IF YOU WISH TO COME AFTER ME YOU MUST
DENY YOURSELF, TAKE UP your cross
AND COME FOLLOW ME.

~ Mark 8:34
The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is held 3pm-4pm on Saturday, 8am on First Saturday, or by appointment. Please contact the secretary, Cindy Barone at the Parish Office if you are interested in any of the following: Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Christian Initiation of Adults, joining the parish, bulletin ads or Weddings (six months prior to the desired wedding date).

To arrange a pastoral visit for Homebound Parishioners please contact Kathleen Dieffenbauger at the Parish Office, Ext 9. Please contact Cindy at the Parish Office to arrange a pastoral visit for a hospitalized parishioner.

Our Parish Office is open 8am until 4pm Monday - Thursday and 8am until noon each Friday.

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

Saturday, September 15
7:30am   Bailey Robert Dieffenbaugher
4:30pm   Elise Earley

Sunday, September 16 - Catechist Sunday
7:30am   Cecelia Ciripompa
9:00am   Mabel Curtis
11:30am People of the Parish

Monday, September 17
7:30am   Alvin V. Bandi
5:30pm   John P. Peterson (A)

Tuesday, September 18
7:30am   Kathy Burgoyne

Wednesday, September 19
8:30am   James Muroski
5:30pm   Margaret and Howard Lane (A)

Thursday, September 20
7:30am   Linda Hacket Wheeler

Friday, September 21
7:30am   Laureen Mulvey

Saturday, September 22
7:30am   Monica Fitzsimmons
4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, September 23
7:30am   Mary Lou Hutchinson
9:00am   Jim Hartzell
11:30am   Rosemary Kelly

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (September 16th - September 22nd) in memory of

Ted Hawkins

The community of St. Michael Parish offers our sympathy and prayers for the repose of the souls of

 Patricia A. Gompers
 Mary Lou Hutchinson
 Kathryn L. Burgoyne
 Lana Strauss

May their souls 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.

The Parish would like to say a special “thank you” to the dedicated altar servers that spent their summer mornings serving for the 7:30am weekday masses. We are grateful that you were willing to give of your time while on summer break! Thank you to the following:

Benjamin Halicki
Ava Hanson
Andrew Hartzell
Amelia Mandel
Grady Mullin
Owen Mullin
Joseph Nodurft
Abie Riedel
Kelly Riedel
Madie Riedel
Liam Shinn
Alex Tarr
Liam White

Altar Servers
Journey of the Chalice:

The Journey of the Chalice will continue at St. Michael Parish School during the Fall and until after the Christmas Holiday.

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.

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

Your contact information is important to us!

Have you checked out our NEW and IMPROVED Online Giving?

If you manage your bills online, why not give to your church online? It’s safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. So if you forgot your envelope last week, you can go online and make a gift to our regular offertory. Go to: www.stmikesparish.org; click on VIEW DONOR PORTAL to get set up.

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FORMED.ORG. Parish Code: 4WPV3E
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.

Have you moved? Do you have a new cell phone number? Have you changed your email address? Help us improve our parish communications by emailing stmikes@stmikesparish.org with your new contact information, or call Cindy at 304.242.1560, EXT 0.
On Catechetical Sunday we celebrate all of our wonderful catechists. A catechist is a teacher of the principles of Christian religion, especially one using a catechism. We are blessed to have extraordinary catechists in our midst.

My husband and I were traveling last week, so I wrote a small reflection for the bulletin prior to our departure. I referenced the importance of the many catechists in our lives and specifically mentioned several catechists who had been important in my faith journey: Nora Smith, Sister Rita Papin and Mr. And Mrs. Burgoyne.

On Friday, I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear that Kathy Burgoyne had died. Rather than delete my bulletin reflection, I chose to adjust it just a bit to tell you about the impact a catechist can have on your faith journey.

When I was in Junior High School, Mr. and Mrs. Burgoyne (Tom and Kathy) taught the lessons as we prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They were brave souls to invite teenagers into their home. They welcomed us on a weekly basis and prepared us for Confirmation. Imagine trying to teach the importance of this Sacrament of Initiation to a group of goofy kids who were more interested in hearing about the part where the Bishop would slap our face when we were confirmed. Their patience was endless!

Over the years I have continued to have a wonderful relationship with the Burgoynes. We were together at so many of our church events. They were also a strong presence within our Catholic schools. The lessons they taught me when I was a teenager were reinforced time after time when I saw them actively living their faith, participating in the community and serving others.

Thank you to every catechist. The lessons you teach will last a lifetime. I send a special thank you to Mrs. Burgoyne. You will be missed!

--Wendy Hinerman
Our parish Music Ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and musical prayer for our communal liturgies and parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of diverse and committed members. If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come make music with us.

We need vocalists, instrumentalists and Handbell ringers!!

Please contact Chad Carter if you are interested: 304.233.0880 or ccarter@dwc.org

Memorial donations were made in the name of Dr. Thomas Przybysz by Ed and Terrie Smith Sarah Gompers

And

Memorial donations were made in memory of Kathleen Moyle from the Employees of Ross Mould and Mark J. Ross

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In this country, we don’t name our churches “The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church,” but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn’t take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called “Adam and Eve” after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of “Midvalley City” comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

HELP US STUFF THE TRUCK!

St. Michael Parish, in conjunction with Appalachian Outreach, will be collecting items for the people of Kermit, WV. The items most needed for the residents of Kermit are baby supplies such as: diapers, wipes, bottles, sippy cups and kids’ shoes, as well as linens and small appliances.

All items can be dropped off into the bins in the back of church between now and Sept. 23rd OR they can be brought to the collection truck that will be parked in the Angelus Center parking lot all day on Sunday, Sept. 23rd.

Thank you for any generosity that you can share with our West Virginia neighbors!
St. Michael Parish and NAMI Wheeling to Host Interfaith Prayer Service on Mental Illness

St. Michael Parish will again join NAMI Wheeling in hosting an interfaith service to pray for families struggling with mental illness at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9th. The event, which will take place at St. Michael Church at 1225 National Road in Wheeling, has been held every year for more than a decade as part of National Mental Illness Awareness Week.

The prayer service, which will be led by Rev. William Matheny, is part of St. Michael Parish’s stewardship activities.

This year’s speaker will be Jacqui Hores, who will share her courageous battle against anxiety and depression. NAMI Wheeling Executive Director Amy Gamble, a nationally known advocate, will speak briefly about NAMI’s efforts to educate the public and fight the stigma of mental illness.

Everyone who attends the vigil will have the opportunity to light a prayer candle in honor of a friend or loved one who suffers with mental illness. Refreshments will be served at an informal social gathering following the service.

For information, call Kathleen Dieffenbaugher, St. Michael Parish stewardship director at 304.242.1560 or email Kathleen at kathleen@stmikesparish.org.

“Mangia Bene Paisano!”
(Eat well, my friend!)

Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner!
Bring your friends, family and your big fat Italian appetite! Don’t miss this delizioso event!

When: October 7th, 2018
Time: Noon until 6pm
Where: Angelus Center
Why: Fundraiser for Youth Group
Cost: $7.00 adults
$4.00 kids 10 and under

Tickets will be available outside of church after all Masses on September 29 & 30th, or you may purchase them at the Parish Office.

Mark your calendars!

Help your family member get the care they need in their home. Catholic Charities HomeCare provides temporary or long-term living assistance services for $15/hour. Learn more at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/HomeCare or by calling (304) 905-9869.
**WEAR YOUR WINGS; EARN OUR HALO!**

St. Michael Parish School is in its second year of a new bullying prevention program system wide. While we are all Bucket Fillers for life, we are now focused on wearing our wings and earning our halo. Monthly, students will have class meetings to work through scenarios dealing with how to treat others and how to assertively communicate about bullying. On these days, students are asked to wear their new shirts to school. The dates are on the SMPS calendar. Uniforms will be required on “Wear your wings; earn your halo” days for all students who did not order a shirt. If you need special assistance with the cost of the shirt please contact Shandi Nodurft @ 304.242.3966 ext. 4. If you wish to purchase a shirt the forms are on the table inside the front door of the school.

Colonel Ray Blust visited the eighth graders to educate them on the American Flag. He explained the history of the flag to the class and then proceeded to show the students how to raise and lower the flag, as well as the proper way to fold the flag. Thank you Colonel Blust! We salute you!

Our Eighth Annual Angel Walk will be held on Friday, Oct. 12th at the Wheeling Jesuit University track. We thank Wheeling Jesuit for once again hosting our special event! Angel Walk packets went home on 9/10. All students that turn in 1 Request for Sponsorship form, 1 yellow t-shirt form, 1 blue Parent Sponsorship form by 9/14, will receive a dress down day on Tuesday, September 18th.
SMPS will continue our Box Top for Education collection. Mrs. Melissa Mansuetto and Mrs. Kathy Ulevich are the organizers of this program. They also create a store, otherwise known as the “Box Top Shop.” Students shop on the designated dates below. Please note these dates are marked on your school calendar.

November 15th
January 10th
March 14th
May 9th

For anyone that is new to SMPS, this campaign allows students to earn "Box Top bucks" for bringing in their box tops on our designated dates. Every 10 collected earns one "buck."

Then, on our scheduled shopping days, students are given the chance to exchange their "bucks" for items of their choice. Box tops can be found on many food and household products including items from General Mills, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Kleenex, Progresso, Old El Paso, Green Giant, Hefty, etc.
WV Auxiliary of the Congregation of St. Joseph Annual Gala & Reverse Raffle Oct. 4 at Wheeling Island
On October 4, the annual Gala and Reverse Raffle sponsored by the West Virginia Auxiliary of the Congregation of Saint Joseph will celebrate the arrival 165 years ago of four sisters in Wheeling from Carondelet, Missouri. The theme of the event is “Celebrating 165 Years of Service and a Continuing Presence in the Future, according to Tammy Poppe, auxiliary president.

Poppe said the event to be held at Wheeling Island Hotel-Casino-Racetrack is the perfect opportunity for the auxiliary to recognize the congregation’s unparalleled legacy of service in education, health care, advocacy, and mentoring in West Virginia.

The décor for the evening’s celebration will feature black, silver, and gold. The evening begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. A cash bar will be available. Valet parking is available for the event.

Participants will have an opportunity to win a grand prize of $5,000, a first number drawn prize of $500, and a prize for every 25th number drawn during the reverse raffle.

Philip Stahl, public information officer for the Wheeling Police Department, will again serve as emcee for the evening.

Reservations must be made in advance by calling Tiffany Hoffman at 304-830-0377 or 304-277-3195. Additional raffle tickets may be purchased from Hoffman, as well as at the event.

Parish School of Religion (PSR)
Our PSR began last week with an opening family prayer service. Families had an opportunity to pray together and meet our great team of catechists. Thanks to all who braved the torrential downpour to be with us!

Today is Catechetical Sunday, a day set aside each year to recognize the hard work of all who work to pass on our faith to others, whether it be through PSR, RCIA, SMPS, or other parish programs like the upcoming Discovering Christ series.

Thanks to all of our parish catechists!
It’s not too late to get your children (K-8th grade) signed up for PSR. Contact Nick Mayrand at nmayrand@dwc.org for details.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is held each Sunday during 9:00am 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 and before the First Reading.

The annual “Enjoy Books” will be going on sale on October 10th! These make a great gift! The books have many new coupons this year. Pre-order is available as well. For more info call Donna Clark at 304.243.1659 or email: dlclark51@gmail.com.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16, 2018 The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced. — Isaiah 50:7

Solemn Novena to St. Jude Thaddeus, Patron of Desperate Cases
Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction, Homily and Novena Prayers

Wednesdays at 7pm - August 29th to October 24th. Please join us!
St. Jude Church, 710 Jefferson Avenue, Glen Dale, WV
Please call 304.845.2646 for more information.

Infant of Prague Novena
The Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Wheeling, West Virginia will celebrate the annual Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague beginning this year on Monday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. The Novena will be prayed for nine consecutive Monday evenings concluding on November 12.
Each week consists of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, a homily given by a guest priest, music, and prayers to the Infant Jesus of Prague. Reflections will be based on the “I Am” Statements of Jesus.
Many prayers have been answered through this powerful devotion. Everyone is invited to attend.

St. Michael Parish Church and School would like to sincerely thank all of our Catechists on your day of recognition. It is truly a gift of time and talent, of which we are grateful. Take a moment to think where we would be without your dedication, selflessness and commitment to our church.

THANK YOU!!
The Simple Care of a Hopeful Heart: Resilience, Compassion, Personal Well-Being and Prayer
One of the greatest gifts we can share with others is a sense of our own peace. However, we can’t share what we don’t have. By discussing psychological and classic spiritual approaches to maintaining perspective and inner strength in challenging times, Dr. Wicks, an expert on the prevention of secondary stress (the pressures experienced in reaching out to others) and the author of several books, offers insights into how we can live in peace and, in turn, extend our warmth to others without losing our own inner fire in the process. Topics will include: maintaining a healthy sense of perspective; avoiding dangers that lead to unnecessary stress; developing your own self-care program; knowing the four “voices” we need in our circle of friends to have balance and courage in life; improving self-awareness; facing inner darkness; and developing a richer rule of prayer. Practical, illustrative, and lively, these rich presentations will provide essential information on resilience, compassion, personal well-being, and prayer.
Facilitator: Dr. Robert Wicks
Date: Saturday, September 29
Time: Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
Program: 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Mount St. Joseph Chapel
Cost: $25.00
Reservations are required by September 17, 2018. 304-232-8160 x112 - Call to RESERVE your spot!

Group Sharing Encounter
If you or someone you know has lost a loved one and would like to participate, at your comfort level, or just listen to other people who are also grieving, then please come and join us at 6pm at Saint Alphonsus Church in Wheeling. Everything is kept confidential. Our gathering times for the remainder of the year are September 24th, October 29th, November 26th and December 17th. Grace & Peace, Deacon Doug Breiding

2018 Respect Life Conference
Are you, or people you know, facing challenging medical decisions and want to know what the Catholic Church teaches about current medical practices and procedures? Are you struggling to understand Pope Francis’ recent teaching about the death penalty? Do you want to know more about infertility and other current pro-life issues? You are invited to attend the Diocese of Steubenville Respect Life Conference on September 22, 2018 at Holy Family Church in Steubenville. An expert panel has been assembled to offer answers to these questions and much more from a Catholic perspective. The conference includes a Respect Life Mass offered by Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, a keynote address by Dr. Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D., of the National Catholic Bioethics Center, and a number of workshops. For more information, or to register, visit www.diosteub.org/family. Contact Joseph Schmidt, Director of the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life with any questions at 740-373-3643 or jschmidt@diosteub.org.

Youth Group is back and ready to go!!
This year’s awesome program will be in the Angelus Center at the following dates and times: September 16th, 7th and 8th grades: 6:00pm to 7:30pm
September 23rd, High School students: 6:00pm to 7:30pm
New this year:
We are starting 3rd and 4th grade Youth Group on September 17th. This will begin after school at 3:15pm and end at 4:30pm. Mrs. Imer will meet the students at the school and will walk with them to the Angelus Center for fun, food and prayer!

Knights of Columbus will be hosting a “Coats For Kids” Collection during the month of October. Bins will be in the back of the church to collect gently used and new coats for children of all ages.

CCHS Rosary Rally
Join us on Sunday, September 16 at 6:00pm in the Cathedral Courtyard as we pray for an increase in vocation of priesthood and consecrated life. Prayers will be led by CCHS Students, Sisters of St. Joseph, Knights of Columbus and Serra Club.
WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

SAINTS  She was the 24th of 25 children; she challenged Pope Gregory XI to leave Avignon in France to return to Rome; she is a Doctor of the Church; patron saint of fire prevention; her feast day is April 29:
A. Catherine of Siena
B. Joan of Arc
C. Teresa of Avila
D. Therese of Lisieux
Last week’s answer: Mark wrote the earliest and shortest gospel

We are on the hunt for the creative, the clever and the crafty! Showcase your unique creations at the SMPS Annual Craft Fair! We are looking for handcrafted items such as holiday themed merchandise, unique accessories, gourmet treats, tote bags, centerpieces, hand painted items and much more.

Date: December 1, 2018
Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm
Location: St. Michael Parish Angelus Center
Table fee is $50.00 (includes 1 8ft. table) 2 tables $65.00
For an application please email smpscraftfair@gmail.com
Table reservations are due by October 30, 2017.
Contact Lisa Mullin at 304-231-7648

Get Ready for the Fall Book and Bake Sale
Saturday, September 29th, 8am-12 noon at the Angelus Center
If you have any books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, cassettes, and/or VHS tapes that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Parish Office during business hours, or call Gretchen Wilson at 304-280-1451 with any questions.

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 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
- Chief Master Sergeant Patrick Van Vranken, 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
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!

Pro-Life Corner
High School Football Star Vilified For Dying Wish To Outlaw Abortion In Texas, Dies At 16.
A high school football star who suffered a six-month battle with bone cancer and used his Make-A-Wish request to ask Texas Gov. Greg Abbott to abolish abortion in Texas, died Sunday August 26, 2018. His wish garnered national media attention, and Jeremiah received hate mail in response. But the dying teen responded to the hate with compassion. In a video earlier this month, he said, “Sometimes bravery involves giving up on everything you’ve ever known, for everyone you’ve ever loved or everything you’ve ever wanted for the sake of something greater.” He ministered outside a Planned Parenthood abortion facility every week until his health no longer permitted him to do so. Before death, Jeremiah posted a video: “A Call to my Generation.” https://www.jeremiahstrong.com/

Rosary Coast to Coast:
We, in the United States, hear the clarion call of the Holy Spirit, through the Immaculata, and each of us sound the reply: “I’m Going In!”
When: Sunday, Oct. 7 gathering at 3:45 p.m. Rosary starts at 4 p.m.
Where: In Front of St. Michael’s on National Road
The time is now to call upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, to heal our country and return it to holiness. The intentions echo those of the USCCB Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty. Rosary Coast to Coast will take place Sunday, Oct. 7 at 4 pm Eastern, 3 pm Central, 2 pm Mountain, 1 pm Pacific. JOIN & SHARE http://rosarycoasttoacoast.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Rosary-Coast-to-Coast-Flyer-local-2.pdf.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat
For anyone, including extended family members, or persons in the abortion industry struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion.
When: November 16-18, 2018
Cost: $175/person
Contact: Toni Jester; 412-352-5348; toniafj@comcast.net.

Important Contact Numbers
Pregnant and 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
Wellspring Pregnancy Center (Moundsville, WV): (304) 810-0292

Post Abortion Support
Rachel’s Vineyard: 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)
Silent No More: 888-735-3448
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