 5:30-7:30. If you are a participating trunk, you should expect to arrive at the Angelus Center lot between 4:45-5:15. You decorate your trunk (it doesn't have to be elaborate, but often families go all out) in a Halloween theme. Dress up if you want also! Purchase candy for our little monsters (200-300 pieces). Also, please do not use any fire in your display. We don’t want our little goblins to get hurt!

Please feel free to sign up for multiple jobs (for example, parkers can turn into trunkers once everyone is in the lot—OR gate workers can move to concessions once the admissions line slows down). There is something for everyone at the SMPS Trunk-or-Treat!! Please use the signup.com link below to volunteer. We guarantee a hauntingly good time! Feel free to email with any questions! Thanks for your commitment to our school and children.

Happy Halloween,
Adriannne Manning, head witch

http://signup.com/go/eWeYuOw
Here are a few things we need:

“Trunker” Parkers: these volunteers help park and organize our participating families. This time slot will work from about 4:30-5:15. Once the cars are all in and parked, this shift is excused. Please park in the parish office lot or on the streets for this job. The Angelus Center lot is ONLY for trunks.

Gate Workers: these volunteers will collect the money from the children who are trunk-or-treating and give them the bags we use for the event. This shift will work from about 5:15-7:15. Please park in the parish office lot or on the streets for this job. The Angelus Center lot is ONLY for trunks.

Concession Workers: these volunteers will work at the concession stand making popcorn and hotdogs and helping distribute to the trunk-or-treaters. This is great job for kids who need volunteer hours for extra-curricular activities. We also need a few adults to help manage the kitchen. This shift will work from about 5:15 until 7:30 (or until cleanup is done if you are willing to stay and help for that). Please park in the parish office lot or on the streets for this job. The Angelus Center lot is ONLY for trunks.

Trunkers: this is the largest group we need!! The success of a trunk-or-treat is determined by how many trunks are involved!! This group of volunteers will set up a trunk and distribute candy to the participating students. Bring a friend or 2 and have a tailgate (no adult beverages permitted though). We'll park you near your friends. Do you coach a sports team who could benefit from community service? A trunk is a fun way to do this!!

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. The cost of the book is ONLY $40.00.

Special thanks to this week’s hot lunch volunteers:
Missy Tiu, Janice Wilson, Jen Robinson, Beth Schmidt, Lisa Crock, Julie Blake, Kathy Blatt, Jen Decker, Andrea Ekanem, Francesa Ghigo, Grace Agcaoili, Susie Nau, Larry Teufel

Dates to Remember

October 17th-20th: REAP 6th Grade
October 20th: STAR Assembly 2:00 pm
October 22nd: Trunk or Treat
October 25th: Grand Person Day
October 27th: Pumpkin Drop
November 1st: All Saints Mass @ 8:45
November 2nd: Box Top Shopping
November 1st & 2nd: Parent Teacher Conferences 5th-8th
November 3rd: NO SCHOOL 5th -8th
November 3rd: Family Game Night
November 21st: Noon dismissal
November 21st-24th: Thanksgiving Break
* Oct. 15: 7th/8th grade youth group will meet at 6pm at the Angelus Center and then walk to the Knights of Columbus for a field trip. Students are to be picked up from the K of C House on Edgington Lane at 7:45pm

* Oct. 22: Youth group will meet for Trunk or Treat event (5-8pm) (Youth group members will help setup, decorate a vehicle, and help clean up after the event)

* Oct. 29: High School youth group will meet from 6-7:30pm (at the Youth Room in the Angelus Center)

* Nov. 5: 5th/6th grade youth group will meet from 6-7:30pm (at the Youth Room in the Angelus Center)

* Nov. 11: Thanksgiving Meal for All Youth (Youth group members will attend the 4:30pm Mass prior to enjoying a Thanksgiving meal together in the Angelus Center)

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!

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

**Upcoming Events:**

40 Days for Life Second Trip: Saturday, October 21
Please join us for our second trip to pray and witness in front of the Pittsburgh Planned Parenthood abortion center on Liberty Ave. We will leave St. Michael’s Parish Center parking lot at 8:15am and return by 1 pm.

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 OPE 4 ME (877-467-3463) Silent No More: 888-735-3448

* The Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Wheeling, invites you to attend our Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague Encountering Christ in His Miracles

We encourage you to join us for this solemn novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague with weekly reflections on the miracles of Christ.

September 25 through November 20, 2017
Nine Consecutive Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

* “The more you honor me, the more I will bless you.” CR
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.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Knights of Columbus Carroll Council #504 will sponsor a membership drive after all four Masses on the weekend of October 21-22. Please consider becoming a Knight!

THANK YOU
The Knights of Columbus, Carroll Council #504, would like to thank the St. Michael Parish Community for their generosity during our recent Tootsie Roll Drive. We were able to raise over $3,345 in one weekend. These funds will go to help RNS/WATCH and ARC of Ohio County fund many of their activities for their clients.

COATS FOR KIDS
The Knights of Columbus, Carroll Council #504 will be collecting kids’ coats during the month of October. Please drop off your donations in the bin in the back of church. Thank you for your generosity.
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 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.

IT’S KNIGHT TIME… Day by Day, the students at Central Catholic High School learn what it means to become a KNIGHT! A Knight has the skills and knowledge to make good decisions at all times, works hard to pursue the college and career of their choice, possesses the confidence to be a leader, and the social conscience and compassionate heart to rise up and reach out! Ultimately a CCHS education prepares students to live a life where they “Think and Act Like Christ.” Isn’t it time for your son or daughter to become a KNIGHT? Learn more about what it takes to GET KNIGHTED on Sunday, October 15th from 1:00-4:00. Visit our campus, meet our educators and students, participate in demonstrations, join us in prayer as we welcome you to Central Catholic…home of the KNIGHTS!

The CCHS Drama Club presents Broadway Knights on Thursday, October 26 at 6pm in the Great Hall. Cost is $15 per person, dinner is included. See our thespians perform songs from your favorite broadway shows!

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.