Repay to God what belongs to God.
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WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Day
Monday: St. John of Capistrano
Tuesday: St. Anthony Mary Claret
Saturday: Ss. Simon and Jude

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. 14/15, 2017

4:30pm—216  7:30am—124
9:00am—233  11:30am—225

TOTAL—798
1st Collection: $12,632.11
2nd Collection (Utilities): $2,245.00
Misc. Collections: $811.85

TOTAL: $15,688.96
MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, October 23
7:30am  Mary & Jim Muroski (A)
5:30pm  Steve Kiss

Tuesday, October 24
7:30am  Dorothy Grubler

Wednesday, October 25
8:30am  Laura S. Wakim
5:30pm  Ann Schlick

Thursday, October 26
7:30am  Linda Cunningham

Friday, October 27
7:30am  Dolores Burke

Saturday, October 28
7:30am  People of the Parish
4:30pm  Ethel Johnson

Sunday, October 29
7:30am  Jim Arbogast
9:00am  Rosemary Wasemann (A)
11:30am  Larry Lewicki

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (October 22-28) in memory of:

Jack McNabb

Within the next couple of weeks, you will receive a Summary Report detailing the results of our Increased Offertory Program. Several weeks ago we began this 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.

“Give your Hands to Serve and your Hearts to Love”
Thank you to the 135 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

St. Michael will be having a rummage sale of only Christmas items on Nov. 18 from 8:00am-noon. Donated items can be dropped off at the Angelus Center Nov. 15, 16 & 17 from 4:00-7:00. Please come help us prepare for the sale or work the day of the sale.

CM/CW would like to thank everyone who donated clothes or worked at our Kids’ Clothes Sale. We made over $1,000 to be donated to our school. Also, we would like to thank Tammy, Rich and Isaac Smith for packaging and distributing the rosaries we purchased. We hope that many rosaries are being prayed.

FROM OUR CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/CHRISTIAN WOMEN:
LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, October 28, 4:30pm
Sacristan:
Lector:
Altar Servers:
EMOHCS: We are very sorry but the Liturgical Minister schedule for the upcoming weekend was not available at press time. Please check the Ministry Schedule which will be posted on our parish website under “Outreach” then “Ministries.” We apologize for any inconvenience.

Sunday, October 29, 7:30am
Sacristan:
Lector:
Altar Servers:
EMOHCS:

Sunday, October 29, 9:00am
Sacristan:
Lector:
Altar Servers:
EMOHCS:

Sunday, October 29, 11:30am
Sacristan:
Lector:
Altar Servers:
EMOHCS:

Journey of the Chalice schedule:
In the month of October the chalice will transfer at the 11:30am Mass.
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)
PSR News: 2nd Grade Parent/Guardian Meeting

Parents of second grade students in both PSR and St. Michael Parish School are invited to a meeting to prepare for the students’ upcoming sacraments. The meeting will be held Thursday, October 26th at 6pm in the school cafeteria and should last between 30 and 45 minutes. We will go over background and logistics for both First Reconciliation and First Communion.

If you cannot attend the meeting, you can come to the make-up meeting on Sunday, October 29th immediately following the 9am mass (~10am) in the school cafeteria. Please contact Nick Mayrand at 937-304-9543 or Mayrand.nick@outlook.com with any questions!

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.

Christmas is less than 70 days away…
Mass Schedule for Dec. 23-Dec. 25:

Dec. 23—Saturday of the Fourth Week of Advent:  
Mass at 7:30am, 4:30pm

Dec. 24 — Sunday of the Fourth Week of Advent:  
ONLY ONE MASS AT 9:00AM!!  
(no 7:30am or 11:30am Masses)

Dec. 24— Christmas Eve:  
Masses at 4:00pm, 7:00pm, Midnight

Dec. 25— Christmas Day:  
Mass at 10:00am

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: 
#2. The Official Site of St. Michael Parish School

St. Nicholas says….  
SAVE THE DATE  
December 6, 2017
for a BIG Parish Event in the evening!!! You won't want to miss it and it's FREE!!!  
More details to come.

Special Thanks to JAY AND SUZANNE NELSON for their donation of a new Bunn Coffeemaker for the kitchen at the Angelus Center.

We appreciate your kindness and generosity!
WE ARE
ST. MIKES
And we need YOU!!

Our parish depends on your generous stewardship as you
share your time, talent and treasure.
Listed below are some of our ministries and programs;
won’t you please consider joining one (or more)?
If you are already doing something, can you do a little
more?

*Adult Bible Study
*Altar Servers
*Angel Tree
*Bakers
*Baptism Preparation
*Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
*Buildings and Grounds
*Catholic Charities Volunteers
*Children’s Liturgy of the Word
*Confraternity of Christian Mothers
*Eucharistic Adoration
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
*Festival Committee
*Finance Council
*Funeral Luncheons
*Greeters
*Holy Name Society
*Homebound Ministers
*Journey of the Chalice
*Knights of Columbus/Carol Ladies
*Lectors
*Linen Fairies
*Liturgical Committee

Contact Kathleen Dieffenbaugher
(kathleen@smikesparish.org) at the Parish Office (304.242.1560) for more information on any of these programs.
**Who Wants to Be a "Heavenly" Millionaire?**

**NEW TESTAMENT**  Jesus raised this many people from the dead:

A. 1  
B. 2  
C. 3  
D. 4

Last week’s answer:  *Only one* gospel speaks of Jesus washing his apostles' feet (John)

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**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*

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**Christian Mothers/Christian Women**

Let the special intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and many Patron Saints intercede for you in your vocation of motherhood:

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers & Christian Women would like to invite you to be a member.

The New Membership Spiritual Induction takes place on Thursday, November 9 with a special 5:30pm Mass followed by a dinner reception in the Angelus Center. Our program speaker is Gretchen Wilson.

If interested, R.S.V.P. by November 3 by leaving a message or text with your name and contact information to Peg Krall at 304-281-2912

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**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 Lehan, US Marine Corps  
- Chief Warrant Officer 4 John DiBias, US Army  
- 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 VanVranken, 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!
2017 ANGEL WALK

To our students, parents, grandparents, volunteers, friends & family, alumni, and parishioners we are proud to announce that to date we have received more than **800 individual donations** from **21 different states** totaling **over $32,000**. We are so grateful for the generosity of our many sponsors and donors. Thank you to our SMPS family’s participation in the 2017 Angel Walk! Thank you to the 68 CCHS students as well as the WJU volunteers who aided our youngsters on the track. Thank you to the parish office staff as well as the faculty and staff of SMPS for your help and support throughout the last few months. St. Michael Parish School would also like to thank the following Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors for their generous donation to the 2017 Angel Walk:

**Platinum: DeFranco Financial; Thomas Crinkey, brother of Dorothy Dudzik;**

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All donors will receive a thank you card from the school once donations are completed on November 17th. If you wish to receive information regarding your donors before that time please feel free to contact me. Prior to Thanksgiving break, a list of families that donated on your child’s behalf will be sent home. **Perhaps this will help you to also extend a personal thank you on behalf of St. Michael Parish School.** If you have any questions please contact Shandi Nodurft at mrsnodurft@smpswv.org or 304.242.3966, ext 4

Again, the success of this event would not have been possible without the help of our entire community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jamie Kovalski, Principal
Monsignor Joseph Peterson, Pastor
Shandi Nodurft, Advancement

Angel Walk Corporate Sponsors

Platinum: $1,000.00 Anonymous Donation

Gold:
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.

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY 2017-2018

October 25th: Grand Parent's Day TK-2
November 8th: Grandparent's Day 3-5
December 6th: Grandparent’s Day 6-8th

Special thanks to this week’s hot lunch volunteers: Jen Komorowski, Jennie Adams, Lisa Crock, Julie Blake, Jim Kelly, Jessica Frangos, Jen Decker, Stacie Palmer, Karen Kahle, Tina Brothers, Larry Teufel, Elena Santini, and McKenzie Keane

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UPCOMING EVENTS

* 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)

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 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!

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.

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 1pm.

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
Putting the Neighbor Back in the Neighborhood Center

Pope Francis reminds us that “Our commitment does not consist exclusively in activities or programs of promotion and assistance; what the Holy Spirit mobilizes is not an unruly activism but above all an attentiveness which considers the other in a certain sense as ‘one with ourselves.’ This ‘loving attentiveness’ at times can be overlooked in the often overwhelming ‘programs of assistance,’ provided by organizations like Catholic Charities. It is easy to get lost in the task rather than focus on the person. Separating those receiving services and those providing them can easily occur without attentiveness, further marginalizing individuals who are in desperate need of acceptance and support.

The Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center intends to be a place where all people feel welcomed and valued. With that in mind, we look for ways in which we can connect the lives of our staff and volunteers to persons receiving services. One effort we have undertaken is by intentionally speaking of all visitors to the Center as “neighbors”. This simple adjustment in vocabulary is not radical by any means. It is a modest change that hopefully leads to a revolution in mindset and action—one in which we realize the dignity of every person who spends time with us at the Center. When we speak with love, we hope to ultimately act with love.

Pope Francis asks us to go further than just relating to the poor with our kindness and good deeds. He dreams of a “church that is poor and for the poor”. Catholic Charities provides a unique space for that message to be carried out. We are not here to only provide services or give volunteers something to do with their free time. Instead, we need to be a space where people come together and realize that the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors are so interconnected to our own lives that their suffering is our suffering, their hopes our hopes, and their triumphs should be celebrated by us all. We hope that as a community of faith, you continue supporting us through your prayers and your donations. We also ask that you stop by and share meal with our neighbors, bring up ideas and insights to our staff, and join alongside us as we work toward creating the kind of community that genuinely welcomes and values the lives of every neighbor in need.

Finding Confidence and Success Through Case Management

Through our case management program, which helps struggling neighbors move to self-sufficiency, we were able to help a young woman named Autumn finally end her homelessness. Our case manager, Kelly, spent nearly six months working closely with Autumn, who had been homeless off and on for about two years. Autumn had been trying to overcome her obstacles on her own, but each time she made progress toward a job or apartment, something would fall through. Autumn felt defeated and was ready to give up. Kelly was able to work closely with Autumn to address the challenges she faced, and together, they achieved Autumn’s goals of employment and housing. It has been over three months since Autumn secured a stable job and moved into her own apartment. Her overall outlook is much different from before – she is extremely happy and is excited about her future. Through the case management program, she was able to learn strategies to improve her personal finances. Since moving into her own apartment, she consistently pays her rent ahead of time, takes care of her necessities, and is still able to put back some money into her savings account.

We are so proud of Autumn’s accomplishments and are deeply grateful to you for supporting the Neighborhood Center and the Case Management program we provide.

How We Assist

July — September 2017

Utility Assistance: 70 Families
Meals On-Site: 4,952 Meals Served
Food Pantry: 579 Families (Jul.-Sept.)
Delivered Meals: 160 Individuals (Daily)
*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!

**THIRD ANNUAL NOVENA TO ST. JUDE on Thursdays at 7:00 pm beginning August 31 to October 26.** This Solemn Novena is held at St. Jude Parish, Glen Dale, WV.
For more information contact (304) 845-2646.

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.
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